



Lions Europa Forum Zagreb October 27-29, 2022 Final report

1. General information

The Lions Europa Forum has been held, according to the Rules of Procedure, during the last week of October – Thursday to Saturday 27-29.

Entire program and most of the events have happened in the forum Hotel Westin Zagreb, only the musical competition was done in the nearby Musical Academy of Zagreb, and the Host Night in the beautiful Lauba Hall for People and Arts, where the host provided bus transport for all participants.

Already on Wednesday, October 26, a lot of meetings have taken place, e.g. EF Supervisory board, Long Range Planning Committee, various Multiple Districts meetings, and also the regional UNODC meeting with main topic Lions Quest.

All the events according to the Rules of Procedure have been made, like Opening and Closing ceremonies, Europa Council I and II meetings along with the discussion meeting, three social events, Get-Together party, Host Night and Gala dinner.

The participants used the opportunity of booking different excursions and sight seeing tours offered by the host.

Also, most of the participants arriving by plane, used the offered transportations from the airport to their hotels and back.

The Lions Europa Forum 2022 had a positive financial result.

2. Host Committee

The host committee:

- PDG Dražen Melčić, Forum President
- DG Alek Konić, Forum Vice President
- PDG Dr. Darko Ćuruvija, Program Director
- Lion Slavica Olujić Klapčić, Forum Secretary
- Lion Predrag Samardžija, Forum Treasurer
- PID Bojan Šober, Thomas Kuti LEMC
- Lion Ana Yael Prelog, Bert Mason Young Ambassador Competition
- DS Zlatko Janković Miloš, Forum Operating Officer
- Lion Filip Stipančić, Europa Council
- LCIF DC Željko Gucunski, Europa Council
- Lion Mladen Kovaček, Welcome Desk
- Lion Ilijana Palčec, Opening/Closing Ceremony
- Lion Vesna Boinović Grubić, Forum Accounting



Lion Barbara Milčić, Youth Exchange
Lion Đurđa Protić, Catering
Many Volunteering Lions and Leos from many clubs

3. Supervisory Committee

ID Mats Granath, President, designee of International President
PID Phil Nathan, Forum Archivist and Adviser
PCC Peter Brandenburg, Forum Accountant
PID Daniel Isenrich, Accountant Assistant
PDG Dražen Melčić, Forum President
PDG Dr. Darko Ćuruvija, Forum Program Director
PID Dr. Walter Zemrosser, Forum 2023 President
Lion Markus Tschischej, Forum 2023 Program Director

Beginning with the 1st meeting on the last day of the Europa Forum in Thessaloniki, the Forum Supervisory Committee has held all together 13 meetings, including the site inspection meeting March 25-27 in Zagreb and the final meeting also in Zagreb the day before Forum start. Besides the 3 live meetings, all the other 10 meeting were conducted on-line.

Besides the Supervisory Committee members, there were always members of the host committee, reporting about progress in their areas of responsibility.

4. Participants

All together there were 703 Forum fee paying participants, from 52 countries from all over the World.

After the Pandemic influenced travel restriction in years before the Forum, finally the travelling was possible, so we were happy to welcome almost the entire executive board with

IP Brian Sheehan and spouse Lori
IPIP Douglas X Alexander
1st VIP Patti Hill

Also, all the 6 European International Directors attended the Forum:

Elena Appiani
Teresa Dineen
Mats Granath
Barbara Grewe
Pirkko Vihavainen
Jürg Vogt



Also, a lot of other Lions high officers participated at the Forum, PID's, CC's, PCC's, DG's, PDG's and so on.

5. Opening and Closing Ceremonies

Opening and closing ceremony was structured, in content and timing, according recommendation of the Rules of Procedures.

At the opening ceremony first the forum president PDG Dražen Melčić has addressed the participants, and after him also Governor of the host District Alek Konić, and final welcome and greetings were provided by International President Brian Sheehan.

Also, on behalf of the Croatian Government Mr. Goran Grlić Radman, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Republic Croatia, and on behalf of the city of Zagreb Dr. Sc. Luka Korlaet, Deputy Mayor of Zagreb have addressed and welcomed all participants.

Vice president of the Special Olympics, David Evangelista has held a memorable motivational key note speech.

In the Opening ceremony the following candidates for higher offices at LCI took the opportunity to present themselves:

- PCC Daniel Kubin from Turkey for the office of International Director;
- PCC Kristinn Hannesson (presented by PIP Gudrun Yngvadottir) from Iceland for the office of International Director;
- PID Svein Berntsen from Norway for the office of International President;
- PID Mark Lyon from the USA for the office of International President.

In the Closing Ceremony first the International Director and president of the Forum Supervisor Committee ID Mats Granath addressed the audience.

President of the Bert Mason Young Ambassador Award Committee, Dieter Van Hoyer has presented the winners out of total 8 participants from 8 countries, of the competition at Forum in Zagreb:

Introduced by PID Bojan Šober, from the host committee in charge for the LEMC Thomas Kuti, Ingo Brookmann presented the winners of the competition:

- 1st place Darija Auguštan from Croatia
- 2nd place
- 3rd place

opportunity to introduce themselves was given to the candidate for 3rd international vice president PID Mark Lyon, to the certified candidate for 3rd international vice president PID Svein Berntsen and to candidates for the office of International Director, to be elected at the LCI Convention 2023 in Boston:

PIP Dr. Jitsuhiro Yamada presented the work of LCIF and major donors.

PDG Dražen Melčić, Forum President

DG Alek Konić, Forum Vice President



Mr. Goran Grlić Radman, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Republic Croatia

Dr. Sc. Luka Korlaet, Deputy Mayor of Zagreb

... and others.

PID Mark Lyon to presented in an on-line address his candidacy for the office of 3rd vice international president.

Also, PID Svein Berntsen, as certified candidate, presented his candidacy for the office of 3rd vice international president.

6. Forum Program

The Forum Program had nearly 100 sessions, workshops and presentations from all areas of Lionism.

It was structured according to directions and recommendations from the Forum Rules of Procedures.

The program started already on Wednesday, October 26, with diverse business sessions like Forum Supervisory Board and LRPC meetings, meetings of GAT team, multiple districts and a remarkable Lions Quest regional meeting hosted by UNODC.

The main three Forum days, Thursday-Saturday, October 27-29, were filled with a lot of sessions.

All the executive officers had the opportunity to address the participant and share their thoughts.

A lot of Lions valuable activities of European Lions were presented in numerous sessions.

Youth Exchange MD and District officers had the opportunity to meet and present their youth camps.

Both youth competitions, LEMC Thomas Kuti and Young Ambassador competition Bert Mason were held successfully.

The three Europa Council meetings were held successfully and with valid conclusions and voting (separate report)

The program has comprised the opening and closing ceremonies.

One of the highlights was the Special Olympics tournament of three countries, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Slovenia, held in the Crystal Hall of the Forum hotel.



The entire Forum program is enclosed to this report.

7. LEMC Thomas Kuti

PID Bojan Šober, Lion Ingo Brookmann.

Celebrating the 30th anniversary, the music competition Thomas Kuti and the final 6 concert has taken place at the Zagreb Music Academy, situated only few hundred meters from the Forum Hotel.

This year the “instrument” was the voice, and therefore the competitors age limit has been exceptionally increased, meaning the 26th birthday had to be in 2022 or later.

We had 16 competitors from the same number of countries sponsored by following MD’s and Districts:

MD-102 Switzerland-Liechtenstein, MD-103 France, MD-108 Italy, MD-110 Netherlands, MD-111 Germany, MD-112 Belgium, MD-114 Austria, MD-115 Portugal, MD 117 Greece-Cyprus, MD-118 Turkey, D-113 Luxembourg, D-120 Estonia, D-126 Croatia, D-130 Bulgaria, D-131 Lithuania, D-132 North Macedonia.

The laureates were:

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| 1 st place | Darija Auguštan, Croatia |
| 2 nd place | Heldur Harry Polda, Estonia |
| 3 rd place | Matteo Mancini, Italy |

The prize money for the 3 winners along with the all costs for the jurors has been paid shortly after the Forum ended.

8. Bert Mason Young Ambassador Competition

Lions Dieter Van Hoyer and Ana Yael Prelog were in charge for the organization of this competition.

We had 8 competitors from the following countries:

Turkey, Ireland, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Romania, Austria, Croatia.

The winners were:

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| 1 st place | Nisa Naz Sevinc from Turkey |
| 2 nd place | Kendra Watson from Ireland |
| 3 rd place | Julie Gielen from Belgium |

The prize money was paid immediately after the Forum ended.

9. Lions Youth Exchange

10. Social Events



During the Forum we had 3 evening social events.

It started on Thursday, October 27, in the evening with a short get-together party on the 17th floor of the Forum hotel, with finger food, drinks and music.

On the second day's evening, Friday, October 28, we had the host night "Croatian pARTty" with folklore performance, art gallery, finger food, drinks and dancing music, held in the hall Lauba (we have organized bus transfers from and to hotels for all the participants).

In the final evening, Saturday, October 29, we had the traditional Gala dinner, at the Forum hotel, with over 700 guests. The dinner and drinks were served at tables, the guests had the opportunity to hear the LEMC Thomas Kuti laureates singing again, and a music band provided a good atmosphere for dancing.

11. Agora

The Forum hotel Lobby was the place used for the booths, where all the participants passed through frequently.

We had 8 booths with following paying users:

- LCIF
- New Voices
- MD 103 France
- MD 108 Italy
- MD 114 Austria
- D-124 Romania
- D-126 Croatia
- LC Lenuci Zagreb

12. Europa Council

All the 3 sessions of the Europa Council were held according to the Rules of procedures.

The Europa Council I session was held on Thursday, October 27, where all the submitted motions, the candidates for Europa Forum Offices (new 5-years-term for the offices of Archivist and Adviser as well as for Accountant) and host candidates for future forums were presented.

On the Europa Council discussion session on Friday, October 28 all the delegates had the opportunity to ask questions and get explanations and clarifications about all the motions to be voted upon.

At the final Europa Council II session, the delegates have voted about all the motions.



The minutes of all the three Europa Council session is enclosed to this report.

13. Financial Statement

The Lions Europa Forum Zagreb 2022 had overall financially positive result, reached without any sponsoring from the European member countries.

The main income categories were the participants fees, hotel rooms/lunches and social events payments by the participants. In a smaller amount we had sponsoring from Croatian Lions and the Zagreb Tourist Board.

Here are the figures according the structure from the Rules of Procedure:

EUROPA FORUM STANDARD BUDGET FORM		2022 67th Forum - Zagreb	
Participants		participants	fee
Registered Persons		703	290,00 €
Total			
A Income		€	%
1 Participants Fees		198.403,34	37,6%
2 Social Events		142.212,49	26,9%
3 Hotel 1)		156.082,02	29,6%
4 Voluntary Contribution			0,0%
5 Contribution from the Lions of the Host Country		4.183,16	0,8%
6 Sponsoring in liquid money		13.272,28	2,5%
7 Agora		12.860,67	2,4%
8 Other Income		811,04	0,2%
9 Total Income		527.825,00	100%
B Expenses			
1 Hotel Costs 2)		145.445,39	27,9%
2 Get Together party		21.394,92	4,1%
3 Coffee breaks		3.848,96	0,7%
4 Lunches		24.507,27	4,7%
5 Gala Dinner		33.437,39	6,4%
6 Host Night Party		55.033,45	10,6%
7 VIPs Hospitality		11.837,05	2,3%
8 European Musical interpretation prize + Young Ambassador Competition		32.912,20	6,3%
9 Agora		4.942,27	0,9%
10 Photo, Video		2.925,87	0,6%
11 Commission paid for getting sponsorship			0,0%
12 Organization fees + accounting service		22.554,25	4,3%
13 Flowers, Decorations, Gifts, Forum T-shirts, scarves, ties		12.854,75	2,5%
14 Banking Costs		4.026,64	0,8%
15 Phone, Mail, Photocopies			0,0%
16 Transportation during the preparation & on the Forum		25.904,74	5,0%
17 Rental Fees: Forum Venue, Facilities & Equipment		50.881,11	9,8%
18 Simultaneous Translations		22.981,58	4,4%
19 Office Supplies, Secretariat, Registration, Medical & Security service			0,0%
20 Translations other than simultaneous		3.517,15	0,7%
21 Printing: Brochures, Registration Form, Travel Information, Forum Documents		15.451,44	3,0%
22 Other Expenses incl VAT payment (Internet Site, Design, Promotion)		26.988,42	5,2%
23 Total Expenses		521.444,85	100%
C Net result or (deficit)		6.380,15	
May 4, 2022			
1) Voice A/3 can stay on the list if the Host Country would like to manage directly all the Hotel accommodations.			
2) Voice B/1 has to be intended as the full amount of costs if the Host Country decides to follow the voice A/3			



14. Conclusion

We can say that it was a very successful Forum, exceeding the expectations of the most participants in all aspects:

- Very interesting presentations, workshops and sessions;
- Presence of the most LCI high officers;
- Interesting guest speakers;
- Successful Europa Council meetings;
- Successful LEMC Thomas Kuti and Bert Mason Young Ambassador competitions;
- Successful Youth Exchange presentations and bazaar;
- Nice and amusing social events;
- Good overall organization of the conference and participant transport;
- Slightly positive overall result;
- All requested refunds by a number of participants for not participating have been paid back.

We, the host committee believes it was a memorable event for all the participants.

PDG Dražen Melčić
Forum President