



## EUROPEAN GROUP OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION - EGPA

### STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Potsdam, Thursday, 5 September 2002

#### *Summary of Decisions*

#### **In attendance:**

Werner Jann, Ignace Snellen, Geert Bouckaert, Barbara Kudrycka, Michael Duggett

#### **Secretariat:**

Fabienne Maron, Gail Darge

#### **Apologies for absence:**

Christopher Pollitt, Luc Rouban, Sirpa Kekkonen, Mirko Vintar, Elisenda Malaret, Calliope Spanou

#### **Agenda**

- 1) Approval of the Agenda
  - 2) Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting (Brussels, 6 December 2001)
  - 3) Statutory Issues:
    - a) Nomination of the new members of the Steering Committee
    - b) Regulations
    - c) Financial Report
    - d) Membership
  - 4) Activity Report
  - 5) Future Conferences (2003, 2004)
    - a) Venue and Date
    - b) Themes and sub-themes
    - c) Convenors for the workshops
    - d) Financing
  - 6) Study Groups (Policy Rules, Evaluation of the 3 years programme)
  - 7) Research Groups (2003, new proposals)
  - 8) Other activities
  - 9) Presentation of EGPA
  - 10) EGPA Yearbook
  - 11) Other Business
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#### **1) Approval of the Agenda**

Decision 1: The Agenda was approved

#### **2) Approval of the Minutes**



Decision 2: The Minutes were approved. The document concerning the activities of the other European organisations in Public Administration (Prof. Geert Bouckaert) would be annexed to the Minutes for the record.

Decision 3: It was decided that in future the key decisions taken by the Steering Committee would be summarised, numbered and put on the EGPA website.

### **3) Statutory Issues**

#### a) Nomination of the new Steering Committee members

Decision 4: It was decided that a candidate should be present at a Steering Committee meeting to be nominated as a member. Nominations would then be approved by the General Assembly.

Decision 5: The Steering Committee agreed unanimously to nominate Professor Barbara Kudrycka from Poland as a new member of the Steering Committee.

Decision 6: In relation to the proposal for Professor Calliope Spanou the Steering Committee agreed to welcome the proposal for her membership made by Mrs. Olga Zygoura, given her evident excellence as a candidate, but was presently unable to nominate her, and the Secretariat was asked to invite her to a future Steering Committee meeting that would enable a nomination to be made to a future or next meeting of the General Assembly.

#### b) Regulations

Decision 7: There was no substantive discussion on this issue here.

#### c) Financial Report

The Steering Committee took note of the “Financial Horizon for EGPA”

Decision 8: The Steering Committee decided to ask the Executive Secretariat:

- 1) to prepare a functional budget for EGPA
- 2) to consider how to publish a financial statement
- 3) to prepare a draft regulation concerning membership fees and compulsory registrations
- 4) to consider issues relative to membership/conference fees

#### d) Membership

Decision 9: It was decided that statistics concerning EGPA membership should be published on the website. These statistics would be updated annually in August.

### **4) Activity Report**

The Steering Committee decided that the Activity Report should be published on the website.



## 5) Future Conferences (2003, 2004)

### a) Venue & Date

#### 2003 Venue

Decision 10: The Steering Committee accepted the proposal of INA in Oeiras, Portugal to host the 2003 EGPA Annual Conference.

#### 2004 Venue

Decision 11: The Steering Committee took note of the invitation from Ljubljana University, School of Public Administration, Slovenia to host the EGPA Annual Conference in 2004 and would follow this up.

#### Date

Decision 12: The first week of September 2003 would be the date of the Lisbon Conference and of all future EGPA conferences. This would enable participants to plan their participation without any doubt when EGPA would meet.

### b) Theme

Decision 13: The Steering Committee proposed as a theme the issue of Adjusting Modernisation to Public Law and Adjusting Public Law to Modernisation.

This could be interpreted through a title such as:

*Reconciling Public Law and the Modernising State*

The Steering Committee decided that the Secretariat should send the proposal to Mr. Lucas & Mr. Ruivo at INA for their comments.

### c) Convenors

Decision 14: The Steering Committee decided that the Secretariat should ask the Portuguese Organising Committee to suggest sub-themes and the names of potential convenors for the workshops.

### d) Financing

This question would be discussed during the next Steering Committee meeting.



## **6) Study Groups (Policy Rules, Evaluation of the 3 years programme)**

The Steering Committee discussed and revised Guidelines for the Study Groups.

Decision 15: It was decided that the revised Guidelines would be circulated to all of the Steering Committee members for their comments and approval.

The Steering Committee had also received a proposal to set up a joint study group with ASPA on “Ethics and Integrity of Governance”

Decision 16: The Steering Committee accepted in principle the proposal to set up the new Study Group but would ensure that the proposal was circulated to all the Steering Committee members for their approval.

## **7) Research Groups (2003 new proposals)**

The Steering Committee discussed and revised the Guidelines for the Research Groups.

Decision 17: It was decided that the revised Guidelines would be circulated to all members of the Steering Committee for their comments and approval.

The Steering Committee then reviewed the proposals received for topics relative to the 2003 Research Groups.

Decision 18: The Steering Committee decided to ask Walter Kickert to continue to solicit new proposals for Research Groups and agreed that the following topics and co-convenors would be invited to contribute to the next conference (preliminary titles):

- 1) Stephen Osborne and another convenor from another country doing a research group on Third Sector/Voluntary Organisations.
- 2) A European convenor and Larry Lynn for a research group on “Governance: What do we know?”

## **8) Other Activities**

There were none.

## **9) Presentation of EGPA**

- *Internet presentation* (e-mails, lists, etc. ....)

The Steering Committee agreed that the Internet presentation was a strategic issue that should be dealt with by the Secretariat.



Decision 19: The Steering Committee decided that the Secretariat should develop mailing lists and improve the Internet presentation for the next meeting, including:

- Links to EGPA Study Groups
- List of Conferences (+ Links)
- Links to EGPA corporate members
- Links to National Public Administration Associations in Europe

*- Traditional Brochures*

The Steering Committee welcomed the revision of the traditional brochures. (due to be discussed by the IIAS Communication Committee).

Decision 20: The Steering Committee decided to review a draft presentation of the new brochures, to be prepared by the Secretariat, at the next meeting.

**10) EGPA Yearbook**

The members of the Steering Committee drew attention to the fact that they would look forward to a discussion with the IIAS Communications Manager concerning the publication strategy (less expensive cover, ... harmonisation of the presentation) and figures concerning EGPA publications.

**11) Other Business**

There was none.