

## LRPCE MEETING MINUTES – Zoom

January 15, 2025

19:00 to 20:51 PM CET, the meeting had been recorded

## Participants (voting members in green)

Function	Reference	Name	Presence
LRPCE Chairperson:		PIP Gudrun Björt YNGVADOTTIR	✓
Designated ID EF Dublin:		ID Dr. Karl BREWI	✓
Second Year IDs:		ID Marcel DANIELS	✓
		ID Halldor KRISTJANNSON	✓
		ID Danyel KUBIN	✓
Immediate Past International Directors:		IPID Barbara GREWE	✓
		IPID Jürg VOGT	✓
		IPID Pirkko VIHAVAINEN	✓
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	Later ✓
	Area 6	PID Kalle ELSTER	✓
Europa Forum Presidents:	EF Dublin	PID Teresa DINEEN	✓
	EF Karlsruhe	IPID Barbara GREWE	•
Program 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	APOLOGIES
LEF Financial Controller:		PID Daniel ISENRICH	✓
Guests:	1st year ID	ID Lorena HUS	✓
	1st year ID	ID Guy-Bernard BRAMI	✓
		PID Sandro CASTELLANA Revision Task Force - Chair	APOLOGIES
		PDG Niels Schneckner Lions Academy Europe Task Force - Chair	✓
		PDG Aneliya KANEVA, GAT Area Leader	✓
		CC Caroline ZAVATTONI MD103	APOLOGIES
		PID Svein BERNSTEN, Ukraine Committee	✓

The following Agenda has been sent out.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Presenter</b>	<b>Time (minutes)</b>
1	Welcome	Chairperson PIP Gudrun	2
2	Introductions	All	2
3	Apologies	A&A	1
4	Coordination Committee Ukraine status report	PID Svein BERNSTEN	10
5	Short Status Report on the GAT Constitutional Area leadership's proposal to Executive Officers on Coordinating Lions	PID Elena	5
6	Short Action Plan on Revision of the Europa Forum's organization and contents to be cheaper, more attractive, more seminar - training based.	PID Daniel	5
7	Revision of the presently valid Rotation Plan with the candidacy for 3rd IVP of PID Robert RETTBY (replacement of MD102's slot of 2026-2028)	Chairperson PIP Gudrun	10
8	Europe March Together at the Parade of the International Convention. Guidelines and To Dos for MDs and SDs for the first Marching Together in Orlando	PID Barbara	15
9	<p>Discussion on working modalities of the LRPCE.</p> <p>9.1 Should members take on more responsibilities or shall we continue to invite guests to chair Working Groups and Task Forces, as presently?</p> <p>9.2 Should agenda points be discussed democratically before presenting preparatory material and draft resolution, or shall we continue the present practice (proposal and draft resolution presented).</p>	PID Barbara as the LRPCE member who raised these issues and Chairperson PIP Gudrun	35
10	AOB	A&A	2
11	Closing and next meeting	Chairperson PIP Gudrun	3

## Report on the meeting: January 15th, 2025

No.	Agenda item & presenter	Summary
1	Welcome (Chairperson)	PIP Gudrun welcomed the group to the first meeting in the 2nd half of the year and informed about Sandro's absence.
2	Introductions (All)	No guests to be presented
3	Apologies (A&A)	PID Sandro Castellana, PID Miklos Horvath, CC Caroline Zavattoni, PID Elena Appiani to join later
4	Coordination Committee Ukraine status report  (PID Svein BERNSTEN)	<p>Svein presented the status report on the coordinating committee's work in Ukraine. He highlighted the establishment of 11 new clubs and the challenges of verifying their authenticity. Svein also discussed the upcoming district convention (April 4-6) in Ukraine, which is set to take place in Chernihiv, despite some opposition from clubs in Lviv. He emphasized the importance of respecting the decisions made by the Lions of Ukraine. Svein mentioned that the LCIF coordinator position will remain vacant until the situation in Ukraine improves. No new LCIF projects in the pipeline.</p> <p>Lastly, Svein stressed the point that the team is only working with the former and the current District team, no other parties will be listened to. -&gt; The hope is to come back to a normal situation by the end of this fiscal year-</p> <p>WICTU3 project is going very well. The new contact person for distribution is IPDG Liudmyla Kurbakova.</p>
5	Short Status Report on the GAT Constitutional Area leadership's proposal to Executive Officers on Coordinating Lions"  (PID Elena APPIANI)	<p>Elena discussed the importance of better coordination between Area Leaders and Coordinating Lions to achieve common objectives and promote growth. She highlighted the need for synergy and the importance of keeping both roles separated. Elena also mentioned the need for clear topics and good communication between the two roles.</p> <p><b>Gudrun</b> agreed with Elena's points and emphasized the importance of improving processes and criteria.</p>

		<p><b>Marcel</b> asked about the provisional list of proposed changes, Elena responded that she would share the list after gathering feedback.</p> <p><b>Niels</b> added that the issue of Coordinating Lions needs to be realized and that the roles of Area leaders and Coordinating Lions should be kept separate. He also emphasized the importance of Eastern European countries in the Mission 1.5 initiative due to their potential and lack of involvement. He suggested that the Area Leaders could be the best resource for coordinating in these regions.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Elena to send out list of Coordinating Lions by end of January.</p>
6	<p>Short Action Plan on Revision of the Europa Forum's organization and contents to be cheaper, more attractive, more seminar-training based.</p> <p>(PID Daniel ISENRIK)</p>	<p>Daniel discussed his work on revising the European Forums organization, focusing on the length of the forum, content, and costs. He plans to present a proposal in March and will send out a questionnaire to set up a meeting date with the team.</p>
7	<p>Revision of the presently valid Rotation Plan with the candidacy for 3rd IVP of PID Robert RETTBY (replacement of MD102's slot of 2026-2028)</p> <p>(Chairperson PIP Gudrun YNGVADOTTIR)</p>	<p>Gudrun discussed the letter from Lions of Switzerland regarding the rotation scheme for the International Directors. Due to the candidacy of PID Robert Rettby for 3rd Vice President, Swiss Lions cannot use their slot in the rotation scheme. Gudrun also mentioned that Elizabeth Haderer had withdrawn her candidacy, making the situation simpler. She proposed contacting the Netherlands to discuss a potential swap with Switzerland,</p> <p><u>The committee agreed to Gudrun's proposal to contact the Netherlands.</u></p>
8	<p>Europe March Together at the Parade of the International Convention. Guidelines and To Dos for MDs and SDs for the first Marching Together in Orlando.</p>	<p>Barbara proposed several ideas to enhance the European presence at international conventions. She suggested having a large banner featuring the Europa Forum logo at the beginning of the European group's march, with each country's banner also displaying the logo. She also proposed the idea of carrying European flags throughout the parade route, with the possibility</p>

	(PID Barbara GREWE)	<p>of producing Europa Forum logo flags for this purpose.</p> <p>The group discussed the marching order, with <b>Pirkko</b> suggesting that the Scandinavian countries should be the first group behind the Int. Directors. The final decision about the order of the countries lies with the LCI Convention Committee.</p> <p><b>Karl</b> agreed to discuss the production of Europa Forum logo flags with the Supervisory Committee.</p> <p>The team also discussed the idea of having paper flags for each country, with <b>Niels</b> suggesting a double-sided flag with the country's flag and the European flag.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Barbara to come up with a concrete proposal for banners at the next meeting.</p>
9	<p>Discussion on working modalities of the LRPCE.</p> <p>9.1 Should members take on more responsibilities or shall we continue to invite guests to chair Working Groups and Task Forces, as presently?</p> <p>9.2 Should agenda points be discussed democratically before presenting preparatory material and draft resolution, or shall we continue the present practice (proposal and draft resolution presented).</p> <p>(PID Barbara Grewe, ALL)</p>	<p>In the meeting, Barbara expressed her concerns about the minutes of the meetings, stating that it should be for those who couldn't attend to review within two weeks after the meeting, not a day before the next meeting.</p> <p>She also raised an issue about voting, where a tie was not clearly defined as a 'yes' or 'no' in the minutes. <b>Niels</b> clarified that according to the EF rules, the chairperson broke the tie, and the result is thus considered 'carried'. Barbara emphasized that this should have been clearly stated in the minutes.</p> <p>This committee discussed ways to improve the efficiency and transparency of their processes. <b>Barbara</b> suggested the agenda and minutes should be distributed earlier to allow more preparation time.</p> <p><b>Ann</b> noted as a new member, she would have benefited from clearer explanations of protocols and decisions.</p> <p><b>Karl</b> proposed revisiting guidelines for how topics are discussed democratically versus presented as draft resolutions.</p>

		<p><b>Action:</b> The committee plans to continue this discussion at their next meeting to develop clearer guidelines for their decision-making processes while maintaining flexibility based on each topic.</p> <p><b>Barbara</b> suggested integrating the strategic plan of the LRPCE into the discussion, emphasizing the importance of considering the overall plan for the next years.</p> <p><b>Marcel</b> agreed, mentioning that Finland had presented a long-range plan at the Europa Forum and that their own plan would be finalized in a few months.</p> <p><b>Niels</b> proposed formalizing the list of tasks and projects discussed in Bordeaux into a strategic plan.</p> <p><b>Daniel</b> stressed the need for a clear strategy before starting tasks, suggesting that the group should focus on defining the strategy and steps to achieve it.</p> <p><b>Gudrun</b> proposed forming a group to further develop our strategy. The group agreed to start working on the strategy for the future, with <b>Niels</b> suggesting that the group should create a policy on how strategies are formed and find a mission statement for Europe for the next 10 years.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Working group identified led by Marcel with Barbara, Elena, Niels and external individuals with the aim of improving LRPCE's strategy and operations.</p>
10	AOB  (ALL)	<p><b>Daniel:</b> LCIF Giving Program introduced in MD111-Germany. First Lead Donor identified.</p> <p><b>Pirkko</b> reported on the progress of the Host Committee for Convention 2031 in Finland.</p> <p><b>Marcel</b> revealed the theme for the peace poster competition, "Together as One."</p>

14	Closing and next meeting  (Chairperson PIP Gudrun YNGVADOTTIR)	Gudrun thanked the team for their work and dedication.  <b><u>Next meeting: February 12th at 7 CET.</u></b>  The meeting was adjourned at 20:51.
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