

19:00 to 21:03 PM CET , the meeting has been recorded

Participants (voting members in green)

Function	Reference	Name	Presence
LRPCE Chairperson:		PIP Gudrun Björt YNGVADOTTIR	✓
Designated ID EF Dublin:		Dr. Karl BREWI	✓
Second Year IDs:		ID Marcel DANIELS	✓ left earlier
		ID Halldor KRISTJANNSON	✓
		ID Danyel KUBIN	Apologies
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 Danyal KUBIN	
	Area 5	PID Dr. Elena APPIANI	✓ left earlier
	Area 6	PID Kalle ELSTER	✓
President EF Dublin		PID Teresa DINEEN	✓
President EF Karlsruhe		IPID Barbara GREWE	
Programme Directors	EF Dublin	PDG Ann ELLIS	Apologies
	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 ISENRIK	
Guests	1st year ID	ID Lorena HUS	✓
	1st year ID	ID Guy-Bernard BRAMI	✓
		PDG Niels Schneckner Lions Academy Europe Task Force - Chair	✓
		PID Svein BERNTSEN Chair Ukraine Committee	Apologies
		PID Elisabeth HADERER, Chairperson Task Force	✓

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7	Interim Report on the Revision of the Europa Forum's organisation and contents to be cheaper, more attractive, more seminar - training based.	PID Daniel	10
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Report of the meeting:

No.	Agenda item & presenter	Summary
1	Welcome (PIP Gudrun)	The meeting began with introductions and technical checks, followed by Gudrun's announcement that it was likely the last meeting before the International Convention in Orlando.
2	Introductions (All)	No guests to be presented
3	Apologies (A&A)	ID Danyal, PID Svein, PDG Ann cannot make it, ID Marcel has to leave earlier,
4	Coordination Committee Ukraine status report (PID Pirkko VIHAVAINEN)	Pirkko presented a report on Ukraine's coordinating committee, highlighting frequent communication with staff and leadership through emails and online meetings, as well as weekly internal meetings. The

		report also mentioned the progress of the "Winter is Coming to Ukraine" project, and noted that the team was awaiting the latest reports from Ukraine. The meeting discussed ongoing issues with the Ukraine Lions organization, including missing reports, financial transparency concerns, and internal conflicts. The leadership vacuum in Ukraine was highlighted, with the LCIF Coordinator position remaining vacant and financial transactions between LCIF and District 134 being on hold. The committee expressed the need for external control and guidance from LCIF for District 134 in the next fiscal year, as well as the establishment of the Ukraine Lions Foundation without proper transparency or council involvement.
5	Status Report on the preparations of EF Dublin (PID Teresa DINEEN)	Teresa provided a detailed update on the progress of the preparation and status of the Europa Forum in Dublin. She mentioned that the session submission deadline was extended to May 30th, and while hotels are fully booked, registration numbers are still lower than expected, with people often finalizing their attendance last. Teresa emphasized the team's readiness and adaptability, noting that they have learned from past events to improve planning for next year. Karl confirmed Teresa's report, highlighting the hard work of the host committee and their efforts in promoting the event. The group expressed excitement about the upcoming forum and praised the team's efforts.
6	Status Report on Draft resolutions submitted or to be submitted to the European Council in Dublin until June 15, 2025. (A & A)	The deadline for submitting draft resolutions to the upcoming European Council in Dublin is June 15th. The draft resolutions we have visibility on consist of: 1. reports/minutes from the Bordeaux Europa Forum and European Council, a financial report (which came in late and requires review). 2. Proposal from District 119 in Hungary to host the Europa Forum in 2028, with a venue change to Győr, a city closer to Austria, Slovakia, and Budapest (October 26-28, 2028) 3. The Swedish Multiple District Convention approved their candidacy for the 2029 Europa Forum likely to be held in Malmo, Sweden. Daniel noted that the financial report needs

		further review due to numerous deviations from the plan, 4. The working groups for peace and lifeability will also submit Status Reports. 5. We will have two draft resolutions from the Lions Academy Europe that we shall discuss later today.
7	Interim Report on the Revision of the Europa Forum's organisation and contents to be cheaper, more attractive, more seminar - training based. (PID Daniel ISENRIK)	The committee discussed the status of organization and improvement of the Europa Forum, with Daniel reporting on the current setup and potential changes. Key topics included sharing technology and infrastructure across Europe, reducing costs through sponsorships and alternative venues, and enhancing the Forum's attractiveness. The group agreed to hold a workshop in Dublin to gather ideas and feedback from attendees, with Gudrun and Barbara suggesting a 45-minute initial session followed by a longer workshop if needed, with a follow-up in future forums. They also discussed the possibility of organizing pre-Forum training sessions (LAE) and collecting email addresses of past attendees to keep them informed about future events (eventually at registration forms ask the registrants if they would be interested in getting regular info on EF. It has been stressed that Europa Forum is considered a role model and we have to be true to this when we consider changes.
8	LCIF news from the perspective of a new Trustee (PID Elisabeth HADERER)	Elisabeth presented an overview of LCIF's purpose, governing structure, and fundraising efforts, particularly focusing on Europe. She highlighted that Europe is performing well in achieving the strategic plan's goals, with 88% of the stretch goal reached. Elisabeth also discussed the importance of donor participation, noting that while leadership participation is high, there is room for improvement among past international directors and district governors. She concluded by mentioning notable multiple district performances in Europe. More in details: Elisabeth presented an overview of fundraising initiatives, including Winter Coming to Ukraine campaigns and a legacy program expanding from the British Isles. She explained the grant approval process for different types of grants and highlighted the recent

		approval of a \$621,585 Lions Quest grant for Lion's Quest partnerships in Slovenia, Croatia, and southeastern Europe. Elisabeth also shared statistics on global grant approvals, noting that Italy received 57 out of 124 grants in CA4, and clarified that while Winter is Coming to Ukraine involves stove production in Finland for Ukraine's benefit, the grant is counted against Finland's donation record. Niels raised a question about grant applications for Ukraine beneficiaries, which Elisabeth confirmed is permissible, though Daniel clarified that the grant allocation follows the donating country's record. Elisabeth presented updates on several key initiatives, including the Lions Legacy Society program which has 11 commitments in CA and is expanding to 6 constitutional areas, and the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program aiming to reach 4.5 million, though Niels noted this was a relatively small amount compared to other organizations like Oxfam Europe.
9	The Coordinating Lions for 2025-2026 (Board resolutions at the March meeting) (PID Elena APPIANI).	Elena had to leave earlier, by the time this agenda point started. The updated list will be requested from PID Elena and circulated among the committee members.
10	Proposal of a new Coordinating Lion in Montenegro (PDG Stanic) to fill a vacancy, discussion and approval (PID Elena APPIANI)	In the absence of Elena, the committee supported the candidacy of a new coordinating Lion for Montenegro, PDG Milorad Stanich, after Lorena explained his background and the challenges of establishing Lions in the country over the past decade.
11	Draft Resolutions of the Lions Academy Europe, discussion and approval (PDG Niels SCHNECKER)	The meeting focused on two main resolutions presented by Niels regarding the Lions Academy Europe. The first resolution was an annual report to the Europa Forum, detailing operational activities, governance, training programs, and institutional engagement. The second resolution sought approval to create a legal entity (NGO) to facilitate funding and partnerships, though legal counsel is still being sought. Howard inquired about facility usage and budget for the LEA, to which Niels confirmed extensive feasibility studies had been conducted and initial funding of around 30,000 euros would be needed which will be

		secured from sponsors and European funds. The discussion concluded with Barbara raising concerns about the presentation of the first resolution, which was clarified by Miklos the LRPCE having an intermediary role between the Academy and European Council, and the LRPC's role being one of guidance rather than direct micro-management. The Committee unanimously approved the first resolution, while the second resolution was not approved due to concerns raised by Barbara about the need for LCI's explicit approval before forming any entity with Lions' name. The committee agreed to submit a letter to LCI's legal department requesting permission to create the Academy, with Miklos and Niels tasked to draft the letter.
12	AOB (A & A)	No other business has been suggested.
13	Closing and next meeting (Chairperson Gudrun)	The Committee scheduled three upcoming meetings: September 3rd, October 1st, and November 5th in person in Dublin, and discussed incorporating the Europa Forum logo into other related entities' branding.
12	Action items	• Miklos: Circulate the list of approved Coordinating Lions to the committee members. • Miklos and Niels: Draft a letter to LCI Legal Department requesting approval for creating an NGO for Lions Academy Europe. • Gudrun: Review and sign the letter to LCI legal department once drafted • Miklos and Niels: Send the finalized letter to David at LCI legal as soon as possible, send copy of the letter to Committee members for information purposes. • Elisabeth: Send the LCIF presentation to Miklos for distribution to the committee members. • Miklos: Ask Svein for permission to include his original Ukraine report with the meeting minutes.

		• Daniel: Check the legal implications of using email addresses from previous Europa Forum attendees for future marketing purposes. • Niels: Provide Howard and other committee members with links to the Lions Academy Europe documentation, including feasibility studies and analysis. • Barbara: Review the Lions Academy Europe report and resolutions in detail to prepare questions and feedback. • Daniel: Review and follow up on the financial report for the Europa Forum Bordeaux 2024. • Miklos: Ask Elena the list of approved CLs to include it with the meeting minutes. • Teresa: Continue preparations for the Europa Forum in Dublin and provide updates to the committee as needed. • Barbara: Send detailed questions about Lions Academy Europe to Niels, Halldor, and the committee. • All committee members: Review Lions Academy Europe documents and submit any questions to Niels. • Barbara: Develop a proposal for incorporating the PID Alumni Group into the Europa Forum logo design. • All committee members: Attend the next online meetings on September 3rd and October 1st. • All committee members: Attend the in-person meeting in Dublin on November 5th. • Gudrun: Consider developing similar logos for other Europa Forum-related entities, including the Long Range Planning Committee.
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