



SUMMARY OF DECISIONS – REGIONAL EXECUTIVE OF EMMAÜS EUROPE - 22/09/22 - VIDEOCONFERENCE

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PRESENT

Carina Aaltonen (president), Aurore Querel (secretary), Jean-Philippe Légaut (treasurer), Leila Thouret, Eduardo Sanchez, and Sabina Arnaut-Jahic.

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Eve Poulteau (chief executive), Marie Tixier (events coordinator), and Emmanuel Rabourdin (solidarity coordinator).

PREAMBLE	
AGENDA ITEM	CONCLUSIONS DECISIONS
<p>1. Administrative matters</p>	<p>The June meeting minutes were approved. Eve suggested providing a summary of decisions in the week following the meeting for future meetings.</p>
<p>2. 2023 RAEE: selection of graphic identity and budget</p>	<p>OK for the tree logo. But make a proposal with smoother hands. + Three info sections and email footer version with all this information. €450 per person registration fee, and inform participants that travel will cost €100-400. Have a tailored rate for two members of the host group who will not be staying at the hotel, and arrange free meals for a dozen volunteers. Solidarity appeal to support groups unable to pay the registration fee (plan to support one person per group, and check if our budget would allow us to do more). Elected representatives pay and are counted as a person from their group. Request €50,000 of decentralisation funding from EI in 2023, and use €25,000 for the RAEE. Amend the budget accordingly in order to present it to the RCEE.</p>
<p>3. Solidarity: 2023 ESP + transition fund + info</p>	<p>GSP: see how to incorporate simple EI criteria into EE's criteria, if not already done (see membership dues, etc). It would be simpler if every year the regions could choose the projects and that all reporting back was done in the EI frameworks. Nova Generacija: €15,000 held in allocated funds for years, in order to help them to stabilise or develop their work. They now need the funding to undertake building work on their premises provided long-term by the local council. This will enable them to bring together their activities. Transition fund: €20,000 maximum per project to enable everyone to submit projects in accordance with a more flexible schedule. OK to send the proposed criteria to the RCEE and try to send out the call for projects to the groups beforehand. Next time, debate whether a project can be partially submitted to the transition fund, and partially to the solidarity fund. OK to pay the travel costs of Giorgi from Geo to attend the Ukraine Collective: €500</p>

	<p>OK for EE to cover Aurore’s travel expenses for the exec, because she also sits on the EI exec, and her involvement is starting to prove onerous for her group.</p> <p>For this RCEE, we will also cover Maryse’s travel expenses, as the group did not receive information about these travel arrangements ahead of time.</p> <p>We need to ask the RCEE about whether it wants to discuss whether we want/can maintain this operating method with the groups paying their elected representatives’ travel expenses, or if we should switch to another method.</p>
<p>4. Strategic plan: the exec’s opinion on the preliminary proposals</p>	<p>Agreed with the main thrusts suggested for the strategic plan, including the nuances added by Leila.</p> <p>The CEIs will keep it in mind when debating with the other regions at the EI Board, and seeing at what level the WA decisions are going to be implemented.</p> <p>A new version will be prepared with these contributions so that it can be discussed at the RCEE.</p> <p>At the collectives before the RCEE, we will repeat the question of the issues that the groups feel will be important over the coming years, and EE’s role, in order to add to this first version of the report: OK.</p>
<p>5. With EI: monitor the EI volunteers and advocacy coordination</p>	<p>No need to set up a new advocacy working group in Europe because these matters are dealt with by the exec. On the other hand, we could invite the EI staff members tasked with this issue to attend when we are reviewing advocacy.</p> <p>More specifically, Eduardo could monitor the coordination of the European volunteers who are going to visit the groups on behalf of EI and report back to the exec.</p>
<p>6. Awareness-raising and advocacy position</p>	<p>The feedback from the RCEE did not contain any opposition to recruiting a new member of staff, but the council members stressed the need to be aware of the remit and allocation of tasks to elected representatives.</p> <p>OK to start the recruitment of a new staff member in early October, on the basis of a one-year renewable contract, and review the economic impact, in particular.</p> <p>A need to be mindful about not overly increasing the number of meetings with this new staff member.</p>
<p>7. Migration Conference</p>	<p>Agreed to the working group’s proposals.</p>
<p>8. Schedule for late 2022 and trip to Ukraine</p>	<p>Carina, Patrick, JP, Emmanuel and Eve are going to visit the two groups in Ukraine following the RCEE to gain a better understanding of the situation, and see the concrete impact of their work and the support provided by the European groups. Meetings with politicians are also planned.</p>
<p>9. Agenda for the next RCEE and facilitation by exec members</p>	<p>Agreed to invite the Polish and Ukrainian groups to take part in the first morning of the RCEE regarding the situation and future of Ukraine.</p> <p>OK for Olivia from the Netherlands to take part, without voting rights, while awaiting the election of a new ND by the Netherlands.</p>

As there were no further items on the agenda, the president closed the meeting.

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