

**Minutes of the EELA General Assembly
of Saturday 8 June 2013
Hilton Hotel
Antwerp**

1. Opening

The Chairman Guy Castegnaro gave key figures regarding the EELA membership:

Number of EELA members as of 30 May 2013: 1314

Members joined in 2012-2013: 88

33 European countries represented in EELA

2. Board elections 2013:

Elections took place for 11 Board member seats.

The following Board members have been elected:

- Bulgaria: Youliana O. Naoumova
- Czech Republic: Natasa Randlova
- Finland: Petteri Uoti
- Hungary: Andreas Soos
- Ireland: Terence Mc Crann
- Norway: Lars Holo
- Poland: Bartłomiej Raczkowski

- Romania: Alice Dobrinoiu
- Slovakia: Dusan Nitschneider
- Switzerland: Ueli Sommer
- The Netherlands : Dorothé Smits

3. Report of the Board 2011/2012

The Chairman reported on the two Board meetings which took place on 17 December 2012 in Brussels, and on 21 January in Zurich.

The following achievements were outlined:

- Cooperation with ERA (Academy of European Law):
A cooperation agreement was signed with ERA. ERA will help with organising the conference in Brussels on November 2013. They will give a discount to EELA members who wish to attend their own conferences.
- Cooperation with PLC Editor
A cooperation agreement has been signed with Practical Law, which has offered EELA members free access to PLC Labour & Employee benefits.
- Cooperation with ELLN (Employment and Labour Law Network)
ELLN is an association of Academics in Europe, chaired by Pr Vaas. ELA and ELN have established mutual relationships through some invitations to their respective conferences.
- Cooperation with the EU Commission
EELA representatives have met with EU Commission representatives;. The Commission was represented at the Antwerp conference and will provide an overview on its projects and work at the Brussels conference.

➤ **Communication with EELA members and social Networks**

EELA communicates with its members more frequently, through the News Flashes. The new directory is in place, allowing members to upload further information such as CV and photo. The Board encourages members to give EELA some input, providing their feed back on the conference and posting employment law news about their own country. This also includes participating in the EELC magazine, which is accessible to all members.

EELA now has a Linked In, Facebook and Twitter account. A group of discussion will be launched soon, to allow further discussions.

4. EELC (European Employment Law Cases) magazine

Peter Vas Nunes invited members to contact their national correspondent, in order to contribute to EELC (writing case reports or comments on other jurisdictions' case reports). He pointed out that the magazine can also be obtained in paper format, for a reasonable price.

5. Update on future activities

The Chairman announced that the new yearly EELA conference will be organised in Brussels on 22 November 2013, in cooperation with ERA. The conference will notably focus on European employment law subjects.

The European Commission will participate in this event.

Cooperation between EELA and national employment law associations has started, with a meeting which took place at the Antwerp conference.

6. The accounts of the association were explained. The General Assembly approved the accounts unanimously.

7. Closing

Guy Castegnaro thanked the Belgian board member Chris Engels for all the work he put into the Antwerp conference which everyone felt was a great success.

It was announced that the next conference shall be in 2014 in Krakow. Bartłomiej Raczkowski warmly invites everyone to the 2014 conference to be held on 13 and 14 June 2014.

As no other business was raised, Guy Castegnaro closed the General Assembly.

- Claire Toumieux -

Paris, 5 July 2013