



SERN General Assembly

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MINUTES

17th June 2020 – on line

Chair of the meeting: Lubiano Montaguti (Meldola Municipality)

Elias JORGES (Motala Municipality), Maria Nilsson (Västra Götalandsregion), Gert-Inge Andersson (Trollhättans Stad), Benny Augustsson (Vänersborgs Municipality), Centurio FRIGNANI substituting Marco MONESI (AICCRE Emilia Romagna), Sofia Pran substituting Julie TRAN (Regionförbundet Östsam), Elisabet Vidman (Piteå Municipality), Norberto VIGNALI (Unione Pedemontana Parmense), Ferdinando De Maria (Parma Province); Edmund Lanziner (Comunità Comprensoriale Bassa Atesina); Stefania Miodini (ASP Ad Personam); Erik Ostman (Linköping Municipality); Sonia Anelli substituting Agostino MAGGIALI (Parchi Emilia Occidentale)*; Elisabetta Zen substituting Franco Palù (Unione Val d'Enza)*; Lena GOLDKUHL (Boden Municipality); Susi Tinti substituting Paola GUERZONI (Unione Terre d'Argine)*; Paivi JOHANSSON (Norrköping Municipality); Silvia Miselli (Casalgrande Municipality); Sandra Montelli substituting Francesco Mariani (Unione Valli taro e Ceno)*; Ferdinando De Maria substituting Federico Pizzarotti (Parma Municipality)*; Silvia Ceccarelli substituting Bakkali (Ravenna Municipality)*; Cecilia Rignell (Molndal Municipality); Cecilia Burenby (Mjölby Municipality); Monica Samuelsson (Ale Municipality); Joakim Hellgren (Lulea Municipality); Anna Hovenmark (Jokkmokk Municipality); Monica Piraccini substituting Valerio Melandri (Forlì Municipality); Michele Fiumi (Cervia Municipality); Martina Zecchetti (Cavriago Municipality); Cilloni substituting Cenini (Liceo Moro)*; Teresa Gallelli substituting Mazzini (Lepida)*; Jonas Lagander (Cooperation Ostergötland); Elisa Mazza (Albareto Municipality), Lubiano Montaguti substituting Mirko Capuano (Bertinoro Municipality)*; Sara Ciat (Uniser).

*with delegation

I. Call to order

Lubiano Montaguti calls to order the SERN General Assembly at 10.00 am on 17th June 2020 and verifies that the quorum has been reached at the roll call.

Total Number of votes to be expressed by all members: 179

Number of Votes required for the validity of the Assembly: 90

Number of votes expressed by the members present: 144

The assembly is valid.

II. Opening of the Session and approval of the order of business

Montaguti opens the session with a short speech about the COVID situation in Italy and Europe. Ask for a silence minute for all COVID victims.

Montaguti introduces MEP Elisabetta Gualmini who has a speech about the financial support instruments that the EU planned in the COVID framework. Focus on the recovery fund called NEXT generation based on digitalization, green new deal and sustainable development.

Montaguti thanks MEP Gualmini for the important overlook on the European instruments.

Montaguti asks the assembly to approve the order of business.

DECISION: the General Assembly approves the order of business by unanimity

III. Approval of the minutes of the 2019 session

MONTAGUTI asks the General Assembly to approve the minutes of the last session of the General Assembly which have been handed out.

DECISION: The General Assembly approves the minutes from the last session by unanimity.

IV. SERN Annual Report 2019

CATELLANI presents the Annual Report 2019. There was a shift from migration related questions to other themes such as environment and participation of citizens including the two horizontal themes quoted in the Strategy: digitalisation and active citizenship.

- With the new EU programming period, SERN will have a new, more detailed and longer strategy.
- Some data: Increased number of members actively involved in activities thanks to a more effective process of collection of the ideas/proposals

28 proposals published on the members' area

15 ongoing projects in 2019

5 new projects funded and started in 2019

35 members involved in the activities

In the first half of 2020 more than 20 projects proposals were developed and submitted for funding at EU level

Avanzi, Gravina and Roli presented the projects ended in 2019, in progress and started in 2019.

Montaguti thanks the Secretariat for the job done and asks for the approval of the annual report 2019.

DECISION: The General Assembly approves the Annual Report 2019.

Montaguti introduces and thanks Gunnel Rydholm Olsson, director of the Swedish Erasmus+ national agency.

Rydholm Olsson presents the activities of his office and some of the new elements foreseen for the next programming period for the Erasmus+. The most important novelty is the introduction of the accreditation process that all the organisations that want to take part in the programme have to submit. Other keywords of the new Erasmus+ are: inclusion (of newly arrived and young people); excellence; simplification of procedures with simpler rules; long-term perspective; accreditation; green Erasmus and more internationalisation.

Montaguti thanks Gunnel Rydholm Olsson for the precious information provided in her presentation.

V. Financial Report 2019

CATELLANI presents the financial report 2019. Key elements of the presentation are:

Positive result after operations 2019 of € 13.758,13

Reserve fund increased to € 84.551,00

Increased incomes from support to members

More staff costs due to the employment of two new members of staff

New fund created for the support of members in the development of future collaboration activities

Montaguti asks to approve the financial report 2019.

DECISION: The General Assembly approves the financial report 2019

VI. Report of the Board of Auditors

Montaguti asks Lena Goldkuhl to report about the examination held by the Board of auditors.

GOLDKUHL presents the report of the auditors: Together, Italian and Swedish auditors, examined carefully the balance, according to the standards applied in both Sweden and Italy. Our assessment is positive.

GOLDKUHL asks the assembly to absolve the Board from the financial responsibility for the year 2019.

DECISION: The General Assembly approves the board of auditors' report.

VII. Budget Proposal 2020

CATELLANI presents the budget proposal for the year 2020.

Montaguti asks the General Assembly to approve the budget proposal 2020.

DECISION: The general Assembly approves the budget proposal 2020 by unanimity

VIII. Venue of the 2021 Session

Michele Fiumi presents the Municipality of Cervia, candidate venue of the next GA in 2019.

The general assembly 2021 will take place from 19th to 21st May 2021.

DECISION: The General Assembly unanimously approves the venue and dates for the assembly in 2019.

Montaguti asks the vice president Gert-Inge Andersson to make his closure speech.

Andersson stresses the importance of continuing working with European funding to give the possibility to all members to increase their knowledge. Nowadays it is essential to work to build a greener Europe and a more inclusive European society. But, as happened in SERN, we have to do this with small steps.

IX. Adjournment and Closing of the Session

MONTAGUTI closes the meeting at 13.10.