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REFLECTING REMEMBRANCE

TEACHING HISTORY FOR A COMMON CULTURE OF REMEMBRANCE?

7-13 APRIL 2013
ERFURT,
GERMANY

DRAFT MINUTES

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2013 EUROCLIO - European Association of History Educators

12 April 2013 15.00-18.00
Monastery St. Augustiner, Erfurt, Germany



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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Full Members

Public Union of Azerbaijan History Educators	Azerbaijan
EUROCLIO-HIP, History Teacher Association in Bosnia	Bosnia and Herzegovina
Croatian History Teacher Association	Croatia
Association for Historical Dialogue and Research	Cyprus
Czech History Teachers Association, ASUD	Czech Republic
History Teachers Association in Denmark	Denmark
History Teachers Association in Finland, HYOL	Finland
Georgian Association of History Educators, GAHE	Georgia
German History Teacher Association, VGD	Germany
Hungarian Association of History Teachers, TTE	Hungary
Icelandic History Teachers Association	Iceland
History teachers Association of Ireland	Ireland
National Laboratory for the Teaching of History in Italy, LANDIS	Italy
History Teachers Association of Kosovo	Kosovo
Lithuanian History Teachers Association	Lithuania
Association of History Educators of Macedonia	Republic of Macedonia
History Teachers Association of Malta	Malta
National Association of Young Historians in Moldova	Moldova
HIPMONT	Montenegro
Norwegian Historical Association HIFO	Norway
Societatea de Studii Istorice din Romania	Romania
Moscow History Teachers Association	Russia
Tatarstan History Educators Association	Russia
History Teachers Association of Buriatia	Russia
Swiss History Teachers Association, VSGS	Switzerland
Dutch History Teachers Association, VGN	The Netherlands
History Educators Association in Turkey	Turkey
All-Ukrainian History Teachers' Association, Nova Doba	Ukraine
Scottish Association of Teachers of History, SATH	United Kingdom

Associated Members

Educational Research Institute (IBE)	Poland
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Full Members (applying)

Armenian Association of History Educators	Armenia
Polish Association of History Teachers	Poland

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

1. Welcome and Confirmation of the Agenda

Decision: The General Assembly (GA) confirmed the agenda.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly 6 April 2012 in Antalya, Turkey

Decision: The GA approved the minutes.

The minutes can be downloaded here: http://www.euroclio.eu/new/index.php/general-assembly/doc_download/1339-2-minutes-of-the-general-assembly-2012

DISCUSSION POINTS / DEBATES

3. Presentation Results Members Questionnaire

Joke van der Leeuw-Roord, EUROCLIO Executive-Director, presented the results of the Membership Questionnaire. The questionnaire, which was answered by 78% of the EUROCLIO member organisations, gives insights in the composition, communication, challenges, publications, wishes, representation during EUROCLIO annual conference, and relation with educational authorities.

The Presentation is included as *Annex I* to these minutes.

4. Presentation new EU programme Erasmus for All, consequences for EUROCLIO and its Member organizations

Joke van der Leeuw-Roord introduced “Erasmus for All”¹ (that will replace the EU Lifelong Learning Programme) and its consequences for EUROCLIO. She explained that this programme in since 2007 has enabled EUROCLIO to:

- Apply for and benefit from an operating grant, that covered core costs that enabled EUROCLIO to implement its annual action plans and run the association on a European level;
- Apply for and implement a three year project (Exploring European History and Heritage) in which more than 15 member associations actively participated, and which resulted in the first version of the Historiana website; and
- Register its training courses in the Comenius/Grundtvig database, including all conferences, enabling hundreds of history educators from eligible countries (most European countries) to apply and benefit from mobility grants and participate in the conference and further their professional capacities.

Joke van der Leeuw-Roord continued to explain that the introduction of the new programme could have a big impact on EUROCLIO because:

- The operational grant, despite a general increase of the programme budget, might disappear;

¹ Erasmus for All is the new EU programme for education, training, youth and sport proposed by the European Commission and currently being negotiated with the Council (27 Member States) and the European Parliament

- Mobility grants have to be in line with school policy (e.g. It could no longer be enough for educators to get permission to leave, in order to apply and participate, but a bigger effort from the school management is needed in order to apply); and
- There is little recognition of the added value of European Associations.

EUROCLIO is reacting through independent lobbying with the national ministries as well as member state representation in Brussels; combined lobbying with EUCIS-LLL (the European Civil Platform for Lifelong Learning)² and the Erasmus4All Coalition; and development of different scenarios for operating and financing of EUROCLIO post-2013.

5. Geographical Scope of EUROCLIO

Joke van der Leeuw-Roord introduced to this topic for discussion to the GA. In recent years, EUROCLIO has becoming increasingly global and the 'global connections' has been part of EUROCLIO's 2020 policy *"Responsible History Education in a Globalising Society. EUROCLIO's roadmap towards innovative History Education"*. The name of EUROCLIO implies that the association focuses only on Europe, which in some cases stand in the way of implementing the mission, which in itself does not have any geographical boundaries. She emphasised that the European project is not finished. Many challenges remain and will be worked on by EUROCLIO.

The GA was asked (during the break) to discuss amongst each others the pros and cons of changing a geographical focus and possible name change, and use post-its on the flipcharts with their considerations.

Most of the considerations called to keep the name EUROCLIO and to keep an emphasis on Europe, although colleagues from outside Europe partnerships were also encouraged.

DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE RESULTS OF THE YEAR 2012

6. Presentation of the Board Report 2012

During this presentation, Sylvia Semmet, the EUROCLIO President, presented the Board Report of 2012. Sylvia Semmet mentioned several highlights of the work done by EUROCLIO in 2012, including:

- The Annual Conference in 2012 in Antalya;
- The publication of the Educational Resource "Innovative History Education – Exemplar Activities" and the completion of the "A Key to Europe Project" in Turkey;
- The implementation of long multiple year project in the Western Balkans and the Black Sea Region;
- The launch of the first version of the Historiana website and its winning of the MEDEA Special Prize for European Collaboration on the Development of Educational Media.

The board report can be downloaded here:

http://www.euroclio.eu/new/index.php/general-assembly/doc_download/1337-6-board-report-2012.

² <http://www.eucis-lll.eu/>

7. Certified Financial Report 2012 and Background Information

Marjan de Groot-Reuvekamp, EUROCLIO Treasurer and Vice-President, presented to financial report of 2012 to the GA.

Regular Monitoring

The Finance and Governance Committee – in which Marjan de Groot-Reuvekamp and Erwin Capitain are represented – meet regularly with EUROCLIO senior staff to monitor and discuss financial and governance issues.

Financial Result in 2012

The result of the year 2012 is 955 euro. The not-for-profit rule of the Operating Grant that EUROCLIO receives from the EU continues to prevent the building up of a more secure operating reserve.

Changes in 2012

Important change in 2012 has been the change of auditors from EUROCLIO (Mazars instead of PricewaterhouseCoopers); the decision of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs to end its MATRA (Social Transformation) Programme, which up till the present, has been the biggest funder of EUROCLIO programmes.

Membership Fees

There have been more membership fees than budgeted, because there estimation in the budget was conservative. A new rule has been implemented that allows EUROCLIO member organisations to request a lower membership fee, or to become a dormant member. The reduction of the fee results in a corresponding reduction in votes, possibly all voting rights.

2014

The biggest concern for EUROCLIO in 2014 is the possible loss of the EU Operating Grant. This has been

The Financial Report can be downloaded here:

http://www.euroclio.eu/new/index.php/general-assembly/doc_download/1336-7-financial-report-2012

8. Report of the Audit Committee

Marat Gibatdinov and Martin Liepach presented the report of the Audit Committee to the GA and gave a positive voting advice.

The Report of the Audit Committee is included as *Annex II*

9. Discharge of EUROCLIO Board

Decision: The GA discharged the EUROCLIO Board for 2012.

Decision: The GA approved the Annual Report 2012.

10. Progress Report Friends of EUROCLIO Foundation

Erwin Capitain, board member of both the EUROCLIO Association and EUROCLIO Foundation, updated the GA about the progress made by the Friends of EUROCLIO

Foundation that has been launched during the Annual Meeting of EUROCLIO in 2012 in Antalya.

The Friend of EUROCLIO Foundation asks for individual donations, finds corporate donors and looks for charity funds. In 2012, the Foundation has received 2.300 euro from donations, for which the Foundation is very grateful. It is also received support from corporate donors, such as Microsoft (who provided free software to EUROCLIO). The next steps for the Foundation is to make a separate website and to address corporate sponsors. Erwin Capitain reminded the GA of the possibility of making a donation via PayPal and asked the GA to help spread the word.

OFFICIAL PROCEDURES

11. Amending the Internal Rules

Decision: The GA accepted the following amended change to the internal rules:

ARTICLE VI: TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Unresolved conflicts within Member Associations

The Membership of the Association shall lapse three months after an unresolved dispute has arisen in the leadership of the Association and multiple parties claim to represent the Member Association. The Board is mandated to take such a decision. All parties involved can apply for a new membership following the procedures in the Internal Rules. The General Assembly will decide upon the applications.

12. Appointing the Voting Committee

Decision: The GA appointed Jan van der Leeuw, Neil Jonhnston and Will Bouwman as the Voting Committee.

13. Election of Members of Audit Committee

For the Audit Committee of the General Assembly in 2014 there is one vacancy, as Marat Gibatdinov reached the 3rd and final year of his 2nd term. The other Audit Committee members are:

- Martin Liepbach, who will then be in the 2nd year of his 1st term
- Anne Kjersti Jacobsen, who will then be in the 2nd year of her 2nd term.

Two candidates applied to be member of the Audit Committee: Besnik Emini (Board member of the History Teachers Association of Macedonia – HTAM) and Julia Kushnereva (President of the Moscow History Teachers Association).

Besnik Emini explained that as host of the next EUROCLIO Annual Meeting it would be practical to have a member of the audit committee who will definitely be there. Julia Kushnereva explained that she has experience as treasurer and vice-president of the

Moscow HTA.

14. Presentation of Candidates for the Board

15. Re-election EUROCLIO Board Members

- a. Semih Aktekin
- b. Erwin Capitain
- c. Marjan de Groot-Reuvekamp
- d. Peder Wiben

Sylvia Semmet presented the Board members that were up for re-election. Background information for each board member can be found here:

http://www.euroclio.eu/new/index.php/general-assembly/cat_view/317-members/347-governance/389-general-assembly/1254-2013-general-assembly-erfurt/1270-14-euroclio-board-members-for-re-election

16. Election of a new EUROCLIO Board Member

- a. Paolo Ceccoli
- b. Marat Gibatdinov
- c. Penelope Harnett
- d. Neil McLennan
- e. Mire Mladenovski
- f. Ibrahim Turan

Background to the board candidates can be found here:

http://www.euroclio.eu/new/index.php/general-assembly/cat_view/317-members/347-governance/389-general-assembly/1254-2013-general-assembly-erfurt/1269-16-euroclio-board-membership-candidates

17. Voting for EUROCLIO Member organisations

a. Full Membership

- 1. Armenian Association of History Educators
- 2. Association of Secondary School Teachers in Israel
- 3. Polish Association of History Educators

b. Associated Membership

- 1. American Historical Association
- 2. Association Civisme et démocratie - CIDEM
- 3. Associazione Linea Gotica - Officina della Memoria
- 4. Bilasuvar Lyceum
- 5. Euskal Herriko Ikastolak Europar Kooperatiba Elkartea
- 6. International Baccalaureate

More information about the EUROCLIO member applicants can be found here:

http://www.euroclio.eu/new/index.php/general-assembly/cat_view/317-members/347-governance/389-general-assembly/1254-2013-general-assembly-erfurt/1268-17-euroclio-membership-applications

DISCUSS AND APPROVE THE PLANNING: 2013 AND BEYOND

18. Budget 2013

Marjan de Groot-Reuvekamp presented the Budget 2013 to the GA. The Budget 2013 can be downloaded here: http://www.euroclio.eu/new/index.php/general-assembly/doc_download/1334-18-budget-2013

Decision: The GA approved the Budget 2013.

19. Action Plan 2013

Joke van der Leeuw-Roord presented the Action Plan 2013 to the GA. The Action Plan can be downloaded here: http://www.euroclio.eu/new/index.php/general-assembly/doc_download/1333-19-action-plan-2013

Decision: The GA approved the Action Plan 2013.

REPORT OF THE VOTING COMMITTEE

20. Board Members

Election Audit Committee

The Voting Committee announced that Yulia Kushnevera has been elected for the Audit Committee (She received 30 votes and Besnik Emini 20 votes), that all EUROCLIO board members who stood for re-election have been accepted for another term, and that Mire was the clear winner for the board vacancy.

Decision: The GA elected Yulia Kushnevera as member of the Audit Committee for her first term.

Decision: The GA elected Semih Aktekin, Erwin Capitain, Marjan de Groot-Reuvekamp and Peder Wiben as Board member for their second term.

Decision: The GA elected Mire Mladenovski as member of the Board for his first term.

21. EUROCLIO Member Organisations

The Voting Committee announced that an overwhelming majority has accepted all candidate member organisations as EUROCLIO members.

Decision: The GA accepted the “Armenian Association of History Educators”, the “Association of Secondary School Teachers in Israel”, and the “Polish Association of History Educators” as Full Member Organisations of EUROCLIO.

Decision: The GA accepted the “American Historical Association”, “Association Civisme et démocratie – CIDEM”, “Associazione Linea Gotica - Officina della Memoria”, “Bilasovar Lyceum”, “Euskal Herriko Ikastolak Europar Kooperatiba Elkartea” and the “International Baccalaureate” as Associated Member Organisations of EUROCLIO.

ANNOUNCEMENT

22. Presentation International Seminar Fall 2013 by Jonathan Even-Zohar.

Jonathan Even-Zohar, EUROCLIO Senior Manager, introduced the programme of the International Seminar “*Teaching Intercultural Citizenship through Historical Heritage and*

Memory – Traces of the Past as Resources for Living Together” that EUROCLIO organises in close partnership with Ikastolen Elkartea (Basque School Networks) in San Sebastian from 11-17 November.

More information is available at: <http://www.euroclio.eu/new/index.php/-intercultural-citizenship-san-sebastian-spain>

23. Presentation Annual Meeting 2014 Ohrid, Republic Macedonia by Mire Mladenovski and Jonathan Even-Zohar

Jonathan Even-Zohar, introduced the programme of the 21st EUROCLIO Annual Training Course *“History Education Beyond Borders – How can we Share Our Cultural heritage?”* that EUROCLIO organises in close partnership with ANIM (Association of History Teachers of Macedonia) in Ohrid from 31 March to 6 April.

More information is available at: <http://www.euroclio.eu/new/index.php/2014-ohrid>

24. Executive Director EUROCLIO by Joke van der Leeuw-Roord and Sylvia Semmet

Joke van der Leeuw-Roord announced that she will retire after 2013 as Executive-Director at EUROCLIO. There will be an official ceremony during the next Annual Meeting. Jonathan Even-Zohar and Steven Stegers will be installed as Director and Deputy-Director after her retirement.

25. Any Other Notified Business

The State of History Education in Russia (put on the agenda by Rasmus Østergaard, Danish History Teachers Association)

In Russia there are plans to make one history textbook compulsory. Marat Gibatdinov gave a presentation of the recent developments as part of the roundtable discussions of the Annual Conference 2013 preceding the GA. In a reaction to the new plans, the GA was asked to approve a statement.

Decision: The GA approved the statement on history education in Russia (See *Annex III*)

Consultation on National History Curriculum for England and Wales (put on the agenda by Ian Phillips, HTEN)

The introduction of a new National History Curriculum has led to a lot of debate in England and Wales. Some EUROCLIO members have serious concerns with the plans for the new curriculum, which according to many has been written by the Secretary of State for Education himself. Objections raised were that the nature of the content almost makes it impossible to fulfill the aims required, and that the curriculum was very inward looking. The GA was requested to partake in the consultation issued by the government

Decision: The GA agreed to participate in the consultation on the National Curriculum in England and Wales and drafted a text (See *Annex IV*)

Status of History Education in Ireland (put on the agenda by Peter Gallanger, Irish History Teachers Association)

In Ireland, History (in contrast to Irish, English, Maths and Science) is no longer a compulsory subject for students of 12-16 year old. The Irish History Teachers Association regrets this and called on the GA to voice their discontent with this development to the educational authorities in Ireland and request to keep History education as a mandatory subject.

Decision: The GA approved the draft letter to Irish Ministry of Education (See *Annex V*)

Decision: To request EUROCLIO member organisations to send proposals to advance be send to edit and draft in advance.

ANNEXES

Annex I – Presentation Membership Survey

Annex II – Audit Committee Report on 2012

Annex III – Statement on History Education in Russia

Annex IV – Consultation on the National Curriculum in England and Wales

Annex V – Status of History Education in Ireland

ANNEX I

PRESENTATION MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

20 years EUROCLIO European Association of History Educators

EUROCLIO MEMBERSHIP SURVEY 2012 RESULTS

JOKE VAN DER LEEUW-ROORD
ERFURT, GERMANY
APRIL 2013

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78 % of EUROCLIO Member Associations Responded

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Profile of EUROCLIO Member Association

Features predominantly

Feature	Percentage
History teachers working at secondary schools	100%
History teachers working with vocational students	89%
History textbook authors	83%
History teachers working at primary school	72%
History curriculum developers	69%
Specialists in history didactics/ Theory of history education	67%
Academic Historians	61%
History assessment specialists	57%

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Profile of EUROCLIO Member Associations

EUROCLIO Member Associations predominantly features the below group

- History teachers working at secondary schools
- History teachers working with vocational students
- History textbook authors
- History teachers working at primary school
- History curriculum developers
- Specialists in history didactics/ Theory of history education
- Academic historians
- History assessment specialists
- Pre-service history teacher trainers
- In-service history teacher trainers
- History inspectors
- History specialists in Ministry of Education

13 % of Member Associations encompasses all these categories

37 % of Member Associations encompasses 8 of these categories

35 % of Member Associations encompasses 5 of these categories

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The most frequently organized Activities by EUROCLIO Member Associations

Activity	Percentage
General Assembly	78%
In-service Training	70%
Field Trip	33%

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EUROCLIO Member Organizations are invited by their Educational Authorities to participate in

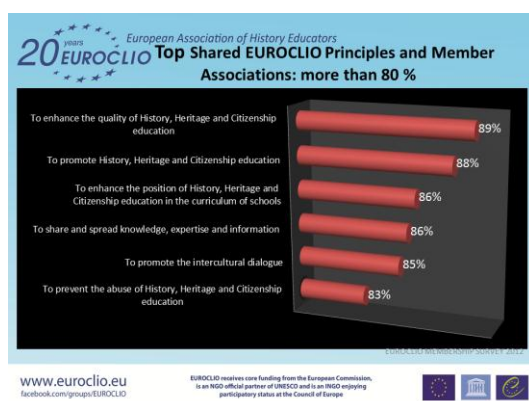
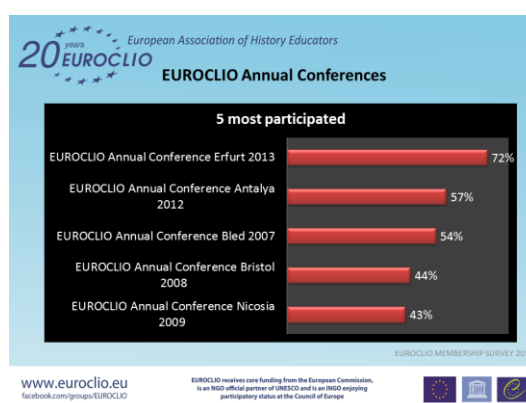
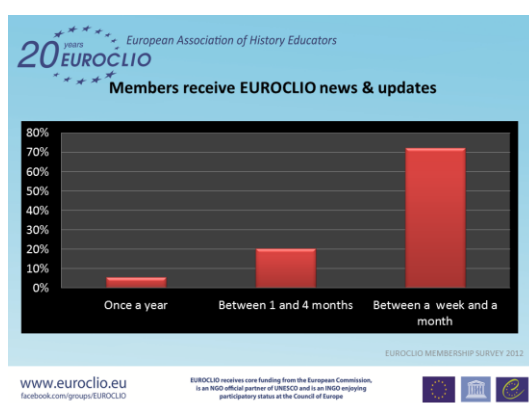
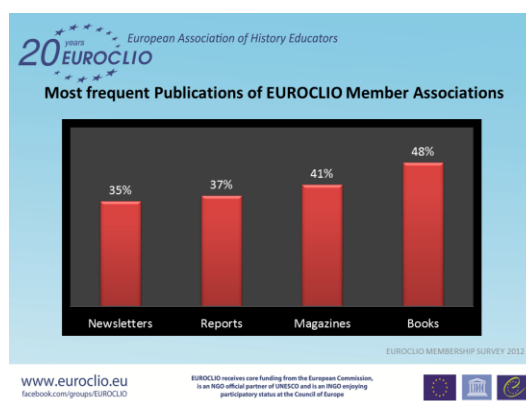
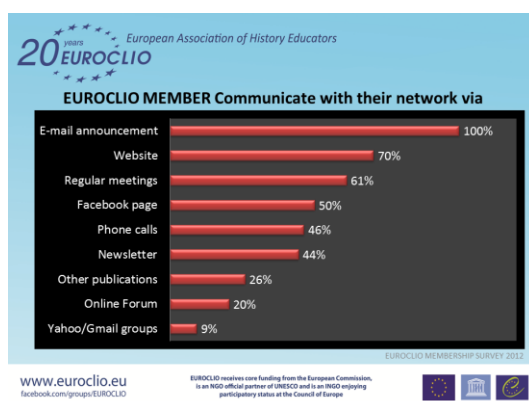
Activity	Percentage
Teacher Pre-Service Training	40%
Textbook Development	40%
Assessment Development	50%
Curriculum Development	70%
Teacher In-service Training	70%

EUROCLIO MEMBERSHIP SURVEY 2012

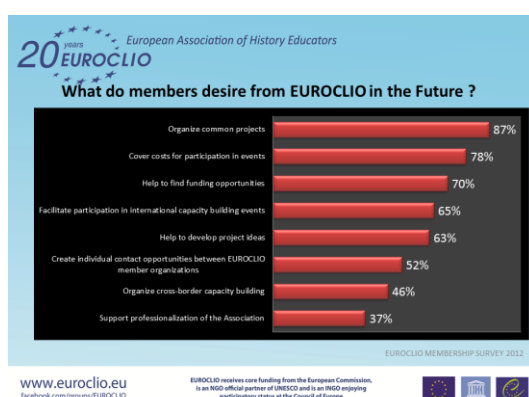
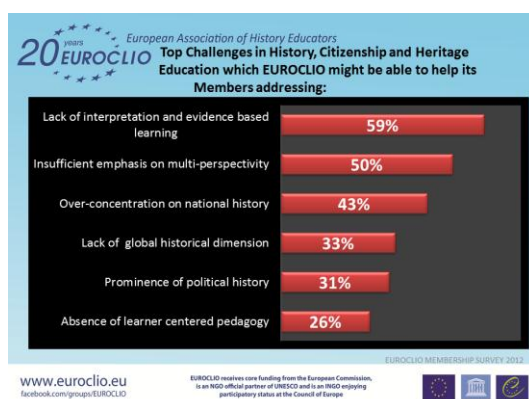
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ANNEX 1: Draft Minutes GA2013
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE EUROCLIO GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2013



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ANNEX II

Audit Committee Report on 2012

Report

Members of Audit Committee Marat Gibatdinov (Russ. Fed. Tartastan HTA) and Martin Liepach (German History Teacher Association) meet representatives of EUROCLIO Board Marjan de Groot-Reuvekamp, Sylvia Semmet, Erwin Capitain and Secretariat Jonathan Even-Zohar in Erfurt (Hotel Radisson Blue) at 8th April 2013.

The other member of Audit Committee Anne Kjersti Jacobsen (Norwegian HTA) could not join us behalf of personal reasons.

First of all we can state that all members of Audit Committee received all necessary materials and Annual Report at the time and were able to study all quite detailed documents. During the meeting we asked a lot of questions about the financial policy and received exhaustive answers and explanations.

Following topics were discussed during the meeting:

1. Financial result of 2012
2. Overview Payment Membership fees
 - a. Who paid (onscreen)
 - b. Who did not pay.
 - c. Who made an arrangement
 - d. Policy on dormant members.
3. Audit by Mazars
4. Running projects
5. Budget 2013 and financial situation after 2013
6. European policy on grants (especially the Operating Grant)
7. Procedure in the GA

We went through the running projects and were informed about Board and Secretariat efforts for organizing several projects and programs for the better economic development of EUROCLIO. We appreciate the outstanding efforts of the staff.

We learn that the present financial situation of EUROCLIO is stable but there some challenges because of the change of the principles of the European Grant policy. Board and Secretary have this in their focus and have plans for different scenarios how to react.

We were very satisfied with the answers given by the Board and Secretariat members and would like to advise General Assembly to approve the annual financial report.

Erfurt, 11.4.2013

Marat Gibatdinov

Martin Liepach

ANNEX III
STATEMENT ON HISTORY EDUCATION IN RUSSIA

Declaration from the EUROCLIO general assembly 11th of april 2013,

It is with great anticipation we are looking forward to your reform in which history will be taught in the Russian Federation.

As members of EUROCLIO, we are hoping this reform will contribute to improving Russian society, and promote the interests and the well-being of all citizens in the Russian Federation.

We, as history teachers, believe that the way forward for the teaching of history is to empathize with our common European roots and cultural heritage which has enabled all European countries to prosper and has attempted to solve common problems in the past.

We actively support cooperation between history teachers across Europe in sharing core values, engaging and effective pedagogy and teaching professional developments. History has a pivotal role to play in any curriculum. Our shared European heritage is fundamental to the work of preparing young people as future citizens and encouraging remembrance, critical awareness and toleration of diversity. We want young people to communicate with each other and to positively confront issues in a fast changing world.

EUROCLIO would want every curriculum to make transnational connections, to understand how individual nation states relate to each other and to foster collaborative partnerships.

We welcome every opportunity to engage with discussions on implementing the new curriculum.

The cooperation between Russians and us, your fellow Europeans, is of great importance for the well-being of the entire Eurasian continent. A good relationship between us will greatly improve our chances of facing the many challenges, which we will face together in the future in a fast changing world. We welcome opportunities to share these hopes with you.
With the best of hopes for the future of Europe.

Date: 12 April 2013

Signed: Heads of National History Teachers Associations, EUROCLIO Board.

ANNEX IV
CONSULTATION ON THE NATIONAL CURRICULUM IN ENGLAND AND WALES

To: Michael Gove: Secretary of State for Education.

EUROCLIO is interested to hear of the proposed changes to the National Curriculum in England and Wales.

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ANNEX V
STATUS OF HISTORY EDUCATION IN IRELAND

EUROCLIO, the Association of History Educators of Europe, formally expresses its concern at the new policy of the Department of Education and Skills in Ireland which has changed the status of history in second-level schools.

We believe that this policy will downgrade history from being a stand-alone subject in Irish schools, as it will no longer be an integral part of the core curriculum for Junior cycle students. This will deprive future generations of a knowledge, understanding and appreciation of their historical past and heritage. We are aware that the History Teachers Association of Ireland, which has been an active member of EUROCLIO for 20 years, also shares our concern.

From EUROCLIO Board

To Minister Ruairi Quin, Minister of Education & Science