

EGPA STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Brussels

Friday, 29 January 2010: 01.00pm-06.30pm
Friday, 29 January 2010: 07.30pm: Dinner
Saturday, 30 January 2010: 09.00am-12.30pm

Executive Summary of Decisions and Minutes

In attendance: Geert Bouckaert (EGPA President); Wim van de Donk (EGPA Vice-President) ; Jacques Ziller, Katju Holkeri, Tiina Randma-Liiv, Isabella Proëller, Robert Fouchet, Edoardo Ongaro, Andrew Massey (Members); Ludmila Gajdosova, Christopher Pollitt, Théo van der Krogt (EAPAA) (invited).

Rolet Loretan (IIAS), Fabienne Maron (IIAS), Roxane Debus (IIAS).

Guests: Jean-Michel Eymeri Douzans and Joëlle Stoenesco (Toulouse 2010 Conference Organising Committee); Lucica Matei (Bucharest 2011 Conference Organising Committee), Emilio Viciano Duro (EUPAN)

Apologies received for absence: Werner Jann, Théo van der Krogt (EAPAA)

Draft Agenda

1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of the Minutes of the last Meeting (Malta, 3 September 2009)
3. Matters arising from the minutes
4. Report from the IIAS Director General
5. Activity Report by the Executive Secretary
6. Finances: Report by IIAS Finance and Marketing Director
7. Governance: IIAS Presidency - EGPA Governance

8. EGPA Strategy 2008-2011

8.1. EGPA activities

A. Conferences & Dialogues:

- Malta 2009: Final Report
- Toulouse 2010: Progress Report (Friday)
- Bucharest 2011: Invitation letter – Approval of the venue - Contract
- Bergen 2012: Invitation letter – Approval of the venue

- 35th EGPA Anniversary – Ceremony in Toulouse

- Ljubljana 2010: 3rd TED-Progress Report – 11-12/02/2010
- Vienna 2011: 4th TED- Invitation letter
- TED Platform

- Portoroz-Piran 2009: 2nd MED – Final Report
- Tunis 2010: 3rd MED – Progress Report
- MED Platform
- EMUNI MOU

- Sienna 2010: 6th Transatlantic Dialogue 24-26/06/2010 – Progress Report

B. Study Groups and PhD Pre Conference Seminar

- Current Study Groups : Progress Report & Renewal
Third Sector → Public Governance of Societal Sectors (Final approval)
- New proposal: *Regional and Local Government*
Ellen Wayenberg & Martin Laffin

- PhD Pre Conference Seminar: Progress Report and Proposal
- PhD and PA Education Platform: Progress Report

C. Publications

- Governance of Public Sector Organizations edited
by Per Laegreid & Koen Verhoest (Ongoing)

- 35th EGPA Anniversary – Book: EGPA (1975-2010): Perspectives on the
Future

- European/EGPA Newsletter : Draft proposal

- RISA-IRAS-RICA – RISA in Chinese – Progress Report (Friday)

D. Cooperation with neighbouring institutions and partners

- Progress report from the task force
- EAPAA & EGPA: EAPAA: proposal for Mutual Corporate Membership

E. Editors Platform – BABEL@PA

F. Permanent Practitioners' Groups (PPG) – Meeting in Toulouse 2010

G. EUPAN & EGPA Cooperation – Progress Report

H. Futures of PA in Europe Permanent Strategic Group - Toulouse

8.2. Organising EGPA activities

Membership

Finance (see item 6)

Secretariat

EGPA Governance

8.3. Implementing the Strategy Plan 2008-2011

9. Other Business

10. Date of the next meeting

Friday

Geert Bouckaert welcomed the participants and thanked them for taking part in the Steering Committee Session. The EGPA President especially welcomed Emilio Viciano Duro from EUPAN, Jean-Michel Eymeri Douzans and Joëlle Stoenesco (Toulouse 2010 Conference Organising Committee); Lucica Matei (Bucharest 2011 Conference Organising Committee), and the new members of the steering committee: Robert Fouchet, Edoardo Ongaro, Andrew Massey.

Item: 6 Finance.

Geert Bouckaert tinnvited Roxane Debus to present her report on Finances.

Roxane Debus presented her report and underlined the introduction of the new analytical system.

The EGPA president thanked her for the Finances report and announced that the discussion would be held on Saturday.

Item 8.1. G. EUPAN

Geert Bouckaert presented the EGPA-EUPAN progress report. He underlined the role of EGPA as back office of EUPAN and the scientific support to be given to EUPAN. He invited Emilio Viciano Duro to present the Spanish Presidency priorities.

Emilio Viciano Duro confirmed the EUPAN meetings calendar. Geert Bouckaert summarised it: 27/01 Troika Madrid; 19-20/04 HRWG, Interorg.WG, e-Gov WG, Madrid; 21/04 Social Dialogue, Madrid; 14/06 Meeting, Madrid. He also pointed out the different EGPA contributions: HRWG: Annie Hondeghe presentation; IPSG: Steven Vandewalle, E-Gov: Victor Bekkers; Christopher Pollitt contribution, his own contribution.

Geert Bouckaert asked M. Viciano Duro: How EGPA could contribute to EUPAN? He proposed to contribute to the debate, to do research together, to influence the EU agenda (PA on the agenda). Geert Bouckaert confirmed the current mid term priorities and the need for comparative research: a proposal would be sent. Emilio Viciano Duro confirmed the need for joint research projects on top issues.

Decision 1 : Research proposals would be sent in accordance with the list of issues selected by EUPAN.

A debate followed.

Geert Bouckaert thanked him for his participation.

Item 8.1.A. Conferences and Dialogues

Toulouse EGPA 2010 Conference

Geert Bouckaert invited Prof. Jean-Michel Eymeri Douzans and Mrs. Joëlle Stoenesco to present their progress report on EGPA 2010 Conference. They presented a PPT with all the practical aspects: IEP and Manufacture des Tabacs as Conference venues; they also introduced the social programme and pointed out the problem of the hotels reservation (early booking). Jean-Michel Eymeri Douzans announced that Ms. Roseline Nguyen would be appointed as contact person for the Conference Management. Concerning the scientific management, we started to collect the call-for-papers for PSG and we had to accelerate the process of papers selection. A discussion followed on the host country panel.

Decision 2 : The Host Country Panel would not be scheduled and had to be replaced by another type of meeting (special workshop).

Bucharest, EGPA 2011 Conference

Geert Bouckaert welcomed Lucica Matei and invited her to present the invitation of the Faculty of Public Administration in Bucharest for hosting the EGPA Conference in 2011. Prof. Matei presented the Faculty and confirmed the invitation to host the 2011 Conference. She underlined the excellent contacts with IIAS and the signature of MOU for organising it. She pointed out the financial/political support of Roberta Anastasia as co-organiser of the Conference which would take place at the Parliament Palace.

Geert Bouckaert thanked her for the invitation and asked the Steering Committee members for comments.

Decision 3 : The 2011 EGPA Conference would take place in Bucharest. The Steering Committee members accepted the invitation. We looked forward to 33rd EGPA Conference. A contact would be organised with NISPAcee.

Malta 2009 Evaluation

The Evaluation Report for the Malta Conference was circulated prior to the meeting.

Bergen 2012 Conference: Invitation

The Bergen University – Faculty of Public Administration confirmed its invitation for hosting the EGPA Conference in 2012.

Decision 4 : The Steering Committee members accepted the invitation. A pre-visit would be organised later in 2010.

35th EGPA Anniversary

A book entitled: EGPA (1975-2010): Perspectives for the Future would be coordinated by the EGPA President and the EGPA Vice-President. Fabienne Maron would collect all the contributions & testimonies and ensure the contact with Bruylant. A table of contents was already prepared. The book would be available at the Toulouse Conference. A special session would be organised to celebrate the 35th EGPA Anniversary.

TED

Geert Bouckaert provided the SC members with a progress report. The TED3 would take place in Ljubljana next month. We also received an invitation letter from the Austrian Chancellery for hosting the TED4 in 2011. Fabienne Maron underlined the creation of the TED platform.

Decision 5: The Steering Committee members accepted the invitation. Further contacts would be taken with Dr. Dearing.

MED

Geert Bouckaert invited Robert Fouchet to present his progress report. Prof. Fouchet pointed out some problems for organising the Mediterranean Dialogue: 1) financing it: 1st MED: 40.000 € 2nd MED: 30.000 € and the EGPA subsidies; 2) problems of network – there was no institutional partners for organising it; 3) problems with Tunisia for participants from Israel. We found solutions with MOU with EMUNI and other partners. Robert Fouchet announced that the MED 3 would be organised in Tunisia in October 2010 and the MED 4 could be organised in Syria or Morocco. He also mentioned the new MED platform set up with the Brussels secretariat including: MED 1 & 2 proceedings, MED information; MED contacts; MED network.

Geert Bouckaert thanked Robert Fouchet for his permanent efforts in managing the MED.

TAD

Geert Bouckaert provided the SC members with a brief progress report: The TAD6 would be held in Siena in June 2010. More than 55 papers were submitted (¼ from Americans and ¾ from Europeans). The American participation was decreasing due to the economic crisis. The 7th TAD would be organised at Rutgers University, NJ. The theme could be: Strategic Management.

8.1. C. Publications

IRAS

Geert Bouckaert invited Christopher Pollitt to present his report on the IRAS and its developments.

He underlined the good results of the IRAS and pointed out some challenges for the future: to avoid the censure for some IRAS issues (Chinese), to revitalise the French version (RISA) which was somnolent since several years, the difficulty to maintain its position in the journals ranking and the challenge of extra work in dealing with an increasing number of papers (selection procedure).

A debate followed on the French version and some solutions were proposed for reviving it: new members in the RISA editorial board, to organise a French PA meeting (in Toulouse),

Decision 6 : to organise a French PA meeting in Toulouse during the annual conference.

Publications

Fabienne Maron mentioned the different publications in the publication process . We also suggested some people from EGPA network for revising the manuscripts and accelerate the procedure.

[PA@Babel](#). A complete report on the state of affairs was circulated prior to the meeting. It would be interesting to have some statistics of consultation for the next meeting.

EUPAN Debate

Geert Bouckaert suggested to continue the debate on EUPAN strategy. We had to develop a policy for being present.

A debate followed.

- to present new topics to EUPAN; to provide EUPAN with a short list of people as potential speaker (academics who could speak to practitioners), to contribute to the EUPAN working groups, to ask the PSGs Directors to making suggestions, to suggest issues to be discussed. A discussion followed on the possibility to host the EUPAN website (the question had to be further discussed)

Saturday

1. Approval of the Agenda

Decision 7 : The Agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting (Malta, 3 September 2009)

Decision 8: The Minutes were approved

Geert Bouckaert went through the decisions.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

A discussion followed on the 35th Anniversary ceremony and the publication of the book on EGPA (1975-2010): Perspectives for the Future.

Decision 9: The steering committee members suggested replacing the Host country panel by the EGPA ceremony.

Geert Bouckaert also suggested to thank all the steering committee members at this occasion.

No other matter..

4. Report from the IIAS Director General

Rolet Loretan presented his report and pointed out the statutory issues and the developments for the 3 IIAS entities. He also underlined the importance of the next Bali meetings for the IIAS governance.

Geert Bouckaert thanked the Director general for his report.

A debate followed.

5. Activity Report by the Executive Secretary

Fabienne Maron presented briefly the EGPA activity report and pointed out the development of the different virtual platform: TED platform, MED platform, PA Teaching and PhD platform and Babel.

Geert Bouckaert thanked her for the progress report.

A discussion followed on the use of these different platforms by the EGPA network.

6. Finances

A debate followed on the different elements of the Finance report:

- Management of the membership fees – Constant efforts were made for managing the outstanding fees

Decision 10 : to continue these efforts – cooperation between the secretariat and the members of the steering committee.

- Streamlining of the IIAS-EGPA-IASIA membership

A debate followed on the harmonisation process. Geert Bouckaert underlined that Europe raised a lot of money and he pointed out the case of France. He also suggested to convince the European state members through EGPA. EGPA would be responsible for all Europe.

Decision 11 : to combine the efforts and to connect the European countries via EGPA

- EGPA allocation for project – 10.000 euros/year

Geert Bouckaert mentioned the different projects financed by the sum and suggested a process of 3 years for implementing these projects with the budget allocated to EGPA by IIAS.

A discussion followed on this 3 years budget for project.

Decision 12: The steering committee members and the IIAS Director general agreed on the principle of a 3 years budget (3 X 10.000 euros).

Geert Bouckaert thanked Rolet Loretan for this decision.

He also thanked him for the negotiation of the contract (50/50) for the 2011 Bucharest Conference.

7. Governance: IIAS Presidency and EGPA Governance

Rolet Loretan explained that further to the hearing process, there would be one candidate for the IIAS presidency: Pan Suk Kim.

Geert Bouckaert underlined that for EGPA Governance, we had to follow the portfolio strategy and he asked the members to suggest names for the renewal of the EGPA steering committee in Toulouse.

8.1. B. Study Groups and PhD Seminar

The EGPA President went through the list of the current Permanent Study Groups and mentioned the 2 new proposals:

Third Sector → **Public Governance of Societal Sectors** (Final approval)

Decision 13: approved

Regional and Local Government - Ellen Wayenberg & Martin Laffin

Decision 14 : approved

A proposal would be sent by Victor Bekkers for a new PSG on E-government.

Geert Bouckaert also mentioned the importance of the **PSG on PA and Teaching**: to bring younger participants in EAPAA/EGPA, to develop analyses of databases and to influence the debate on accreditation.

Geert Bouckaert prepared a paper on the PSG co chairs tasks – Procedure for application.

A debate followed on the procedure and on the different objectives/tasks for the co-chairs.

Decision 15: The document would be developed and finalised for the Toulouse meeting.

8.1. D. Cooperations

EAPAA

Geert Bouckaert presented the EAPAA membership proposal and the accreditation procedure in Europe:

- procedure (national)
- accreditation in PA (filed)
- accreditation programme by country
- site visit team

He opened the debate asking: How to create a EAPAA/EGPA synergy.?

He underlined the issues to be discussed in the perspective of a EAPAA/NISPAcee/EGPA-IIAS membership : Legal issue – budget issue.

A discussion followed.

Decision 16: to discuss further the proposal with Theo van der Krogt.

Geert Bouckaert thanked the members for their participation and closed the meeting.