**30 July 2015**

**EAPN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

***Bilbao***

***4 July 2015***

**Attendance:**

**Members of the EXCO:** *Eugen Bierling-Wagner (EAPN Austria),Gaëlle Peters (EAPN Belgium), Maria Jeliazkova (EAPN Bulgaria), Nino Zganec (EAPN Croatia), Ninetta Kazantzis (EAPN Cyprus), Karel Schwarz (EAPN Czech Republic), Per Thomsen (EAPN Denmark), Kärt Mere (EAPN Estonia), Tiina Saarela (EAPN Finland), Richard Delplanque(EAPN France), Biljana Dukovska(EAPN Macedonia), Alexander Kraake (EAPN Germany), Olga Leventis (EAPN Greece), Krisztina Jász (EAPN Hungary), Tess Murphy (EAPN Ireland), Vito Telesca (EAPN Italy), Vilborg Oddsdóttir (EAPN Iceland), Laila Balga (EAPN Latvia), Eitvydas Bingelis(EAPN Lithuania), Nadia Dondelinger (EAPN Luxembourg), Saviour Grima (EAPN Malta), Johanna Engen (EAPN Norway), Quinta Ansem (EAPN Netherlands), Kamila Płowiec (EAPN Poland), Sérgio Aires (EAPN Portugal), Raluca Mănăilă (EAPN Romania), Jasmina Krunić (EAPN Serbia), Anna Galovicova (EAPN Slovakia), Carlos Susias (EAPN Spain), ), Sonja Wallbom (EAPN Sweden), Peter Kelly (EAPN UK), Ian Johnston (IFSW), Luigi Leonori (SMES),*

**Secretariat:** *Barbara Helfferich, Philippe Lemmens, Sigrid Dahmen.*

**Apologies:** *Mike Stannett (Salvation Army)*

**Chair: Sérgio Aires, President**

1. **Welcome**

The President welcomed the new Exco members and asked for a round of introductions.

**2. The TTIP Paper**

As there had been not been enough time to discuss the TTIP paper during the EXCO meeting preceding the General Assembly, the President proposed that EXCO members sent their comments to the Secretariat in the next ten days. The Secretariat would integrate the comments and seek agreement with France in order to arrive at a common position. The final paper would then be distributed to the entire membership of EAPN.

**Decision:** The EXCO agreed with the above proposal.

**3. Finances**

In response to a request by the previous EXCO, the Secretariat present an explanatory paper on the budgetary deficit, projected expenses as well as assets.

However, many of the EXCO members still felt that the information given was insufficient in order to take informed decisions about where to make savings.

The EXCO looked at a series of savings proposals for this year, but decided that members needed further information before taking decisions.

The EXCO asked the Bureau and Secretariat to prepare a restructuring plan so as to put EAPN on a sustainable financial footing.

The EXCO also asked that the explanatory paper be revised so as to have all financial information available to EXCO members.

**4. Work Programme 2016**

The EXCO requested that the budget and work programme be revised, taken account of the principle decisions by the General Assembly, while respecting the budgetary limits. The EXCO also supported the proposal that core budget and project budget be separated.

**5. Final Declaration**

The chair proposed that all the amendments on the final declaration should be put together and integrated into the existing text. This work should be finished by Monday the 6th of July. Integrated amendments should be visibly track-changed. EXCO members already expressed some preferences such as replacing the word “dangerous” with “irrational”.

The Director was asked to circulate the final declaration before issuing it.

**6. Elections to the Bureau**

The EXCO elected the President first. Although Sérgio Aires was the only candidate, he insisted on voting. The EXCO elected Sérgio Aires unanimously.

As for the election of the Bureau members, the results were as follows:

Maria Jeliazkova: 17

Vilborg Oddsdóttir: 13

Jasmina Krunic: 13

Kärt Mere : 11

Kamila Plowiec : 10

Peter Kelly : 26

Carlos Susias : 19

Saviour Grima : 13

Vito Telesca : 6

**7. Any Other Business**

Several EXCO members raised the issue of relations with staff. It was pointed out that there were many rumors, some contradicting each other. On that basis, the Swedish representative said that it was necessary to clear the air and proposed a meeting with the staff.

The new Bureau was asked to make concrete proposals in this regard.

The meeting finished at 16:30.