

19:00 to 20:37 PM CET , the meeting has been recorded.

Participants (voting members in green)

Function	Areas	Name	Presence
LRPCE Chairperson:		PIP Gudrun Björt YNGVADOTTIR	YES
Designated ID EF Bordeaux:		ID Marcel DANIELS	APOLOGIES
Second Year IDs:		ID Barbara GREWE	YES
		ID Jürg VOGT	YES
		ID Pirkko VIHAVAINEN	YES
Immediate Past International Directors		IPID Mats GRANATH	APOLOGIES
		IPID Teresa DINEEN (also Area 5 representative)	APOLOGIES
		IPID Dr. Elena APPIANI (also Area 6 representative)	YES
Area Representatives:	Area 1	ID Pirkko VIHAVAINEN	
	Area 2	ID Jürg VOGT	
	Area 3	ID Barbara GREWE	
	Area 4	PID Nicole MIQUEL-BELAUD (also EF 2024 Bordeaux President)	APOLOGIES
	Area 5	IPID Teresa DINEEN ((also EF 2025 Dublin President)	APOLOGIES
	Area 6	IPID Dr. Elena APPIANI	
	Area 7	PID George Th PAPAS	ABSENT
	Area 8	PID Kalle ELSTER	YES
Programme Directors	EF Bordeaux	PDG Vanessa HORROD (EF Bordeaux)	APOLOGIES
	EF Dublin	PDG Ann ELLIS	APOLOGIES
Past International Presidents:		PIP Giuseppe „Pino” GRIMALDI	ABSENT
		PIP Eberhard J. WIRFS	ABSENT
LEF A & A and LRPCE secr.		PID Miklos HORVATH	YES
LEF Financial Controller		PID Daniel ISENRIK	YES
President EF Bordeaux		see above	
President EF Dublin		see above	
Guests	1st year IDs	ID Halldor KRISTJANSSON	YES
		ID Danyel KUBIN	YES
	Board Appointee	PCC Stewart Sherman-Kahn	YES

	Lions Task Force Europe	PID Geoff Leeder - Chair	APOLOGIES
	Rotations Scheme Revision Task Force	PID Sandro CASTELLANA - Chair	YES
	Lions Academy Europe Task Force	PDG Niels Schneckner - Chair	YES

No.	Agenda item and Presenter	Summary
1	Welcome (Chairperson Gudrun)	We have worked very hard, and in particular some of our task forces. it's not a very long agenda, but we tend to expand all the minutes, all the agendas, all the items. I just welcome you all. You have seen the agenda.
2	Introductions (All)	No special guests, no introductions are necessary.
3	Apologies (EF A&A)	Received apologies from Matt, Theresa, Marcel, Nicole, Vanessa, Anne, and from Geoff. No apologies from Jürg, so he must join (he joined 10 minutes later), talked to George earlier today, he also should join.
4	The New Rotation Scheme proposal - decision PID Sandro	<p>Pursuant to ID Barbara's comments at our last meeting, ID Barbara, PID Sandro and PID Miklos had a conversation and submitted a reformulated proposal to the Rotation Scheme Task Force.</p> <p>The Task Force – at its December 5 meeting - basically adopted the proposed approach with some minor amendments requested, as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Swap Croatia and North Macedonia ID slot; 2. Tentatively assign the TBD slots of Group 6 to the following countries, in the following order: Hungary, Israel, Romania, Lithuania, Estonia. <p>Kalle proposed to consider Poland (being a traditional country in CEE) at the first available opportunity, Miklos suggested to put Poland in the slot 2033-2035, instead of Hungary.</p> <p>Barbara suggested to put Hungary back in the list some time after the existing slots. Replying to the question of ID Barbara, Miklos appreciated the thought, but said that Hungary does not have any suitable candidate presently, they will develop a leader who can be an ID candidate afterwards. He proposed to leave Poland in the list.</p> <p>Daniel proposed to switch North Macedonia and Croatia and reasoned that although he knows that Croatia had a director a couple of years ago, they have reduced the membership over time that they are now coming back up again. However, the most important thing is that in Croatia we have a leader, Drazen, who organized a very good Europa Forum, is the main organizer of the Lions Regatta for the last 20 years and he is a really European focused leader.</p> <p>Niels argued that North Macedonia should be considered for directorship due to Andrea Stoikovsky's successful management of a conflict situation there and his significant international contributions.</p>

		<p>Barbara suggested by reinforcing the arguments previously given, to leave North-Macedonia where it is, but change Bulgaria and Croatia.</p> <p>Niels argued for Bulgaria and said that Amelia had been able to stop the breakdown of Bulgaria to stabilize the undistricted area 3 years ago, and to start moving annually at least one or 2 clubs from the undistricted area back into the district, so that sometime in 2024-25, we could consider having Bulgaria again as one district without the undistricted.</p> <p>Miklos suggested a revolutionary solution to swap Luxembourg and Croatia, as Luxembourg – whilst having good leaders who might make good IDs - do not have this outstanding international/European quality at present, As this proposal is a solution to all the concerns raised earlier it was agreed upon by all participants,</p> <p>Gudrun added that the ID position is not to develop a director, the leader who occupies this position, has to have the capacities we enumerated earlier and this international outlook. This was a big discussion at the last meeting of the Ad. Hoc Committee on board representation. We are not only counting members, donations, and things. We are also discussing what the real criteria or what & the real work are.</p> <p>As Sandro in the meantime modified the Excel and has now a final version, the Committe is ready to vote.</p> <p>Barbara made the motion, seconded by Pikko, The committee’s voting members unanimously voted the motion.</p> <p>Chairperson Gudrun expressed gratitude towards the Long Range Planning Committee and the Task Force Members, they have done a great job.</p>
5	Collaboration within the LRPCE ID Barbara	<p>Barbara raised concerns about a perceived change in working dynamics within the committee, specifically about the inclusion of non-members in meetings and the discussion of proposals. They sought clarification on whether these changes were intentional and how they would affect future collaborations.</p> <p>Barbara expressed concerns about the potential impact of decisions made by the LRPCE leaders concerning the Lions Task Force Europe and whether this indicated a change in their working approach. Miklos responded, acknowledging that they had been in a hurry and may have overlooked some sensibilities, but affirmed their commitment to maintaining high-level cooperation.</p> <p>Gudrun summarized the discussion, emphasizing the importance of teamwork and mutual respect, and the need to adapt to different members' levels of interest and involvement. The team decided to continue their work in the same manner as before, focusing on maintaining a positive team spirit and striving for improvement.</p>
6	Impact of Leo-Lions members in CA IV - Board decision regarding voting	<p>Antecedents: a resolution was passed at the Boston convention, creating the discount member category. Members in this category would not count toward the club</p>

	<p>rights of members with reduced dues. ID Barbara</p>	<p>delegate quota, beginning in January, 2024, although they would have all other rights and benefits of active members, including serving as a club delegate.</p> <p>Barbara suggested that the idea had not been fully thought through. There was a discussion about the issues related to membership and voting rights within the district and multiple districts. This has slowed recruitment of members from Leo clubs as Leo-Lions. Barbara expressed concerns about the logistical problems associated with reducing membership votes and the need for a solution. Gudrun noted that the issue would be discussed in the membership committee and that they could provide support. Elena pointed out that the reduced voting rights were also used to prevent misuse of members who pay less. However, Barbara emphasized the burden of checking each club's membership status before every convention and the need to address this issue.</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>The Europa Forum logo, universal and still special (EF A&A)</p>	<p>Miklos proposed the idea of having a universal Europa Forum logo and a special Europe Forum logo in one. He further illustrated the idea by sharing examples from other constitutional areas and their respective logos, suggesting the U.S.A. Canada Leadership Forum or the Anzi, or the African logo as potential solutions for the EF's logo.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the potential of implementing a unified logo for the Europa Forum Niels mentioned that the main issue at the time of the LAE conflict with Sanjeev was the Lions logo. Sanjeev suggested that the only way we can use the Lions logo would be together with the EF logo, thus this is an important building block before the April approval of the LAE strategy.</p> <p>Stewart liked the idea, and argued that a single logo would enhance brand identity, would bring people together and reduce costs.</p> <p>Barbara reminded the participants about International Conventions, where there are also two logos, one universal and one specific for the Organizing Country. She suggested the idea of having a continuing Europa forum logo besides the special logos of the different Host Countries, as Europe is united, but diverse at the same time.</p> <p>Daniel expressed concerns about the idea, confirmed being against it, as it would take away authority and personnality from the organizing countries.</p> <p>The group also discussed the possibility of having a logo that signifies the continuity and tradition of the EF.</p> <p>The committee discussed the possibility of incorporating the lions logo into the EU's round of stars. Barbara raised concerns about potential legal issues, but Niels clarified that it was permissible as long as the logo wasn't used for commercial purposes.</p> <p>Miklos thanked the committee for the very rich discussion, confirmed that the uniformity of the logo would represent</p>

		<p>the continuity, as explained very well by Niels, but there should be a double theming, and that was the original idea. and there should be a common denominator. This would be the EF logo.and he proposed to come up with some design proposals for a unified logo.</p> <p>Barbara reconfirmed that the lions logo could be placed within the stars and that it was not necessary to ask people for new ideas as the simplest solution would be to use the lions logo with the stars.</p> <p>Gudrun informed the Committee about the creation of a new logo for the 2020 virtual event during COVID. They decided to use the blue color of Llions and stars of varying sizes and directions, symbolizing rising stars. The logo was designed for one virtual event but could potentially be used for future initiatives. Chairprperson Gudrun suggested to continue using this logo in the future and to explore its potential use for the long-range planning committee, or the European Council at Europa Forums. She suggested to let Miklos go deeper into the issue and come up with some proposals, if possible at the next meeting.</p>
8	AOB (A&A)	Not any other business has been suggested.
9	Closing and next meeting (Chairperson Gudrun)	<p>The next meeting is set to February 8, at 7 PM CET. Geoff was mentioned dealing with health issues. The Committee decided not to pressure him and expressed their respect for him taking time to recover. Finally, Chairperson Gudrun thanked all members and guests for their contributions and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.</p>