

19:00 to 21:37 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	YES
Second Year IDs:		ID Barbara GREWE	YES
		ID Jürg VOGT	YES
		ID Pirkko VIHAVAINEN	YES
Immediate Past International Directors		IPID Mats GRANATH	YES
		IPID Teresa DINEEN (also Area 5 representative)	YES
		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)	YES
	Area 5	IPID Teresa DINEEN (also EF 2025 Dublin President)	YES
	Area 6	IPID Dr. Elena APPIANI	
	Area 7	PID George Th PAPAS	APOLOGIES
	Area 8	PID Kalle ELSTER	APOLOGIES
Programme Directors	EF Bordeaux	PDG Vanessa HORROD (EF Bordeaux)	YES, joined some minutes later)
	EF Dublin	PDG Ann ELLIS	YES

Past International Presidents:		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 KRISTJANNSON	YES
		ID Danyel KUBIN	ABSENT
	Board Appointee	PCC Stewart Sherman-Kahn	YES
	Lions Task Force Europe	PID Geoff Leeder - Chair	ABSENT
	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	The Chairperson welcomed the participants.
2	Introductions	No special guests, no introductions are necessary.
3	Apologies	See above
4	Very brief LAE status report and date setting of the LAE only meeting (presentations and decision making)	<p>Until Niels solved his technical issues, the special LAE meeting's date was set to May22, 2024, at 7 PM (Daniel and PIRRKO will not be able to make it)</p> <p>Niels confirmed that they have completed their presentation. they were ready practically for today. They will now going to present it on the 22nd, and hoping for a positive approval of the LRPC to then be forwarded to the Europa Forum.</p> <p>To the question whether it is possible to get a preliminary document to study, Niels replied that if the LRPCE is not offended, they decided that they would prefer to hand it out afterwards, because it requires a lot of explanation. They made the presentation in order to be able to fit it into a 20-25 min presentation, but the slides would not explain.</p>

		They would be unintelligible without the explanations.
5	Discussion and decision on the universal and still special Europa Forum logo, based on last draft circulated by e-mail	<p>Two sets of logos were presented, both with a blue background and without.</p> <p>Miklos presented that the basic message of the Logos: the Lions logo is self-explanatory and we used the virtual event's logo that practically all the members who commented on the Logos recommended. This is a very good and expressive kind of graphics with the rising stars representing Lionism in Europe.</p> <p>The „e” which surrounds the lion's logo and the rising stars represents Europe.</p> <p>It was suggested that we accept both logos, the one with the blue background and the same logo without background to accomodate the different needs and colour schemes of the different Europa Forums. We might eventually consider three different backgrounds, blue, white and transparent.</p> <p>The members were quite happy with both logos, and after some discussions ( the „e” resembles rather a „c”, etc.) it has been agreed that the logos will be redrawn, so that the letter „e” should be more characteristic and will be circulated by e-mail and the members will be required to vote in writing which set they prefer. The members voted unanimously to accept the logos with the modifications proposed and the method of choosing which series to accept.</p>
6	Discussion and decision making on the proposed changes/amendments of our EF Manual, with special regard to the LRPCE areas.	<p>The work done last year was mainly rearranging the then existing Rules of Procedure into a more user friendly, easy understandable format, making it more clear, with consistent terminology , no big changes whatsoever.</p> <p>Reviewing the manual, we found some errors or inconsistencies in different parts.</p> <p>So the document that we worked on together in a small team, and that Miklos, prepared with very clear red and green colors, reflect all the changes that are proposed now.</p> <p>So the first point we are changing is on the Constitution.</p> <p>About the Supervisory Committee we suggest some texts that make it more clear.</p>

	<p>Article is 9.6 was not consistent with the same article of the bylaws about the surplus, and about how to handle the surplus of a forum, in case there is a voluntary contribution, or in case there is no voluntary contribution.</p> <p>So the wording was different, and in case there is voluntary contribution, the funds must be returned to the central account.</p> <p>In case there is a surplus without voluntary contribution, it must be donated to a humanitarian project at the discretion of the Host Committee.</p> <p>Now the proposed changes for the By-Laws: For the Supervisory Committee. There were some rules that were not well specified. Now it's more clear how the Supervisory Committee organizes its work. The SC meets in March, April at the Europe of Forum venue, now it is more clearly specified that the cost will be covered by the OS committee. But it will only concern the members, and so no spouses or other companions will be covered.</p> <p>Anther point is about the the Long Range Planning Committee Europe meeting and the grouping. This is a the major change. As you remember, we organized and we agreed on some euro groups to handle the International Director Rotation Agreement, altogether 6 grozps.</p> <p>In the LRPCE we have 8 regions. We suggest to have a single grouping. That is the Eurogroups that will work both for the International Director Rotation Agreement and for the members of the Long Range Planning Committee's workings.</p> <p>So it has been worded (the green text )that the representative of those Lions Eurogroups that are not represented by the International or immediate Past International Director, shall be the most recent English speaking PID of the Eurogroup concerned.</p> <p>Now, the transition from Euro Regions to Eurogroups: their term will last until a new second year. Director from their Eurogroup replaces them on the LRPCE. In case there would exceptionally be 2 PIDs from the same Eurogroup having served on the board the same years, both will be representative of their their Eurogroup on the Wrong Bridge Planning Committee, Europe, until a new PID from the Eurogroup concerned replaces them on the Committee.</p>
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	<p>One more important point was about handover process of the Financial Controller. That was a mistake, A&amp;A was written instead of financial controller.</p> <p>One more change has been made to clarify about the voluntary contribution. So the voluntary contribution will be asked by the Archivist and Advisor, not by the Financial Controller.</p> <p>The financial controller will be the one managing the funds, but the request will come from the A&amp;A, and the details about the bank account and the way to pay will also come also from the A&amp;A.</p> <p>If we move to 9.4, it is replaced by a new 9.4 article where it's again stated that the cash flow coming from the voluntary contribution may be requested by the host committees only of the multiple districts or single district that previously made voluntary contribution to the central account.</p> <p>4 amendments to the appendix B, where we have all the dates and the deadlines.</p> <p>Again to make it clear. The deadlines that we have related to the year previous year, or the forum year. The first change is about the Scandinavian language necessity, the second about the Program Director of the Forum to request input from the Member countries and the third relates to the deadline of proposals to be put on the EF program at a proposed date to be discussed by the SC at their in person meeting, and finally the forth just corrects the date of this meeting.</p> <p>In Appendix C. some textshave been reworded, Hosting Committee changed to Host Committee instead of visiting Lions, just Lions participating at the Forum.</p> <p>Niels: we have to put D134 in Group 6.</p> <p>Barbara: D135 (will probably be approved in Melbourne, so it will be official already in Bordeaux)</p> <p>4.2.2 letus say end of February, March, April for certain countries will have to organize it earlier.</p> <p>9.2 there are a lot of misspellings, should be corrected before proposing it to the European Council.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the Voluntary Contributions and finally it has been said that we</p>
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		<p>have to lay down the great principles and the details in given years will be managed by the A&amp;A and the Financial Controller.</p> <p>After some topoi to be corrected have been addressed, the Committee unanimously approved the proposal with the mentioned small changes to be submitted to the European Council meeting in EF Bordeaux.</p>
7	AOB First Part	<p><b>We brought forward the confidential report of PIP Gudrun, because this is where it should be discussed, before the report on the new LTE.</b></p> <p><b>QUOTE</b></p> <p>Before I introduce the next speaker, I have some very important information to give and this is the right place on the agenda, even though it wasn't on the agenda</p> <p>This is a crucial development for the better of the Lion's leadership in Europe.</p> <p>And we need now to develop a culture of cooperation within the euro groups. We have to strengthen the network. It's crucial, and I will tell you why.</p> <p>I have told you several times some of the things we have been discussing on the Ad-Hoc Committee on Board Representation which is about to finish our work now.</p> <p>We have met regularly, and we made report and sent to the long range planning committee that will be discussed in a week's time in Oak Brook and, as something may leak from that meeting, and I really want you to be well prepared. I'm not gonna tell you any of the confidential things, but I will share some of it now, and the rest I will share with you after the long range planning committee meeting, and before the meeting in June, so you would be well, very well prepared.</p> <p>The committee has been working on 3 E's which stand for effectiveness, efficiency, and economics. And one obvious big goal is to save money.</p> <p>So and how can we do that?</p> <p>We have been saving on everything we can, on all levels, on leadership except the board.</p> <p>But we are starting there now.</p> <p>So, we have been working on 3 scenarios.</p> <p>The first one is redistribution. which means moving a few directors from one constitutional area to</p>

	<p>another. That is what we have been doing for many years.</p> <p>The next scenario is reduction to minimize the board, to go down to maybe 2 third, maybe half of the present Board and each director having a more strategic role. And that would mean also, we would have fewer committees and there may be some changes on the staff as well, on the divisions.</p> <p>The third scenario is what has been discussed again and again and again in previous ad-hoc committees, which is the two-tier board which means that we would have a small executive board, maybe just one ID from every constitutional area and then a regional board in every constitutional area.</p> <p>This might be the future.</p> <p>But it needs a lot more analysis.</p> <p>Of the 2 I mentioned, redistribution and reduction.</p> <p>What will be the recommendation?</p> <p>But we, as a committee, we only recommend to the long-range planning committee and the executive officers. Of course, we have worked with them all the time. We have had like monthly virtual meetings, but then we also were in Oak Brook for 3 days, and then we met with them all, all of them, one at a time and also with staff.</p> <p>So this recommendation we are sending comprises several ideas. They have to make a decision which one they use, which one will be most successful, for the 3 e's (effectiveness, efficiency, and economics). And what's doable in those years while we still have mission 1.5.</p> <p>So this is so important. And because of it, the reduction is gonna be the reality and I say, if because it's not our committee's role to make a decision, but that's one of the ideas that they will be working on next week.</p> <p>If there is a reduction, we are not gonna lose only one director from Europe, we're gonna lose, maybe more probably. And that's why our strong manual, how we work, our rotation scheme and our Eurogroups, and the network of European PIDs also, not only in the long range planning committee, but also in the launched task for Europe. So I really wanted for you to have this in mind when we discuss the ideas that Barbara had already sent us, and we</p>
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		<p>have read and thought about. Think about the future, the long range, the the last taskforce Europe, or with a new name have a bigger role than we ever planned because of the strong network wind and the cooperation within the eurogroups.</p> <p>So that's my strong message to you. I I cannot give you more information at this time.</p> <p>But we need to think it seriously. We need a stronger network in Europe.</p> <p>UNQUOTE</p>
8	<p>Short status report on LTE, discussion and decision making based on the proposal circulated by e-mail.</p>	<p>ID Barbara reported that the Task Force had become too big and the outcome was not what they really expected and wanted, thus a revision was necessary. They have studied it for months with Geoff and team, and finally Barbara asked Elizabeth, as the founder, the the first idea giver and Miklos to join her to devise a revised concept.</p> <p>That is how we prepared the paper that was sent around.</p> <p>The group coordinating the Task Force should be very small, this Steering Committee should be composed of the Chair, Vice-Chair, sitting IDs, Board Appointees, while all other PIDs ( PIPs, Past Board Appointees, Leo-Lion Liaisons, etc) are members of the Task Force.</p> <p>In the paper they gave a summary and they say <b>it's not a task force anymore</b> because a Task Force is time-bound, and this Group should be something without limitation in time, for ever so to say. It's voluntary, nobody is really forced to come to an online meeting, but we will invite them all.</p> <p>The name should be changed to PID Alumni Group. What they see as the main task is information, information, information. Secondly, it should be what Daniel has tried a few years ago ,that they will have a list of those PIDs and members. who are able and willing to speak at conventions. Because this is motivation for a lot of districts, and they even don't know who they can ask, where they can get information from? The hairperson and Vice chairperson should start working by upgrading the existing list and consult with those who would be candidates to become a Speaker.</p> <p>An axchange followed and it has been suggested that a one-pager will be sent to all PIDs before Melbourne</p>



		<p>about the revised LTFE (PID Alumni Group) and the concept.</p> <p><b>The final concept, the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson will be voted upon and elected at our next meeting.</b></p> <p>As PIDs, PIPs and PDGs are GAT Ambassadors, they have a very important role in, among other objectives, promoting Mission 1.5 (PID Elena). Finally Chairperson Gudrun emphasized that ICE (Information, Communication, Education) is of utmost importance.</p>
9	<p>Status Report on the organization of the EF Bordeaux 2024.</p>	<p>Forum President Nicole will not relate everything they did last time, but concentrate on 3 points, the program, the registrations and sponsoring.</p> <p>For the program Vanessa informed the Committee about the present state, stating that approximately 95 % are filled up, the program V. 5 is on the web page, program v. 12 will be sent to the web page soon. The program will be updated every 2 weeks on the website.</p> <p>Registrations: Opened in April, until now going slow, at present 245 reg. not so bad at this time of the year.</p> <p>Belgium 125 registrations, 37 Germans, 3 Italians only.</p> <p>For Germany the EF falls full on holidays.</p> <p>Switzerland 20-40 persons expected.</p> <p>Netherlands 11 participants, more should be.</p> <p>France, up to now, 24 reg. only. We expect 200 from France or more, we shall see more clearly after the MD convention.</p> <p>A special team is created to get in touch with the different countries.</p> <p>Sponsoring:</p> <p>Sponsoring: special committee, trying to find sponsors, selling booths. Very difficult.</p> <p>Even wine makers are reticent, but we will have sponsors and partnerships.</p> <p>Not one sponsor until now, we have 18 institutional Lions booths, 10 commercial booths.</p> <p>Promotion: monthly newsletter sent to all DGs in Europe, they need it spread</p> <p>They plan to have a new video, 1 grassroots Lions member from each district speaking.</p>

		Newsletters should be sent to District Secretaries instead of DGs, they are better placed to send it over to the members. It should be specified that it is to be shared!
10	AOB Second Part	<p>Chairperson Gudrun would like to share the May 7 Executive Commuttee meeting preliminaries. Discussion about North Macedonia, Cyprus, Ukraine and the Coordinating Lions.</p> <p>CLs very much coming from us, we had a communication with IP Patti, Commuittee, Staff. We would have to send a letter, basically Elena should make it and we would like to have the support of the LRPCE.</p> <p>There is a discussion on changing to which division CLs would belong to, it would go tomMembership instead of Clubs and Districts.</p> <p>To revise a letter made several months ago, we would like to have your approval to help Elena. If we want to send a letter, if should be done in the coming days. The draft of the letter prepared has been shared on the screen and the comments received, as follows:</p> <p><b>Barbara:</b> Coordinating Lions we made a decision, it is related to GAT, buti t should be vice-versa, GAT should also educate them.</p> <p><b>Elena:</b> Education, share the path to the first chapter.</p> <p><b>Marcel:</b> two-tier(staged) approach – send the proposal and once we get comments coming back from the EC, to make it in a proposal.</p> <p><b>Stewart:</b> GAT relationship is the priority, we are overcomplicating the issue.</p> <p><b>Elena:</b> CLs are not part of GAT, they do not report to ALs, we have to change the approach.</p> <p><b>Daniel:</b> Job description for AL and CL and should be part of GAT</p> <p><b>Niels:</b> Mission 1.5 created an acute clarity, districts have a definite role and mission, CL Job description is that they are quasi DGs in the undistricted areas. ALs do not have any means of controlling CLs, complete rupture.</p> <p><b>Barbara:</b> there should be a cooperation, CLs to be part of the GAT good idea.</p> <p><b>Marcel:</b> to take 4th paragraph, (this is the part that CLs should come from the CEE only) on page 1 out and the rest is OK, fairly solid letter.</p>

		<p><b>Final decision, vote:</b> we take paragraph 4 out, A&amp;A to send the rest with Chairperson Gudrun’s signature to PID Elena for signature and sending to the Executive Committee.</p> <p><b>Other issues:</b></p> <p><b>North-Macedonia:</b> Sandro and Roberto to make report, domestic fight in the country since 2017.</p> <p><b>Ukraine:</b> Sanjeev plans meeting in Warsaw, May 15, at the request of IP Patti. Marcel, Barbara, Elena, Roman, Serhii, Valentin and the DG 134, Lions is Ukraine should understand Code of Ethics, stop unacceptably worded letters and behave properly, as Lions elsewhere.</p>
11	Closing and next meeting (Chairperson Gudrun)	<p><b>Next meeting on May 30, 2024 at 7 PM.</b></p> <p>Chairperson Gudrun thanked the participants for the good, lively discussions and for sharing so much important information.</p> <p>We will continue this way to develop the Lionism in Europe.</p> <p><b>Record time: 157 minutes</b></p>