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Members present: Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium (Leuven), Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Kosovo, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macedonia, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia (Belgrade), Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey

Observers present: Albania (Observer), Belgium (Ghent), Italy, France

Others present: Board of Management 2019-2020, Working Community 2019-2020

Minutes by: Elvira Aghalarova

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Topic	Discussion	Decision
1. Welcome & Intro	- Ying Wai Cheung: This is our first virtual Congress. Today would have been a special day, because we were supposed to meet in Ireland, however due to the circumstances we would not. Even we are not able to meet it is still a special day, since this is the first time we are having our General Assembly online. The transition of the mandate will be happening tomorrow. Besides this GA1 we will also have GA2 and GA3. GA consist of delegates from each Member Organisation.	

	<p>Member Representatives have the right to vote. We have voting rules. Every MO has 2 votes, every Lo have 1 voting right. We have 3 voting types: in favour, against and abstaining. Abstaining goes to the favour of majority. We have 3 motions: 1. The order of agenda or split of the proposal. 2. Vote at the later session or at the e voting 3. Schedule to the later meeting or e voting in order to have a discussion. Voting Platform is NemoVote. It provides secure voting process to NGOs. The voting is anonymous. If all the MOs are online we establish quorum. It is required to have 2/3 of the delegates. At the moment we have 27 MO online which means we have reached the quorum.</p>	
<p>2. Proposal 1.1: Approval of Financial Report 2019-2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Finance Officer Umut (UDB): EFPSA currently has 3 accounts. One of them is the main account, this is used for the operational things, second one is for the events account, third account is the saving account in case EFPSA has any issues in the future. The document has been shared with the Member Representatives, and if you have any question please leave them in the comment section. - Hugo, Spain: We don't understand what "Miscellaneous Expenses" are. It would be great for us if you could explain to us what is inside this section. - UDB: Miscellaneous Expenses – these are the expenses that were planned in the beginning of the mandate. It is our safe guard in order to protect the budget. - Dean, Ireland: EFPSA's main account was used for payments of Congress 2020 Participants fees (it's clear from the payment info on the website that it's the same IBAN as EFPSA main account). Did we miss something or are they omitted from the report? - YWC: They are emitted from the report, because it is org coms money, we have another document with all the received money from the participants, If you have any further questions you can always contact us regarding it. 	<p>in favour: 54 against: 0 abstaining: 6</p>
<p>3. Proposal 1.2: Approval of Internal Audit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Secretary General Elvira (EA): IAC was formed during the last mandate. It was decided that they would check the first half of the last mandate and this year's IAC will go through the second half of 	<p>in favor: 56 against: 0</p>



Committee's Report	<p>the last mandate and first half of this mandate. There are 3 people in the team: BM Responsible, who is me, Elvira, EB Responsible, Leonhard, JEPS Junior Coordinator and MR Responsible, Katarina, MR of Slovenia.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mirna, Ireland I am former member of BM and member of Congress Org Com. I'm from Croatia, living currently in Ireland. My question is in regard to the proposal 1.2 Approval of Internal Audit Committee's Report. Can you explain how are the members of the Internal Audit Committee selected? The only mention of IAC is in the Statutes, there is no mention of it in the Domestic Regulations whatsoever. Having in mind no external audit is being conducted (which I don't support), I feel like more transparency and clarity about the matter is extremely important. - EA: During the Congress after the Executive Board is elected, within the Board of the Management Presidential Office asks the rest of the BM if they are willing to take the position, within the EB, BM asks their teams about who is interested in applying for the additional position within the IAC. After they show their interest, they send the application toward the Secretary General of EFPSA. After I receive the application it is discussed with BM, and all us discuss who is better for this position based on their previous experience. For the MR it is the same procedure. Afterwards during the GA3 MR vote for the people who applied for the IAC. We are still aiming to have the external audit as well and it is in agenda for the next mandate. 	abstaining: 4
4. Proposal 1.3 Approval of Absence of Vice President Candidate at the Election	- President Ying (YWC): Vice President is not able to attend the GA due to the funeral. We have only one applicant for the position, therefore we want to proceed with the election. Deianara has recorded her speech and you have all received the tape. This proposal is for MRs to decide if this recorded speech will be presented tomorrow.	in favour: 56 against: 0 abstaining: 4
5. Proposal 2.1: Approval of Projects (OAK) Responsible	- Vice President Tea (TJ): We discussed this during the past mandate with BM and SII team. They are not able to develop new campaigns with the current force they have. Current Responsible are responsible for Better Together and Mind the Mind. They are sharing the blogs and research, more information, therefore they cannot grow while doing these tasks and additionally working on	in favour: 60 against: 0 abstaining: 0



Organising Act of Kindness. This will help to have new plans for the OAK as well.

- Rosário, Portugal: Hello! This is just a comment from us on this proposal and not really a question. We feel there might be other solutions to the heavy workload the SII team has other than adding new team members. One of the reasons why this position is being created is because of the difficulty and heaviness of supervising over 100 local coordinators from all around Europe on the MtM and BT campaigns. We think this level of difficulty could decrease a lot if the MOs were to be more involved in these projects and helping with the coordination efforts (something we would really enjoy and are fully available to discuss further on the MR meetings!). We believe that, even though it might be necessary for other reasons, adding a new position on the SII team might not be the best long-term solution to the above-mentioned problem because even if it helps you right now, as the projects grow further you might feel once again overwhelmed with the amount of work and in need to add even more positions (which can be counterproductive for the Federation). We understand the addition of a new Projects (OAK) Responsible might be necessary but we'd like to request you consider other solutions as well such as a bigger collaboration with the MOs and consequent reorganization of task assignment because, from our point of view, this should be an important aspect of our work methodology in EFPSA and could further enhance the quality of both the SII Service and the work done with us MOs. Sorry for such a long text and thank you!
- TJ: We currently can do this with the help of the team to make SII Grow.
- Demos Cyprus: Can you briefly explain the RD?
- TJ: The RD is added as the supportive document, currently we have a position in SII project responsible, and if this proposal passes, we will have the same role description.
- Anja, Slovenia, SII Coordinator: Independency has been proposed by multiple countries, but our main concern is that we couldn't oversee the campaign anymore but still, in the end, be SII/EFPSA responsibility.



<p>6. Proposal 2.2: Approval of changing the name of Data Management Responsible to Data Analysis Responsible</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - YWC: The current name of this position does not describe really the role description that is there. This person visualise the insights, and this helps with the decision making for us and teams to do new things. - Dean McDonnell, Congress 2020 Head of Org Com. In terms of GDPR - is there a requirement for there to be a standardised title for individuals in an organisation relating to GDPR? - TJ: As far as we know, there only needs to be a specific person responsible for the data in an organisation according to the GDPR, but the title itself is less important. If you have additional info about this that we don't know, please let us know! Thanks. 	<p>in favour: 60 against: 0 abstaining: 0</p>
<p>7. Proposal: 3.1 Approval of second-stage membership of Albania</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - YWC: In 2018 they have applied for the Observer position. They have got to know the EFPSA. Nicole Saliba will be on phone with the Representative form Albania in case if you have any questions. 	<p>in favour: 58 against: 0 abstaining: 2</p>
<p>8. Proposal 3.2: Approval of first-stage membership of Belgium, Ghent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - YWC: the Local Organisation from university of Ghent applied for the first stage membership. They have good relationship with another LO from Belgium. Nicole Saliba is on the phone with the Representative, if you have any questions please leave them in the comment. 	<p>in favour: 56 against: 2 abstaining: 2</p>
<p>9. Proposal 3.3: Approval of first-stage membership of Italy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - YWC: The Italian Psychology Association is based in Milan. They are still in the phase of development of their Association. The Representative from the Association is on the phone with Nicole Saliba, if you have any questions please leave them in the comment section. - Matteo, Italy: We are really motivated to be a part of the EFPSA. 	<p>in favour: 58 against: 0 abstaining: 2</p>
<p>10. Proposal 3.4: Approval of first-stage membership of France</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - YWC: FENPSY have 7 student organisation, they had a membership 10 years ago, they had a debt to EFPSA and there is an agreement, they will pay 1 yearly fee for their category in the Observer Year. If you have any questions Nicole is on the phone with the Representative so you can leave your questions in the comment section. - Peter, France: We really want to be a Part of the EFPSA. It is very important for us that France is 	<p>in favour: 52 against: 2 abstaining: 6</p>

Represented by EFPSA in the Europe, we want to collaborate with other countries.

<p>11. Proposal 3.5: Approval of transfer of membership of Czech Republic</p>	<p>- YWC: Czech was an active member, they were really active, however due to the previous Board of their MO they had problems that could not been solved. The students continued the work and established a new organisation. They agreed that EFPSA Membership will be kept. The members know EFPSA well. At the moment Veronika is on the Phone with Nicole, leave your questions in the comment section if you have some.</p>	<p>in favour: 54 against: 0 abstaining: 6</p>
<p>12. Proposal 4.1: Approval of amendments to the Statutes & Domestic Regulations</p>	<p>- TJ: In this proposal you also received the supporting documents and within them you saw that some parts are highlighted. Every colour refers to one change. 1. Change the range of the Joint EB MR dates, we changed it into more flexible one, this was done due to the financial issues of the event. 2. Change of the name of DMR 3. And the third is changing the names in the Marketing Office and deleting the position of the Coordinator, this separately was voted in the e-voting. 4. We added new members of the supporting community. 5. The name of the External Newsletter. we were using it but want to make it more official. From the marketing perspective that EFPSA magazine it is more eye catching.</p> <p>- Rosário, MR of Portugal: will the duration of the Joint EB & MR Meeting with a minimum of five days to a maximum of ten days include the travelling days?</p> <p>- TJ: Yes it includes arrival and departure day. We are not thinking of having event of 5 days, but it will be easier to have this flexibility.</p>	<p>in favour: 57 against: 0 abstaining: 1 invalid: 2</p>