

19:00 to 21:05 PM CET , the meeting has been partly recorded (the first part – 4/5th of the meeting- could not be retrieved)

Participants (voting members in green)

Function	Reference	Name	Presence
LRPCE Chairperson:		PIP Gudrun Björt YNGVADOTTIR	APOLOGIES
Designated ID EF Dublin:		Dr. Karl BREWI	x
Second Year IDs:		ID Marcel DANIELS	APOLOGIES
		ID Halldor KRISTJANNSON	x
		ID Danyel KUBIN	x
Immediate Past International Directors		IPID Barbara GREWE	x
		IPID Jürg VOGT	x
		IPID Pirkko VIHAVAINEN	x
Area Representatives:	Area 1	IPID Pirkko VIHAVAINEN	
	Area 2	IPID Jürg VOGT	
	Area 3	IPID Barbara GREWE	
	Area 4	ID Danyel KUBIN	
	Area 5	PID Dr. Elena APPIANI	APOLOGIES
	Area 6	PID Kalle ELSTER	x
President EF Dublin		PID Teresa DINEEN	
President EF Karlsruhe		IPID Barbara GREWE	
Programme Directors	EF Dublin	PDG Ann ELLIS	
	EF Karlsruhe	PDG Elke Schäfer	
Past Int. Presidents:		PIP Eberhard J. WIRFS	ABSENT
LEF A & A and LRPCE secretary:		PID Miklos HORVATH	
LEF Financial Controller		PID Daniel ISENRICH	
Guests	1st year ID	ID Lorena HUS	
	1st year ID	ID Guy-Bernard BRAMI	APOLOGIES
		PID Sandro CASTELLANA Revision Task Force - Chair	
		PDG Niels Schneckner Lions Academy Europe Task Force - Chair	
		PDG Aneliya KANEVA, GAT Area Leader	
		CC Caroline ZAVATTONI MD103	APOLOGIES

The following Agenda has been sent out.

No.	Agenda item	Presenter	Time (minutes)
1	Welcome	Chairperson PIP Gudrun (to be replaced by A&A)	2
2	Introductions	All	2
3	Apologies	A&A	1
4	Coordination Committee Ukraine status report	PID Svein BERNSTEN	10
5	Status report “European ID roles and responsibilities”	PID Sandro CASTELLANA	10
6	PID Alumni Group Short Action Plan until EF Dublin with special regards to PIDs speaking assignments	PID Alumni Group Chair	10
7	Proposal to suppress discrepancy between Constitution and CL qualification (cannot come from an undistricted country) eventually reviewed list of Coordinating Lions,	PID Elena APPIANI, AL PDG Aneliya KANEVA (to be invited)	10
8	<p>Preliminary Action Plan of LRPCE based on the topics raised at our last meeting in Bordeaux:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - District Governors professionalization - Training for ID candidates and IDs - Revision of the Europa Forum’s organisation and contents to be cheaper, more attractive, more seminar.- training based. - How do we see the reorganisation of the Board? - Tutorial how to access CSR funds of the Corporate World - Support youth initiative: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - parallel young Lionism - develop their own brands without being hamstrunged by us, Lions 	<p>Coordinated by</p> <p>A & A</p> <p>Special guest: Caroline ZAVATTONI CC MD103</p>	40
9	AOB	A&A	2
10	Closing and next meeting	Chairperson PIP Gudrun (replaced by A&A)	3

Report of the meeting:

No.	Agenda item & presenter	Summary
1	Welcome (A&A)	PID Miklos welcomed the participants, deplored the absence of Chairperson PIP Gudrun and opened the meeting.
2	Introductions (All)	No guests to be presented
3	Apologies (A&A)	PIP Gudrun, ID Marcel, PID Elena, ID Guy-Bernard, CC Caroline
4	Coordination Committee Ukraine status report (PID Svein BERNSTEN)	<p>The Coordination Committee had meetings practically every week. Also discussions with the district governor in Ukraine, mostly by email, and also meetings with staff.</p> <p>PID Svein addressed allegations of mismanagement concerning LCI funds and irregularities in club memberships (they got quite a lot, and so at the moment it's for the legal department and the leadership in LCI and LCIF to decide further actions) based on this, stressing the necessity for documented allegations and the right of those accused to respond.</p> <p>At the moment, there are no open LCIF projects in Ukraine. The Coordinating Committee recommends that there will be no new project where money is sent to Ukraine before the LCIF organization is reorganized in Ukraine. A new official account should be opened, which both the Coordinating Committee and Oak Brook HQ can access and audit, and which is the only account where money is sent into Ukraine, the treasurer of LCI must be responsible for organizing this. Now, winter is coming, and the committee has recommended that the third stove project is approved. Mind you, the money of the stove project goes through the Finnish lines.</p> <p>At the moment nine new clubs will be approved shortly (their paperwork, personal data of the members seem to be in order). But there are far too many clubs that come and go. At the moment there are quite a few clubs with more than 90 days of unpaid dues. So there is a risk of quite a few clubs moving into status quo. So this is an ongoing process. The CC will hold an online meeting with</p>

		<p>the presidents of the clubs in December. We will also make a new report.</p> <p>The CC is now producing a new report for the executive committees for the January meetings, where all these items will come up and we expect that decisions are taken. And after that, they will have in January a meeting with the Ukraine district governor and council, hopefully in Ukraine. Lastly, the district convention in 2025, where their recommendation is that it would be held as a physical meeting, maybe in combination with some online possibilities, but the decision is not taken</p> <p>Barbara Grewe raised questions about the legality of account management by the treasurer in Ukraine, prompting PID Svein to explain the need for collaborative organization while maintaining legal and transparent practices. Aneliya Kaneva emphasized her commitment to supporting Ukrainian leaders and the importance of verifying the legitimacy of new clubs, cautioning against the establishment of clubs that do not engage in service.</p> <p>Concerns were raised by Niels Schneckner regarding stoves from previous initiatives appearing in open markets across Ukraine. PID Svein reiterated the necessity for the project to take responsibility for distribution, rather than relying solely on LCIF, especially given the challenges of managing projects in conflict zones.</p>
5	<p>Status report “European ID roles and responsibilities”</p> <p>(PID Sandro CASTELLANA)</p>	<p>Sandro Castellana provided an update on the task force's work related to the skills and characteristics required for international directors, it is basically intended to be a suggestion, recommendation and advice document, max. 1 page, if possible, focusing on strategic thinking and planning. He shared a draft recommendation document for feedback, while Barbara Grewe suggested separating the topics of time and understanding of the role for clarity.</p> <p>ID Karl stressed the importance of a good command of English, underlined that it cannot be</p>

		<p>stated as an obligation, it could be a strong recommendation, though could not suggest how to word it in the document.</p>
6	<p>PID Alumni Group Short Action Plan until EF Dublin with special regards to PIDs speaking assignments</p> <p>(PID Barbara GREWE, PID Alumni Group Chair)</p>	<p>A&A first made it clear for the newcomers mostly that PID Barbara Grewe, was the chairperson of this PID alumni group, and she will give this presentation on behalf of the PID alumni group. In Bordeaux, we elected PID Sandro Castellana, as the vice chair.</p> <p>Chairperson and Vice-Chair work very well together. PID Barbara made a presentation in Bordeaux and got a very good response of the participants. They seem to have made a good decision to have it in this way also for the future. This is exactly what those who are interested want and which is needed. PID Barbara has not made the minutes so far still waiting for the information of the directors from the last board meeting (A&A promised to send the Summary to her). They will try to bring up more PIDs as speakers to national conventions.</p> <p>Sandro and I decided that with the minutes, they will send out a questionnaire where they say, are you willing? What are your language skills? Do you have special topics you like talk about?</p> <p>In January, they will send out an information to all the CCs and single district governors that it is possible and how it is possible to provide also PIDs as speakers.</p> <p>PID Daniel had two small comments: when collecting the information from the PIDs regarding languages to ask them the question for a second and a third foreign language. The second question is which they need to think about is who pays for these visits.</p>
7	<p>Proposal to suppress discrepancy between Constitution and CL qualification (cannot come from an undistricted</p>	<p>At first, the A&A stated that when the invitation was sent out, there was still a discrepancy looming between the coordinating Lions coming from an undistricted country, but it was solved in the meantime. Analiya made a very detailed study and</p>

	<p>country) eventually reviewed list of Coordinating Lions.</p> <p>(PID Elena APPIANI GAT CAL, PDG Aneliya KANEVA GAT AL)</p>	<p>it turned out that no legal documents support this discrepancy. Independently from that, what we should do now is to send another report and proposal to the executive officers for their January meeting until December the 15th on Coordinating Lions. PDG Analiya represents Elena as the GAT Constitutional Area Leader, and she will present this project.</p> <p>PDG Aneliya started with the qualifications and responsibilities of Coordinating Lions which are clearly stated in the Board Policy Manual in Chapter 24 named Global Action Team and it is effective after October 16, 2024. Aliena F details the Coordinating Lion program. After the CLs are now within the scope of the membership development division and committee. So we found no any discrepancy with Lions International constitution and bylaws as those qualifications are only clarified in the Board Policy Manual.</p> <p>In general Coordinating Lions should act in the capacity of district governor for undistricted countries and provisional districts in case of a vacancy and their main task is to support membership growth through leadership training and meaningful service well performed and reported. Being a Coordinating Lion should no longer be perceived as a title only but as an opportunity and responsibility to serve, achieve and leave a positive mark. Similar to the role of district governors, the coordinating Lions are the change makers and leading the way to success in those small but full of potential Lions territories. She then gave a brief overview of undistricted countries and provisional districts with coordinating Lions in Europe. Global Action Team is our holy trinity, membership service leadership, but we all know that our main focus since the last year is on membership. Many of those undistricted countries have various challenges that impact membership. The first year of Mission 1.5 in those 22 countries allocated in six GAT areas.</p>
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Coordinating Lions do not have annual goals like DGs in single districts. You can see that insignificant growth was registered since the start of the mission. The net gain was plus 19 members in total, which is 0.76%. 13 new clubs were started. But in the same time 9 were cancelled. 32 clubs were in protected status quo. On November 19, 2024 there are 138 clubs with 2,553 members.

Majority of the Coordinating Lions are holding their positions for many consecutive terms and in many cases are probably not motivated enough to comply with all responsibilities stated clearly in the board policy manual and many of them also serve in other roles as for example LCIF coordinator which sometimes takes precedence and reduces the focus on growing clubs and members.

We are committed to achieve better results and we believe we can do it. Europe's GAT Area Leaders in consultation with GAT teams of the neighboring Districts started to prepare an updated list with proposals for coordinating Lions 2025-2026 to the Membership Development Committee to be ready hopefully within the middle of December.

For some undistricted countries the role of Coordinating Lion can be successfully accomplished by the Area Leader himself/herself as we have practiced this and it is quite more effective and in this way we can better communicate directly and also we can optimize the budgets and the costs. We can use locally assistants, this is how we call them, assistants that can help us with membership growth who are based in those countries where we don't have Coordinating Lions.

We propose that Coordinating Lions to be appointed for one year mandate and shouldn't be repeated for not more than four consecutive terms and reappointment should be after evaluation of achievements. Coordinating Lions preferably to

avoid serving in multiple positions except on their home district level.

There was an extended discussion afterwards with the participation of PID Barbara, PDG Niels and the A&A. The main issues touched by mainly PID Barbara was the fact that by appointing CLs only from neighbouring or emerging districts, we lose a substantial advantage of CLs coming from large MDs, that is the service rendered possible by moneys that were channelled through these MDs.

Moreover, she is not inclined to vote for Lion leaders that she does not know even if she trusts those who propose them.

By proposing that ALs be CLs in certain undistricted countries, we go against the principle of not having parallel positions (although, as others pointed out, ALs will not be appointed CLs only doing the job together with their other obligations as ALs.)

At the very end, as the discussion repeated itself and much time has been taken, the A&A proposed a vote and moved the following motion:

The LRPCE kindly asks the GAT to revise its position as far as the years are concerned, that the appointment would be for two years with a possible reconduction. Supposing an agreement on the principles presented as far as the Coordinating Lions and the Assistant Coordinating Lions are concerned. It will be GAT, Constitutional Area Leadership, who will decide whether they submit or not a list now.

The vote was seconded by PDG Niels.

The voting members all abstained, nooen was for or against the motion.

The letter to the Executive Officers will then be the responsibility of the GAT Constitutional Area, the LRPCE does not have a position. The LRPCE will anyhow be informed on what the GAT

		Constitutional Area leadership and our chairperson will have suggested.
12	<p>Preliminary Action Plan of LRPCE based on the topics raised at our last meeting in Bordeaux:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - District Governors professionalization - Training for ID candidates and IDs - Revision of the Europa Forum's organisation and contents to be cheaper, more attractive, more seminar.-training based. - How do we see the reorganisation of the Board? - Tutorial how to access CSR funds of the Corporate World - Support youth initiative: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - parallel young Lionism - develop their own brands without being hamstrung by us, Lions <p>(Presented and Coordinated by A&A)</p>	<p>In Bordeaux there was a kind of brainstorming and there was a couple of subjects that came up which would constitute the working topics of the Long-Range Planning Committee for the next year until Dublin. PID Barbara made some comments that certain items are not mentioned in this table. Namely, what she mentioned was the revision of the Europa Forum manual, which is an ongoing task, the LRPCE will deal with it, and the table sent previously by mail th should be completed accordingly. In the Action Plan draft all other items mentioned in Bordeaux have been listed with an appropriate deadline proposed.</p> <p>The DG professionalization could not be presented as CC Caroline ZAVATTONI of MD103 France could not make the meeting.</p> <p>First PDG Niels gave the LRPCE a short overview about the training for ID candidates and IDs, which was also mentioned by PID Sandro in his presentation.</p> <p>PDG Niels also proposed the tutorial how to access CSR funds of the corporate world (separate modus operandi for those MDs and Ds who have a Foundation and for those who do not), and also the support of the youth initiative.</p> <p>The deadlines suggested are OK for the first 2 subjects, June 30 is suggested for the 3rd task.</p> <p>According to PID Barbara, all this should be done and promoted by the LRPCE and this should be stressed. But :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the first topic should be done under the guidance of the LRPCE, - the second and - the third should not be tasks for the LRPCE . <p>Both the A&A and PDG Niels defended the 3 topics and explained why and how the LRPCE should fork</p>

		<p>for the success of Mission 1.5 and that they must be considered as valid proposals for the Action Plan of the LRPCE.</p> <p>The A&A moved to vote for the necessity of an Action/Work Plan of the LRPCE with the necessary additions and corrections of deadlines. pid Danuiel seconded.</p> <p>3 of the voting members voted for the motion, none against, 3 voting member abstained, the motion was carried.</p> <p>The A&A asked PID Daniel to chair the Working Group for the revision of the Europa Forum's organisation and contents to be cheaper, more attractive, more seminar.-training based, that PID Daniel graciously accepted.</p>
13	AOB (A&A)	No other business was brought forward.
14	Closing and next meeting (A&A)	<p>The next meeting, as previously determined, will take place on January 15, 2025 (on which the A&A might not participate because of his cataract surgery).. The A&A – also on behalf of our Chairperson - thanked the participants for their very active participation and wished them, their partners and beloved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The meeting was adjourned at 21:05.</p>