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Minutes of the Regional Council of Emmaus Europe (RCEE)
31 October 2019 - San Sebastian, Spain

PRESENT	COUNCILLORS OF EMMAUS INTERNATIONAL (CEI)		VOTERS
	Marie-France Bedleem, France Willi Does, Germany Maryse Faure, France Simon Grainge, UK	Jean-Philippe Légaut, Romania Nathalie Martz, France Silvana Nogarole, Italy Eduardo Sanchez, Spain	Eight voters
	NATIONAL DELEGATES		VOTERS
	Sabina Arnaut Jahic, Bosnia-Herzegovina Marie Balseca, Italy Willi Does, Germany José Maria Garcia Bresó, Spain Anu Lahde, Finland	Gélu Nichitel, Romania Sue Taylor, UK Jérémy Udry, Switzerland Jos Van der Meer, the Netherlands Charlotte Webster, Sweden	10 voters
	NEW ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TAKING OFFICE IN OCTOBER 2020		EMMAUS EUROPE SECRETARIAT
	Mikel Azkona, Spain Christian Calmejane, France Paul Daroueche, Romania Rosa Gil Elorduy, Spain Simon Grainge, UK	Nathalie Martz, France Aurore Querel, France Eduardo Sanchez, Spain Amanda Steckly, UK Leila Thouret, Romania	Véronica Acevedo Caro, admin-finance assistant Marie Tixier, events coordinator Théo Robin, solidarity coordinator Eve Poulteau, chief executive
	PRESIDENT OF EMMAUS EUROPE	WISE PERSON	GUESTS WITHOUT VOTING RIGHTS
Carina Aaltonen, Finland	Birgitta Goranson Iliste, Sweden	Patrick Atohou, chair of Emmaus International Nathalie Péré-Marzano, chief executive of Emmaus International Michael "Spike" Hudson, member of the executive	

APOLOGIES RECEIVED	COUNCILLORS OF EMMAUS INTERNATIONAL (CEI)	NATIONAL DELEGATES
	Martha Hannus, Finland Michael Heap, UK Maria Luisa Testori, Italy	Annick Berthier, France Julio De La Granja, Belgium Grzegorz Hajduk, Poland Grigory Semenchuk, Ukraine Portugal: post vacant

TRAINING SESSION

Presentation of the role of CEI

Introduction about how the RCEE and executive work - presentation of the remits of the CEIs and national delegates

Delivered by Simon Grainge

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION / DEBATE	DECISIONS
Opening words by Carina Aaltonen	<p>Carina Aaltonen, the newly elected president of Emmaus Europe, welcomed the members elected by the regional assembly, and also welcomed Patrick Atohoun, chair of EI, and Nathalie Péré-Marzano, CEI of EI.</p> <p>She warmly thanked Willi Does, the outgoing president of EE, for his commitment during his presidency over the past four years.</p> <p>Carina emphasized that only the former members of the RC have voting rights at the meeting. She informed the meeting about those unable to attend, and stated that a proxy vote had been received from Maria Luisa Testori for Silvana Nogarole. 18 of the members of the RCEE (one represented) were present, out of a total of 25 members. This meant that a quorum was reached, as the absolute majority needed for voting to take place is 10 votes.</p>	
1. Introductory roundtable	<p>The new CEIs (elected by the regional assembly) and national delegates introduced themselves to those present.</p>	
2. Administrative matters	<p><u>Approval of the post-RAEE regional council agenda</u> No additions, comments or objections were recorded about the agenda.</p> <p><u>Approval of the minutes of the Feb-March 2019 RC held in Paris, France</u> None of the participants wished to make any additions, remarks or oppose the minutes of the February/March 2019 meeting.</p>	<p>The Regional Council unanimously approved the agenda: ✓ <u>For</u>: 19 votes • <u>Abstentions</u>: 0 votes ✗ <u>Against</u>: 0 votes</p> <p>The minutes of the Regional Council held in February/March 2019 in Paris were approved by the majority of the Regional Council. ✓ <u>For</u>: 18 votes • <u>Abstentions</u>: One vote ✗ <u>Against</u>: 0 votes</p>

<p>3. Formation of the Regional Executive</p>	<p>Carina Aaltonen, the new president, asked for volunteers to serve on the new executive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aurore Querel, CEI, volunteered to serve as secretary. - Simon Grainge, CEI, volunteered to serve on the executive. - Eduardo Sanchez, CEI, volunteered to serve on the executive. - Rosa Gil Elorduy, CEI, volunteered to serve on the executive. - Marie Balseca, Italy national delegate, volunteered to serve on the executive. - Leila Thouret, CEI, volunteered to serve on the executive. <p><u>Call for volunteers to serve as treasurer</u></p> <p>As no candidates to serve as treasurer came forward from among the new members of the Regional Executive, Jean-Philippe Légaut, CEI until October 2020 and a former member of the executive, volunteered to be co-opted as the treasurer.</p> <p>This matter will be voted on by the Regional Executive, which will take place after the RC.</p>	<p>The RC approved the new Regional Executive in a majority vote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <u>For</u>: 18 votes • <u>Abstentions</u>: One vote ✗ <u>Against</u>: 0 votes <p>A letter on the assumption of responsibility to all elected representatives of the regional council will be made by Carina and the new treasurer.</p> <p>👁️ Topic raised for discussion but with no decision taken.</p>
<p>4. Information about the European collectives</p>	<p>It was reiterated that the current collective representatives will stay in post until at least the second RCEE so that the new members have time to take part in the collectives and a development strategy has been decided.</p> <p><u>Romania Collective</u></p> <p>Jean-Philippe Légaut, the collective representative, explained to the new elected representatives how the Romania Collective works. The next meeting will be on 28-9 April 2020 in Chalon sur Saône, France.</p> <p><u>South-East Europe Collective (former Bosnia Collective)</u></p> <p>Michael "Spike" Hudson explained to the new elected representatives how the South-East Europe Collective works. The next meeting of the South-East Europe Collective will take place on 20 March 2020 in Osijek in Croatia.</p> <p><u>Poland / Ukraine Collective</u></p> <p>Willi Does explained how the Poland-Ukraine Collective works. Its next meeting will be on 4-5 May 2020 in Metriena, Latvia.</p> <p><u>Migration Collective</u></p> <p>Nathalie Martz raised the matter of the collective and asked whether it would be continued and reorganised. This matter needs to be considered as part of the discussion of the action plan.</p>	<p>👁️ Topic raised for discussion but with no decision taken.</p> <p>👁️ Topic raised for discussion but with no decision taken.</p> <p>👁️ Topic raised for discussion but with no decision taken.</p> <p>👁️ Topic raised for discussion but with no decision taken.</p>

Gélu Nichitel, Leila Thouret, Paul Darouèche and Jean-Philippe Légaut had to leave the meeting at this point to catch their flight back to Romania.
17 voters remained.

5. Vote on terminating the mandate given to Gabriela Martin, the former CEO

Following the departure of Gabriela Martin, the former CEO, the timescales did not leave EE sufficient time to find an immediate replacement.

The Turin RC in October 2018 therefore voted that Gabriela Martin should continue her remit representing EE at CEES and Unite2Care coalition meetings.

Given that the new CEO, Eve Poulteau, arrived in January and can take over this work, the RC was asked to vote on terminating the external representation mandate given to Gabriela Martin on behalf of EE and her work on this subject.

A request was also made for an update to be provided on this subject at the next regional council.

Terminating the mandate given to Gabriela Martin, the former CEO of EE, regarding her involvement in CEES and Unite2Care coalition meetings, was approved by a majority of those present:

✓ For: 16 votes

• Abstentions: One vote

✗ Against: 0 votes

<p>6. Membership applications: validation of the new member groups approved by the national organisations</p>	<p>The former members of the RC received the list of full membership/trial membership/termination of membership applications for the Europe Region.</p> <p>It was explained that groups for which a decision had already been taken by EE, subject to receiving the necessary documentation, were marked in grey.</p> <p>This list solely contains applications from groups already approved by the national organisation. EE needs to rubberstamp this decision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Membership applications made by five UK groups</u> Leicestershire, Salford, Hull, South Wales and North East • <u>Trial membership applications by five groups in France</u> Emmaüs Roya, SOS FE Montauban, SOS FE Pays de Vannes, EE43, and comité amis apt. <p>El is yet to receive the templates from four French groups: ACI Ré-Emploi, Emmaüs Primelin, Terra Alter Est, and 100 pour 1 vendée ouest. However, these groups have submitted their signed membership application forms.</p>	<p>The RC approved the membership applications made by the five UK groups, namely: Leicestershire, Salford, Hull, South Wales and North East</p> <p>✓ <u>For</u>: 15 votes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Abstentions</u>: One vote ✗ <u>Against</u>: 0 votes ▪ <u>Did not vote</u>: One <p>The RC approved the trial membership applications submitted by five groups in France, namely: Emmaüs Roya, SOS FE Montauban, SOS FE Pays de Vannes, EE43, and comité amis apt.</p> <p>✓ <u>For</u>: 15 votes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Abstentions</u>: One vote ✗ <u>Against</u>: 0 votes ▪ <u>Did not vote</u>: One <p>The Regional Council officially recorded the granting of trial membership to the four EF groups, subject to their documentation being received by the time of the next El executive committee meeting.</p> <p>✓ <u>For</u>: 13 votes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Abstentions</u>: Three votes ✗ <u>Against</u>: 0 votes ▪ <u>Did not vote</u>: One
<p>7. 2020 regional schedule</p>	<p><u>Next executive meeting (dual executive)</u> 8-10 January 2020 in Esteville, France.</p> <p><u>Next RCEE (dual meeting)</u> 7-9 April 2020 in Paris, France.</p>	<p>👁️ Topic raised for discussion but with no decision taken.</p> <p>👁️ Topic raised for discussion but with no decision taken.</p>

<p>8. Questions and other matters</p>	<p><u>17 November 2019 - Open day</u> Willi Does mentioned the invitation to the open day on 17 November 2019 sent by EE to the MEPs elected in 2019. He advised the meeting that several positive responses had been received.</p> <p>A meeting with an MEP is planned in early January in Germany.</p> <p><u>European work camp</u> Following discussion with EI, it was decided that the European work camp scheduled for spring 2020 was too close to the world assembly for the EI Secretariat team to get sufficiently involved.</p> <p>Emmaus International has requested that the work camp be postponed until 2021. The work camp was therefore put back until 2021, if possible in Grande Synthe, as initially planned for 2020.</p> <p><u>Emmaus in all of its facets training course in 2020</u> Willi Does volunteered to host the 2020 course at Cologne once again.</p>	<p>• Topic raised for discussion but with no decision taken.</p> <p>• Topic raised for discussion but with no decision taken.</p> <p>• Topic raised for discussion but with no decision taken.</p>
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As there were no further items on the agenda, the President closed the meeting.

Carina Aaltonen
President of Emmaus Europe

Aurore Querel
Secretary of Emmaus Europe