

**Minutes of the EELA Board Meeting of 9 November 2023 on Teams
(16:00 – 17:30 CET)**

Board members participating:

Anna Jerndorf
Raquel Flórez Escobar
Karine Audouze
Juliet Carp
Pierre Elvinger
Joan Cradden
Anders Etgen Reitz
Ueli Sommer
Jón Sigurðsson
Sten Foyen
Valeria Morosini
Carola Möller
Marie Janšová
Petra Smolinkar
Corina Radu
Youliana Naoumova
Pirkko-Liis Harkmaa
Dušan Nitschneider
Constantin Bakopoulos
Nicos Panayiotou
Marko Lóvric
Kara Preedy
Pedro Pardal
Ralf Peschek
Zoltán Csernus
Christiaan Oberman

Chris Engels -not present
Agnieszka Lisiecka – not present
Breda O'Malley – not present
Matthew Brincat – not present
Gareth Walls – not present

(present members are marked in **bold**)

Also participating: C-IN Project manager: **Karolína Tylšová**

1. Welcome

Anna Jerndorf welcomes the Board Members to the Board meeting.

2. Minutes from the last Board meeting of 18 September in Reykjavík

Dušan Nitschneider introduces and explains last minute changes in the agenda of the Board meeting (updated version of minutes from the last Board meeting). The Board approves the minutes of the previous Board meeting of 18 September 2023.

3. Logistics around Reykjavík conference 2024

Anna Jerndorf asks Jón Sigurdsson to inform the Board about the progress of preparations for the Reykjavík conference. C-N and Jón Sigurdsson report about the current state of the conference preparations and the Board Members discuss various details of the set-up. The conference webpage will be finished in approximately 2 weeks.

C-IN and Jón Sigurdsson suggest that the “Early bird” option be limited to the number of spots, not to the time limit, due to budget considerations. The Board Members broadly discuss the Early bird set up. After discussion the Board decides that there will be an electronic vote about extending the Early bird set-up.

The Board Members discuss speakers’ fees. According to clause 6.2 of the Conference Protocol the Conference Committee may decide to pay speakers fees up to the amount of 5,000. The Board decides to rise this amount to 7,000 EUR. The Board approves that due to capacity reasons accompanying persons will not be able to register for the Gala Dinner. There will however be a waiting list if there are available seats.

4. ABA lawyers’ topic

The Board discusses the situation about ABA lawyers and their possible appearance at EELA’s conferences. The Board decides that the priority should be given to EELA members and for the time being ABA members are not invited to participate.

5. Program

The speakers and topics for the Reykjavík conference are discussed in detail.

6. Brussels conference

Pierre Elvinger informs about logistics and details of EELA/ERA Brussels conference.

7. Date and timing of next Board meeting

The next Board meeting will take place in Amsterdam on 29 January 2024.

Christiaan Oberman will host the meeting and invite everyone to stay longer in Amsterdam; he will organize dinner for those arriving in advance.

8. Any other business

Jón Sigurdsson asks C-IN to update the budget, number of accompanying persons, speakers, etc. Anna Jerndorf informs that issues about update of Appendix A will be pushed to the meetings.

Anna Jerndorf thanks all Board Members for their presence and contribution and ends the meeting.

Anna Jerndorf

Dušan Nitschneider

Approved on 29 January 2024