

DRAFT MINUTES

General Assembly 2012

6 April 2012, Hotel Kervansaray, Antalya, Turkey



Each year, during the Annual Professional Training and Development Conference, the highest governing body of EUROCLIO convenes during the General Assembly to evaluate the past year, make plans for the future, elect Board Members and make more decisions. The General Assembly of EUROCLIO in 2012 took place in the Antalya (Turkey) during the 19th Annual Conference "Looking at History through a Variety of Lenses"

REPRESENTATION

Association Board:

Present: Semih AKTEKIN (Secretary), Erwin CAPITAIN (Financial Advisor), Marjan de GROOT-REUVEKAMP (Treasurer), Vassiliki SAKKA (President), and Peder WIBEN (communications officer).
Excused: Sylvia SEMMET (vice-president).

Audit Committee:

Present: Marat GIBATDINOV and AnneKjersti JACOBSEN. Excused: Hans ALMGREN

Full members represented:

1. Union of the Armenian History Educators (**Armenia**)
2. Public Union of the Azerbaijan Historians (**Azerbaijan**)
3. EUROCLIO-HIP (**Bosnia-Herzegovina**)
4. Croatian History Teachers Teacher's Association (**Croatia**)
5. Association of Historical Dialogue and Research (**Cyprus**)
6. Danish History Teacher's Association (**Denmark**)
7. EestiAjaloopetajateSelts(**Estonia**)
8. Historian ja Yhteiskuntapin Opettajien Liitto - HYOL (**Finland**)
9. Verband der Geschichtslehrer Deutschland e.V (**Germany**)
10. Georgian History Educators Association (**Georgia**)
11. History Teacher's Association of Iceland (**Iceland**)
12. Irish History Teachers Association (**Ireland**)
13. Il Laboratorio Nazionale per la Didattica Della Storia - LANDIS (**Italy**)
14. History Teachers Association of Kosovo (**Kosovo**)
15. History Teachers Association of Macedonia (**Macedonia**)
16. Maltese History Teachers Association (**Malta**)
17. The National Association of Young Historians of Moldova (**Moldova**)
18. HIPMONT (**Montenegro**)
19. VGN – Vereniging van Docenten in Geschiedenis en Staatsinrichting in Nederland (**The Netherlands**)
20. HIFO – Norwegian History Teachers Association (**Norway**)
21. History Teachers Association of Moscow (**Russia**)
22. History Teachers Association of Tatarstan (**Russia**)
23. Association for Social History of Serbia (**Serbia**)
24. Slovenian History Teachers Association (**Slovenia**)
25. History Teachers Association of Switzerland (**Switzerland**)
26. History Educators Union Association of Turkey (**Turkey**)
27. All-Ukrainian Association of Teachers of History and Social Studies 'Nova Doba' (**Ukraine**)
28. History Teachers Education Network (**United Kingdom**)

AGENDA

14.30 - 14.45

1. Welcome and confirmation of the Agenda
2. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly on April 9, 2011 in Kryzowa, (Poland)
3. Announcements
 - a. Outcome of Voting / EUROCLIO Membership Fee 2012
 - b. EUROCLIO Ambassadors

14.45 - 15.15

Discuss and approve the results for 2011

4. Presentation of the Board Report 2011 by the President
5. Certified Financial Report 2011 & Background Information
6. Report of the Audit Committee
7. Discharge of EUROCLIO Board
8. Election of new Audit Committee

15.15 - 16.00

Discuss and approve Future Planning: 2012 and beyond

9. Budget 2012
10. Action Plan 2012
11. Internal Rules

16.00 - 16.30

Official Procedures

12. Presentation of candidates for the two Board vacancies
13. Election of new EUROCLIO Board Members
14. Voting for new EUROCLIO Member organizations
 - a. Full Membership
 - b. Associated Membership

16.30 - 17.00 Coffee Break

17.00 - 18.00

15. Voting Results (Announcement on the New President)

Discussion Points / Debates (issues?)

16. Adoption of EUROCLIO recommendation on teaching migration in history education
17. Presentation Annual Meeting 2013 Erfurt, Germany
18. Launch of EUROCLIO 20 years Anniversary: web-site
19. Presentation new EU programme Erasmus for All, consequences for EUROCLIO and its Member organizations. Statement on teachers Mobility
20. Any other notified business

14.30 - 14.45

1. Welcome and confirmation of the Agenda

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Resulting from the General Assembly 2012

- A Audit Committee Report on 2011
- B Internal Rules
- C Survey Results for the General Assembly

PART 1: Welcome and Introduction

1. Welcome and confirmation of the Agenda

EUROCLIO president Vassiliki SAKKA opened the General Assembly, welcomed all representatives and excused (vice-president) Sylvia SEMMET, who couldn't make it to the General Assembly because of health reasons.

AnneKjersti JACOBSEN proposed to move the election of the Audit Committee after the voting on the Internal Rules on the agenda.

Decision: To confirm the agenda with the proposed change by AnneKjersti JACOBSEN.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the General Assembly on April 9, 2011 in Kryzowa, (Poland)

Decision: To approve the minutes of the General Assembly 2011

The minutes have been prepared as Annex and is available online at www.euroclio.eu.

3. Announcements

a. Outcome of Voting EUROCLIO Membership Fee 2012

Marjan de GROOT-REUVEKAMP informed the General Assembly about the outcome of the voting for the proposal to change the membership fee system from 2012 on, that has been designed to make more transparent and fairer system in relation to the incomes of teachers in the different European countries.

65 members 37 (more than 50%) have casted their vote:

- Yes 41 (76%)
- No 6 (11%)
- Abstain 7 (13%)

Part of the new system is a procedure to inform the Audit Committee with regard to non-paying members and fees differentiating from the table.

The letter to members has been prepared as Annex and is available online at www.euroclio.eu.

b. EUROCLIO Ambassadors

Vassiliki SAKKA explained that in 2011 the Board decided to create the position of EUROCLIO Ambassadors. EUROCLIO ambassadors are people who over a longer period of time have shown great commitment to the Association and have been promoting the Association, its mission and principles. The ambassadors will help to represent EUROCLIO at international meetings and events.

The criteria for EUROCLIO ambassadors and more details on this announcement have been prepared as Annex and is available online at www.euroclio.eu.

PART 2: Discuss and approve the results of the year 2011

4. Presentation of the Board Report 2011 by the President

Vassiliki SAKKA presented the Board Report 2011 to the General Assembly. This report gives information about work of EUROCLIO in 2011. The Board Report contains information about the EUROCLIO mission and working areas, the development of EUROCLIO as International Focal Point for the Advancement of History, Heritage and Citizenship Education as well as information about the projects and programmes, development of the Association. The work of the Secretariat was mentioned, and issues of concern related to the sustainability of EUROCLIO were shared.

The Board Report 2011 has been prepared as Annex and is available online at www.euroclio.eu.

Decision: The Board Report 2011 has been approved

5. Certified Financial Report 2011 & Background Information

Marjan de GROOT-REUVEKAMP presented the financial report of 2011. She stressed that the small positive result of 167 euro for 2011 is due to the fact that the staff members of EUROCLIO waived the over-hours that they worked. Otherwise there would have been a significant loss. She explained that the board was sorry that Maria KAZAMIKI, Elena KANAVA, Blandine SMILANKSY and Patrick BARKER could not be kept as staff members of EUROCLIO. New employees are Aysel GOYAJEVA and Geert KESSELS. Also in 2012, Blandine SMILANSKY joined EUROCLIO, again on a part-time basis.

The Financial Report 2011 has been prepared as Annex and is available online at www.euroclio.eu.

Decision: The Financial Report 2011 has been approved

6. Report of the Audit Committee

Marat GIBATDINOV and AnneKjersti JACOBSEN presented the Audit Committee Report based on the information session they had with board members Erwin CAPITAIN (Financial Advisor), Marjan de GROOT-REUVEKAMP (Treasurer), and EUROCLIO staff member Steven STEGERS. The third member of the Audit Committee Hans ALMGREN, who couldn't be present because of health reasons, was excused.

The Audit Committee Report is included as Annex (see below) to these minutes.

7. Discharge of EUROCLIO Board

Decision: The General Assembly discharged the EUROCLIO Board 2011.

8. Election of new Audit Committee

Hans ALMGREN finished the end of his term for the audit committee. Marat GIBATDINOV and AnneKjersti JACOBSEN, the other two members of the Audit Committee nominated Martin LIEPACH as new Audit Committee Member. Martin LIEPACH is member of the Verband der Geschichtslehrer Deutschland e.V. in Germany who is co-organizing the EUROCLIO Annual Conference in 2013.

Decision: To elect Martin LIEPACH as member of the Audit Committee

PART 3: Discuss and approve the Planning: 2012 and beyond

9. Budget 2012

Marjan de GROOT-REUVEKAMP presented the Budget 2012 to the General Assembly. The budget foresees € 1,298,431.42 income and € 1,300,169.65 expenditure. The budget has been approved on 10 December 2011 by the Board.

The Budget 2012 has been prepared as Annex and is available online at www.euroclio.eu.

Decision: To approve the budget 2012.

10. Action Plan 2012

Joke van der LEEUW-ROORD, Executive-Director, presented the Action Plan 2012 to the General Assembly. The action plan explains what EUROCLIO will do in terms of the policy areas of EUROCLIO's Roadmap toward Innovative History Education 'Responsible History Education in a Globalizing Society' (visualized below)



The Action Plan 2012 has been prepared as Annex and is available online at www.euroclio.eu.

Decision: To approve the Action Plan 2012.

11. Internal Rules

Vassiliki SAKKA presented the Internal Rules that have been developed by the Board.

The Internal Rules contain information on Membership (Fees and number of Votes, Collection Policy, and Member Registration) the General Assembly (Chairing the Meeting, Voting Procedure, Costs of Attendance, and Procedures of the General Assembly), the Board, and the Audit Committee (Election of the Audit Committee and Procedures and Methods).

AMENDMENT

AnneKjersti JACOBSEN, following communication with Hans ALMGREN, propose to amend the internal rules for the Audit Committee so that member of the Audit Committee can be re-elected for a term of 2 years, with the possibility of being re-elected at the end of the first term for another 2-years.

The Internal Rules have been prepared as Annex and are available online at www.euroclio.eu.

Voting Results: 23 votes in favour, 2 votes against and 2 abstained.

Decision: To approve the Internal Rules with the Amendment

PART 4: Official Procedures

Elbert ROEST, Riita MIKKOLA and AnneKjersti JACOBSEN formed the voting committee

12. Presentation of candidates for the two Board vacancies

With Vassiliki SAKKA at the end of her second three-year term, and Sylvia SEMMET at the end of her first three-year term, there were two Board Vacancies.

Erwin CAPITAIN explained the voting procedures with references to the relevant articles of the statutes.

The Board proposed to first vote on the re-election of Sylvia SEMMET who they also proposed as the new president and there were no objections to this procedure.

Voting Results: 20 votes in favour, 0 votes against and 0 are abstaining.

Decision: To re-elect Sylvia SEMMET as Board member

13. Election of new EUROCLIO Board Members

There were 12 candidates for the remaining board vacancy:

- 1) Ziyad AMRAHOV, Azerbaijan
- 2) Katerina BRENTANOU, Greece
- 3) Paolo CECCOLI, Italy
- 4) Bojana DUJKOVIC BLAGOJEVIC, Bosnia-Herzegovina
- 5) Souad HALILA, Tunisia
- 6) Albert HANI, Republic of Macedonia
- 7) Rauf HUSEYNZADEH, Azerbaijan
- 8) Lóa STEINUNN KRISTJÁNSDÓTTIR, Iceland
- 9) Neil McLENNAN, United Kingdom
- 10) Mire MLADNOVSKI, Republic of Macedonia
- 11) Sergiu MUSTEATA, Republic of Moldova
- 12) Heigo RITSBEK, Estonia

The motivation and qualification of the candidates had been prepared as Annex and are available online at www.euroclio.eu.

The board candidates that were present (Katerina BRENTANOU, Souad HALILA, and Lóa STEINUNN KRISTJÁNSDÓTTIR) presented themselves to the General Assembly and Paolo CECCOLI and Mire MLADNOVSKI were presented by the respectively Francesco MONDUCA and Besnik EMINI.

Riita MIKKOLA requested before the voting took place to get the exact information about the number of votes. A discussion followed, resulting in the decision to grant this request when 2 associations voted to withhold the information about the exact number of votes (only announcing the winner of the elections).

Decision: To announce the number of votes during the General Assembly

Voting Results: Katerina BRENTANOU (4 votes), Paolo CECCOLI (1 vote), Souad HALILA (1 vote), Lóa STEINUNN KRISTJÁNSDÓTTIR (21 votes), Mire MLADNOVSKI (19 votes), Sergiu MUSTEATA (1 vote), empty (1 vote).

Because there was no majority after the first round, a second round of votes was done with the two candidates that had most votes: Lóa STEINUNN KRISTJÁNSDÓTTIR and Mire MLADNOVSKI (see point 15).

14. Voting for new EUROCLIO Member Organizations

In 2012, 2 organizations applied for full membership and 7 applied for associated partnership. The board has been encouraged to make policy to ensure that what EUROCLIO members do is in support of the EUROCLIO mission.

a. Full Membership

- i. Gesellschaft für Geschichtsdidaktik Österreich/ Society for History Didactics Austria, Vienna, Austria
- ii. History Teachers Association of Buriatia, Russia

b. Associated Membership

- i. Auschwitz Jewish Center, Oświęcim, Poland
- ii. Association for Citizenship Teaching London England
- iii. Digital Heritage, London England
- iv. Educational Research Centre, Warsaw, Poland
- v. Faculty of Philosophy, University of Split, Split, Croatia
- vi. Pedagogical Institute of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus
- vii. China Association or NGO Cooperation

Result: To accept all full and associated member applications listed above. With the exception of the China Association or NGO cooperation, which was accepted as member with a majority of the votes, all applications were accepted unanimously.

15. Voting Results (Announcement on the New President)

Voting Results: Lóa STEINUNN KRISTJÁNSDÓTTIR (24 votes), Mire MLADNOVSKI (19 votes), not accepted (2 votes).

Decision: Loa has been elected as new board member

PART 5: Discussion Points / Debates

16. Adoption of EUROCLIO recommendation on teaching migration in history education

Jonathan EVEN-ZOHAR presented the recommendation on teaching migration in history education that has been developed in the Connecting Europe through History Project. The recommendation was presented to the General Assembly.

About the Recommendation

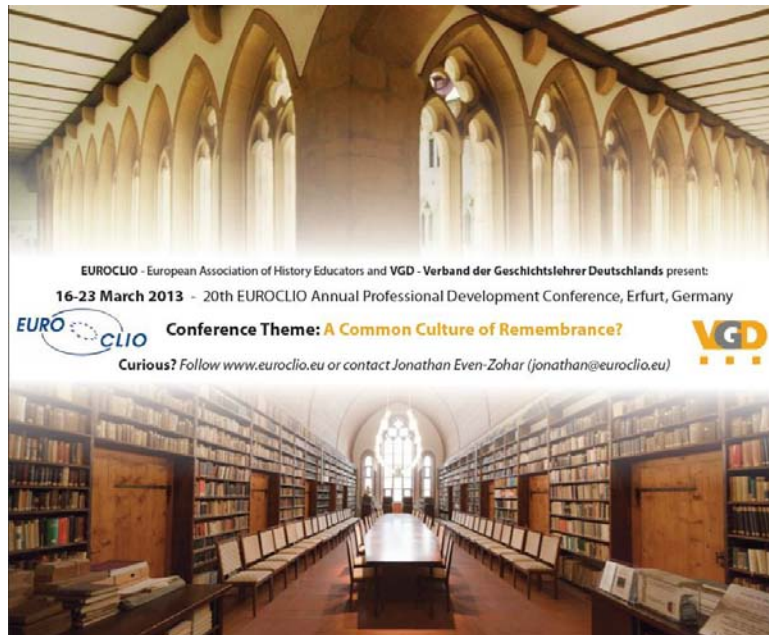
How can migration be integrated into the history school curricula? How should this topic be taught in the class room? What can we learn from past perspectives on migration to create a better future? To address these issues, EUROCLIO, The Europaeum and ISHA embarked on an 18-month project Connecting Europe through History – Experiences and Perceptions of Migrations in Europe, offering a series of nine conferences and workshops in a range of European member States. Debates during these events created and reinforced connections between academics, teachers, students and parents– a special blend of civil society organisations –putting schools and education at the heart of society. The key aim was to find ways to overcome the cultural differences that divide societies, caused in part by movements of people within and between national territories

The recommendation has been included as Annex and is available online. More information about the project can be found at www.connectinghistory.eu.

Decision: To approve the EUROCLIO recommendation on teaching migration in history education.

17. Presentation Annual Meeting 2013 Erfurt, Germany

Jonathan EVEN-ZOHAR presented the Conference ‘A Common Culture of Remembrance’ that will take place in Erfurt, Germany from 16-23 March 2013. The General Assembly 2013 will take place during this conference that is co-organized with the Verband der Geschichtslehrer Deutschland e.V. in Germany.



18. Launch of EUROCLIO 20 years Anniversary: web-site

Geert KESSELS, project coordinator presented the 20 years Anniversary website that he developed with the help of trainees at EUROCLIO, especially Mirjam ZEILMAKERS. The website visualizes all the activities of EUROCLIO since its foundation in 1992.



Visitors to the website are encouraged to share experiences that will be used to see what the impact of EUROCLIO over the last 20 years has been. People from the EUROCLIO network, have a wealth to share and asked the following questions

1. What did your connection with EUROCLIO mean for you personally?
2. What did your connection with EUROCLIO mean for your work and career?

3. Did your connection with EUROCLIO have impact on history, heritage and citizenship education (curricula/ textbooks/training/teaching etc) in your town, county, country, and region?

The website is available at www.euroclio.eu/20 and can be best viewed with the Mozilla Firefox browser (freely available at <http://www.mozilla.org/en-US/products/download.html>).

19. Presentation new EU programme Erasmus for All, consequences for EUROCLIO and its Member organizations. Statement on teachers Mobility

Joke van der LEEUW-ROORD informed the General Assembly about changes in the EU policy on Lifelong Learning. This programme includes the core-financing of EUROCLIO under the Jean Monnet Programme and the mobility grants for Comenius and Grundtvig that enable so many educators to participate in the professional training and development courses offered by EUROCLIO.

She explained that the new transnational mobility programme under the name **Erasmus for All** that will be implemented from 2014 to 2020 and is now under discussion in the European Council and the European Parliament will:

- Establish a stronger link between programmes and policy development (Europe 2020, ET 2020).
- Streamline the programme and aims for more efficiency
- Ensuring increased systemic impact
- Be simplification for the beneficiaries.

The programme as it is designed now has some benefits (including a budget increase of 70%, targets on mobility of educational staff, opportunities for so-called third countries (offering opportunities for members that were previously in-eligible) and simplification of procedures). On the other hand, there are also some drawback and challenges (including concerns about equal opportunities for non-formal learning, a risk of elimination of Comenius/Grundtvig grants, risk of closing down of the Comenius programme, no operating grants, possible restriction of third country participation to higher education only, overemphasis on employability neglecting transversal competencies and citizenship and only quantitative and no qualitative targets).

The EUROCLIO Board and Secretariat will follow the developments closely and have an active lobby with stakeholders in Brussels via the European Civic Platform for Lifelong Learning (EUCIS-LLL) of which EUROCLIO is a member and Joke van der LEEUW-ROORD, is a Vice-President, and many other networks to tailor the programme more to the needs of EUROCLIO and the History, Citizenship and Heritage Educators Community at large. Also, EUROCLIO will try to acquire projects within the programme parameters to implement actions in line with the EUROCLIO mission.

At the same time Joke van der LEEUW-ROORD, called on all individuals and member organisations to help as well and to:

- 1. Be actively involved in national lobby and network (meetings, sending letters etc)**
- 2. Be actively involved in project applications**
- 3. Help to build national consortia, including commercial world**
- 4. Understanding the parameters of the call for proposals**

To contact Joke directly about these issues, email joke@euroclio.eu

More information about the Erasmus for All Programme can be found at <http://ec.europa.eu/education/erasmus-for-all/>

20. Any other notified business

There was no other notified business.

Closure of the Meeting

Annex A: Audit Committee Report on 2011

Report

The members of Audit Committee Anne Kjersti Jacobsen (Norwegian HTA) and Marat Gibatdinov (Rus.Fed., Tatarstan HTA) meet representatives of EUROCLIO Board Marjan de Groot-Reuvekamp, Erwin Capitain and Secretariat Steven Stegers in Kervansaray hotel in Antalya at 31 March 2012.

Other member of Audit Committee Hans Almgren (Sweden) cant joined us but we had e-mail conversation and can learn his opinion.

First of all we should admit that in this year all members of Audit Committee received all necessary materials and Annual Report quite earlier and we are able to watch all quite detailed documents closely and discuss it.

During the meeting we ask a lot of questions about financial policy and receive exhaustive answers and explanations.

Following topics was discussed during the meeting:

Financial report, Annual accounts, Budget 2012, New external audit company;

New set of Internal Rules (ATICLE XI: THE AUDIT COMMITTEE)

(In the matter of continuity the members of Audit Committee suggest to keep two years election period for Audit Committee members with the maximum term of four years).

We went through the running projects and informed about board and secretariat efforts for organizing of several projects and programs for the better economic development.

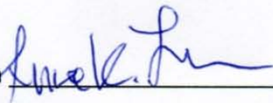
We learn that common financial situation in EUROCLIO is stable but still need to be more solid.

In future Audit Committee would be glad to receive financial reports also twice per year.

We was 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.

Antalya, 06.04.2012

Anne Kjersti Jacobsen



Marat Gibatdinov



Annex B Survey Results about the General Assembly

