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**DRAFT MINUTES**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Hotel Berlin Plaza, Berlin, Germany**  
**Saturday 17 November 2012**

Attendants: Simon Steen, Per Kristensen, Sofia Reis, Zsafia Bak, Viorel Enea, Andreea Bejanariu, Wim Kuiper, Dick Wijte, Roman Nebozhuk, Jolanta Kaluza.

**1. Welcome and apologies for absence**

The chairman reads apology messages from the missing members of MCM and remarks that the existence of personal messages reflect a connection with ECNAIS.

Michal Musil (Czech Republic): Open day of his own national association the very same dates

Aki Alopainen (Finland)

Anna Dobrinevskaia (Belarous)

José María Alvira (Spain)

All members signed a message to the Honorary Life Chairman of ECNAIS, Carlos Diaz who could not attend the Seminar. The chairman informs that Lexia Hulst is not at the secretariat of the meeting, because she is on a illness leave, but her health is progressing. All the members wished a quick recover and a postcard was written. Sofia Reis is writing the minutes.

**2. Approval of the Agenda**

The agenda was approved

**3. The minutes of the Management Committee Meeting**

The minutes of the last Management Committee Meeting, held in Bratislava 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2012 were stated with no amendments or corrections.

**4. Questions to the Executives' written report dated 26 July 2012**

The executives provided some more detailed explanations on the written report dated end of July, namely concerning the decision to withdrawal the submission of a proposal for Jean Monnet LLL program.

There were contacts with experts from Portugal and The Netherlands in order to provide technical assistance to build the project/proposal. However considering:

- that the current year was the last year of the programme and we have been informed about the decrease of the budget, consequently decreasing the chances to be awarded the grant;
- the management of communication, did not change during the past year change inside ECNAIS, and that the main issue on the basis of which our last project (submitted 2011) was not granted;
- the calendar: time lapse between notice of the opening of the call for proposals and the final deadline, and utterly the calendar to put the project into place;

- considering the amount of work required to fulfil the project proposal and the efforts required to observe all administrative and accountability procedures to run the project

We decided not to submit a proposal.

**5. Evaluation of the Conference “Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Independent Schools”**

Bratislava 19 and 20 April 2012

The general evaluation was very positive. Exchange of points of view regarding the qualitative feedback.

**6. Minutes of the regional meeting, Bratislava 21 April 2012 and**

It was suggested that after each meeting of ECNAIS (MCM) a short note addressed to the Ministries of Education is released through the Member Organizations. This note should be a short statement, with the form of a manifesto, underlining the most relevant points tackled and the consensual points debated in every meeting. (Ex. of themes from this meeting: relevance of self-evaluation; parental choice; etc.)

**9. ECNAIS website, IT Platform and Newsletters**

SR presented the outline of the new website and the developments foreseen. The idea is to ‘launch’ the new website in association with the ‘celebrations’ of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of existence of ECNAIS (2013).

Suggestion: to collect the main ideas of themes that have been handled (taken as key themes) by ECNAIS, for the past 25 years, and to make use of the website as a repository of information and data concerning the independent sector in Europe.

**7. Questions regarding prognosis of the budget 2012.**

The treasure presented the prognosis budget of 2012 explaining the major differences between the budget and the realisation either on the charges, with special note for the reduction of the amount for secretariat due to the fact of VBS is not charging ECNAIS during the period of Lexia Hulst’s absence for illness, as well as on the income side – with special note for the members that didn’t pay the subscription fee for the past 4 years. Regarding Slovakia’s situation it was decided to gather more information though MEOPS, with the help of Jolanta Kaluza and Michal Musil. The chairman will contact a former chairman of the Slovak association.

The proposal to state the annual subscription for 2013 on the same level as 2012, *i.e.* : € 1435 for total and € 400 for reduced annual subscription was stated. It was also agreed to send the invoices direct after the Berlin seminar to anticipate the entry of revenue to anticipate possible cash flow problems.

The effective cooperation from VBS staff, namely Peter Warnders and Peter Montagne, was stressed by the treasurer.

**8. Membership/ member contacts**

Special mention to the new member of MCM, the French organization Fondation pour l’École. The Chairman and the Secretary mentioned several contacts during the year with Jacobo and José María Alvira from Escuelas Católicas (Spain); with Aki Alopainen (Finland), with Pia Amacher (Switzerland) and Beatrice Lukas (Austria), the later from parents organizations lobbying for Independent schools. And a contact from an organization in Moldavia was also reported.

**9. Strategic plan: roadmap towards a Strategic plan 2012-2016**

(attached as well: SWOT discussed in Warsaw, November 2011; strategic plan 2008-2012)

The chairman presented an outline for the programme of 2013, considering it will be the year of the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ECNAIS.

The discussion about the number of early events concluded that those were enough moments of gathering, and it more interesting to have a more ambitious programme concentrated in two moments of the year rather than a multitude of smaller activities. So the executives will give priority to the two pillar activities: the conference and MCM meeting in Spring (+ Annual General Meeting) and a seminar and the MCM Autumn.

Some special initiatives, linked with communication, such as a booklet or a brochure to punctuate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ECNAIS will be undertaken. Another relevant information given by the chairman is that Marco Matthijsen is terminating his collaboration with VBS, consequently the newsletter that was produced by him will from now be continued by Peter Warnders.

Considering the limited resources of ECNAIS, activities are limited by the amount of resources captured. So, it is possible that some associations are able to use their influence to accede to resources of funding capable to contribute for a larger budget for 2013 - the year of the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

#### **10. AGM and Conference 2013 – The Hague 18 -20 April 2013**

A draft programme will be present at the meeting

The secretary presented the working title for the conference to be held in The Hague next 18 and 19<sup>th</sup> April. “New landscapes and boundaries of Independent Schools – Schools as reservoirs of hope” exploring the concepts underneath these wording in order to build a concept rich enough for the conference theme. The theme and the structure of the programme were approved.

#### **11. News from EMIE ( meeting 31 May 2012)**

EMIE is playing an increasing active role in sharing information. In January a message to all participants will be send.

#### **12. A.O.B.**

The member from Romania offered to be the host of the Seminar November 2013. The location was not yet decided, and the secretary will help on all organizational details.

It was suggested to create a diploma or a certificate of participation for all attendants in each ECNAIS meeting.

And all members stressed the idea to produce as output of each meeting a conclusions/resolutions document addressed to the Ministries of Education to be spread by all member organizations.