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## Board meeting EUROMET – September 24, 2019 – Tours, France

Presents

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## 1. Welcome

Our Vice-president Kai LAITINEN opens the session and welcomes everybody to Euromet 2019 in France. (Jan-Eric JOSEFSSON joins the meeting a little bit after).

Germany, Estonia and Poland are not represented at the board meeting this year but Estonia and Poland participate to the symposium. Our Vice-President will try to contact Germany to have some news.

(Short introduction of everyone)

## 2. Approval of the present agenda : ok

## 3. Approval of last board-meeting report in Ljubljana in September 2018 (*send to everyone in march*) : ok

## 4. Budget and bank changes assessment

Our financial assistant Jozef GOOS reminds that 5 organizations still didn't pay the 2018 fee. They will be personally contacted to understand why they don't pay. Jan-Eric insists on the importance of being in order: payment of the membership fee means solidarity and involvement in our democratic organization.

Jozef presents the Euromet budget which knows a negative evolution. The Bank balance in September 2018 was about 19.704,82 € and now is 18.946,26€.

Costs Chamber of Commerce in Netherlands	€-18,22
Bank Charges	€-106,88
Webmaster	€-443,46
Financial support to 3 Euromet organizations	€-3.440
Membership fee 2018: 13*250	€3.250

## 5. Presentation of the current symposium and jamboree program

Laurent SALMON explains us what they prepared for this year and hopes we will enjoy our stay here.

He announces that his organization has a new name: "Atouts et perspectives".

## **6. Presentation of the next symposium in England**

Chris WRIGHT, from Catch 22, introduces what they planned for next year (he gives out a document to everyone): “Policy, the public and harnessing young people’s potential: tackling youth crime across Europe”. They want to put the priority on workshops and exchanges between the organizations, defined like a “festival of thoughts”.

Because of the “Brexit issue”, they don’t know if they could get funding from Europe. However, they already have a partnership with Google which should support financially the symposium.

Dates: Chris asks the board for permission to organize the symposium from Wednesday 21<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2020. The Board meeting would take place on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>.

The board approves the date change.

## **7. Confirmation of Belgium as organizer of symposium and jamboree 2021**

De Zande, Oranjehuis and Arpège are still candidates. They will work together this year to be able to present a program, a theme and dates to the next board meeting.

## **8. Confirmation of Estonia as organizer of symposium 2022?**

Estonia had proposed last year to take charge of the symposium 2022. The President will ask their delegation which is in Tours but not represented at the board meeting.

## **9. Website: workgroup**

A group has been constituted with Steven BELLET from De Zande, Lassi KANGASLUOMA from Friends from the young, Thomas FJELLVIND from SIS and Melissa MILNER from Catch 22. They will start working for updating our website here in Tours.

## **10. Proposal for recording the limit of 3 organizations for each country (*till now nothing in the status*)**

Kai explains the choice we have to make: a limit of 3 organizations per country was used up to now (except for Belgium because of the two communities). However, this “rule” doesn’t exist in our status. The board must decide if we formalize it or not. The goal of this rule is

trying to stimulate membership from more different countries instead of more people in each country.

Remarks from the board members:

- Complementarity of the organizations: if they are of different types, it's not a problem to have more than 3 per country.
- The real problem is the money: being member costs too much for some organizations and taking in charge a symposium and a jamboree even more.
- Currently the number of participants is reasonable: it would be "a nice problem" welcoming 300 persons and refusing registrations.
- Euromet prospects: if we want to be representative in Europe and perhaps to lobby for the youngsters' interests, it doesn't make sense to limit the memberships. Another solution could be association or cooperation with other European organizations like Metis Europe or Mental Health in Europe.

Jan-Eric summarize the topic: there are different issues and this proposal couldn't resolve them. So we don't change the status.

### **11. Proposal for searching new candidates**

How can we have more countries here? The best way seems to be contacting organizations at a personal level.

Camelia suggests getting in contact with somebody in Norway.

Sofiane works with an organization in Tanger (Morocco) which couldn't be member because of financial commitment required but Euromet could once organize a symposium there. It could be interesting getting an overview and seeing Europe from outside. We are all concerned by the immigration question too. Moreover, this organization has relationships with Spain.

The first step to become more attractive is having a better website and being present on social media.

### **12. Proposal for limiting the participation fee to 180€**

The participation fee stays within 150€ during years but nowadays it's not enough to cover expenses of a symposium any more. On the other hand, the fee must stay reasonable because it could slow some organizations' participation.

The board fixes a new limit within 180€ for next symposiums.

Another problem for organizers occurs if members drop out late. These withdrawals have an economic impact on the organization. Must they reimburse?

### **13. Debate on French as mandatory (official) language of Euromet**

Historically, Euromet chose 2 different languages with French because the initiative of creation of our organization came from Mettray (France). Moreover, some European countries studied French as second language rather than English (Romania, Poland...).

Currently, this bilingualism is posing a problem regarding costs of translators and equality between the member countries.

The debate is on and different options are proposed. For example, the French speaking members could join to pay their own interpreter; they could come with somebody who could translate for them (as other countries already do)... but nothing is really clear, especially because of lack of time.

Once again, the issue is the money, not really the languages. Moreover reduce to a single language is the opposite of opening Euromet spirit.

So bilingualism officially remains and the Executive Board will try to suggest solutions to the financial issue.

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