

Minutes of the EELA Board Meeting of 3 October 2022 in Bucharest
(9:30 –14:30 local time)

Board members participating:

Klaus-Stefan Hohenstatt (Chair)
Anna Jerndorf (Vice-Chair)
Youliana Naoumova
Pirkko-Liis Harkmaa (on Teams)
Carola Möller
Raquel Flórez Escobar
Constantin Bakopoulos
Jón Sigurðsson
Valeria Morosini
Pierre Elvinger
Christiaan Oberman
Sten Foy
Chris Engels
Matthew Brincat
Ueli Sommer (on Teams)
Marko Lovrić
Marie Janšová
Juliet Carp
Gareth Walls
Corina Radu
Dusan Nitschneider
Zoltán Csernus (on Teams)
Joan Cradden
George Georgiou
Ralf Peschek
Anders Etgen Reitz
Karine Audouze
Breda O'Malley
Agnieszka Lisiecka
Pedro Pardal Goulão (on Teams)
(present members are marked in **bold**)

Also Participating: C-IN: **Karolína Tylšová** and **Bartłomiej Raczkowski (item 1)**

1. Welcome and opening

Klaus-Stefan Hohenstatt welcomed the Board Members to the Board meeting.

2. Minutes of the last Board meeting of 14 June 2022

The minutes of the Board meeting of 14 June 2022 were approved.

3. Opening of EELA membership to EU candidate countries

Bartek Raczkowski was invited to present his proposal to change EELA's Constitution with the aim to allow members from candidate countries (including Ukraine). The proposal was to amend clause 4.1 accordingly. The proposal was discussed with Bartek present and thereafter also after he left the board meeting. The majority of board members were not inclined to support the proposal. Yet, the board decided to form a working committee to further explore the matter and to discuss options for the board to review. The following board members volunteered for the committee: Valeria, Marko, Breda, Agnieszka and Zoltan.

4. Preparations for the Bucharest conference

Corina Radu presented the actual status of the preparations for the Bucharest conference. Two hotels have been booked for the conference: Radisson and Hilton. Six hotels that are in walking distance from Hilton have also been blocked. The gala dinner will take place in the Parliament building, which can accommodate up to 1000 people.

5. Speakers and topics

The potential topics and speakers were discussed based on the list prepared by Corina. The final program will be discussed at the next board meeting. The board thanked Corina for her hard work and for her enthusiasm in preparing the conference.

6. Special measures for younger EELA members

Anders Etgen Reitz presented the conclusion from the committee formed to propose special measures for younger EELA members in accordance with [Appendix 1](#).

7. EELA website and social media – update

Dusan Nitschneider gave an update regarding EELA's website and social media.

8. Any other business

The Board Members discussed the next EELA-ERA conference to be held in Brussels on 25 November 2022.

9. Timing and location of the next Board Meetings

Klaus-Stefan will call for the next Board meeting, which will be held in Paris. The date is to be confirmed.

Klaus-Stefan Hohenstatt

Anna Jerndorf

Approved on 3 February 2023