

**Minutes of the EELA Board Meeting of 3 February 2023 in Paris**  
*(11:30 –16:30 local time)*

**Board members participating:**

**Klaus-Stefan Hohenstatt (Chair)**  
**Anna Jerndorf (Vice-Chair)**  
**Youliana Naoumova (on Teams)**  
**Pirkko-Liis Harkmaa**  
**Carola Möller**  
**Raquel Flórez Escobar**  
**Constantin Bakopoulos**  
**Jón Sigurðsson (on Teams item 7)**  
**Valeria Morosini**  
**Pierre Elvinger**  
**Christiaan Oberman**  
**Sten Foy**  
**Chris Engels (on Teams)**  
**Matthew Brincat**  
**Ueli Sommer**  
**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 (on Teams)**  
Pedro Pardal Goulão  
(present members are marked in **bold**)

Also Participating: C-IN: **Karolína Tylšová**

## **1. Welcome and opening**

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

## **2. Minutes of the last Board meeting of 3 October 2022**

The minutes of the Board meeting of 3 October 2022 are approved.

## **3. Bucharest conference-update**

Corina Radu presented the preparations for the Bucharest conference. Registrations can be opened directly after the board meeting. All venues and hotels are booked. Maximum capacity is 500 people (budgeted for 440).

The meeting for the national representatives was discussed - Matthew Brincat is responsible for this meeting. The aim is that it should be less formal this year.

It was discussed to arrange a special event for the newcomers - Anders Etgen Reitz will be responsible for the planning of this event.

There will be an optional party for participants who stay on Saturday at the cost of EUR 85. Regarding the Gala dinner, the session organisers should sit at the same table as their speakers.

## **4. Speakers and topics**

The topics and speakers were further discussed. The final program will be circulated once finalized.

## **5. Board Election and time of election of new chair**

Klaus-Stefan Hohenstatt announced that he will step down as Board member effective on the day of the EELA Board meeting scheduled for 18 September 2023. The new chair will be elected at the Board meeting in September. According to section 6.3 of the EELA-constitution in each odd year one third of the Board members should be subject to election by the General Assembly.

## **6. EELA website and social media – update**

Dusan Nitschneider gave an update regarding EELA's website and social media. The goal is to launch the new website in May 2023 just before the conference.

## **7. Reykjavik conference-update**

Jón Sigurðsson presented the preparations for the Iceland conference. Conference venue, hotels and gala dinner is already booked. Everything runs according to schedule and there are no obstacles so far.

## **8. London conference (2025) – update**

Juliet Carp reported. It is difficult to find good venues in London. There are currently two options in London; one is Westminster, and the other option is a large hotel outside of London. A third option could be Kings college in Cambridge. This is a much better option and also better priced, but the downside is that the conference then must be held in July and not in June.

## **9. Report from working group on EELA-membership for candidate counties.**

Valeria Morosini reported. The special working group have met once to brainstorm but need to discuss further before any proposals can be made. The goal is to identify criteria that are as objective as possible. This topic will be revisited at the meeting in September.

## **10. Any other business**

The Brussels conference was discussed. Last time only 35 people attended. This conference has a high quality but needs to be promoted better for the next year.

## **11. Timing and location of the next Board Meetings**

The next board meeting will be held in Reykjavik on 18 September 2023.

Klaus-Stefan Hohenstatt

Anna Jerndorf

**Approved on 26 May 2023**