

Danube Civil Society Forum

4th GENERAL ASSEMBLY, Budapest 2017

Resolution Minutes

Monday, 16 October 2017

Stefan August Lütgenau greets the participating- DCSF members.

The DCSF agrees unanimously on the agenda. The DCSF General Assembly is open at 9:30 am and decided to wait for the missing participants. The quorum was met 10:30 am.

The program of the DCSF was adjusted according to some delays in arrivals.

Registrations/ Payment of Membership Fee

Chair Stefan August Lütgenau

Opening Session

welcome of Stefan August Lütgenau.

Reports 2015 - 2017

Igor Studennikov, Treasurer

Financial report presented by Igor Studennikov.

Foster Europe sponsors the activities of the DCSF. The financial report is issued every second year. The financial report includes the financial period 2015- October 2017.

In 2016, there was no deposit to the DCSF account. In 2017, DCSF's Executive Committee sent an invoice and asked all DCSF members to cover the membership fee € 50, - in due date, before the 4th General Assembly or to cover € 50, - cash at the 4th General Assembly. Based on the agreement of DCSF's Executive Committee, member organizations, which do not cover their membership fees are no longer active members of DCSF and are unable to participate in decision making process.

Stefan August Lütgenau, President

DCSF should be directly linked to the project funding. The DCSF currently profits from financing thorough EU and non-EU project sources.

Carmen Stadelhofer, Executive Committee Member

The report of Carmen Stadelhofer (not present with a notice) was submitted before the GA by email to the DCSF Office. The report was read by Stefan August Lütgenau. The Activity Report 2015-2017 written by Carmen Stadelhofer is attached to the Resolution Minutes (Annex 1).

Daniela Stojkovic Jovannovic, Vice-President

Daniela Stojkovic Jovanovic presented the activities from 2015-2017 of the DCSF. The presentation is attached to the Resolution Minutes (Annex 2) ReSTI project will invite all DCSF members to join the project programme and will send out a newsletter in the following weeks.

Daniela Stojkovic Jovannovic also presented the impact of social media on the DCSF network.

The results:

FB page: 230 followers

FB group: 247 members (daily news)

Twitter Account: 751 followers, 1511 tweets

LinkedIn: 80 members

Stefan August Lütgenau, President

3rd Danube Participation Days in Bratislava 2016 report

The DPDs in Bratislava have been successful and an impressive presentation of CS inputs and activities in the EUSDR and the Danube Region. The Days have been jointly organized with the Council of Danube Cities and Regions, more than 220 participants took part. The fact that the DPD was met with reservation at first and ended up to be invited into the main conference spot; the National Theater by the Slovak Government, is a speaking fact.

4th Danube Participation Day in Budapest 2017 Stefan August Lütgenau reported on the preparation process of the Danube Participation Day in Budapest.

The DPD in Budapest went again through a difficult preparation phase. Thanks to the support from a number of state actors and NGOs the resistance could be overcome. More than 230 people registered some are on a waiting list.

Stefan August Lütgenau introduced The Agenda for Participation in EU Macro-Regional Strategies as well as the working groups-Participation Partnerships. The 4th Danube Participation Day starts out with a concept of 5 Participation Partnerships; (1) The Research Perspective, (2) Building Macro-regional Strategies on local and multi-level governance, (3) A key factor of social innovation and sustainable development, (4) Designing 2020+ with Local Actors in the Macro-regional Strategies, (5) Empowering Roma.

Current developments:

EUSBR held its first Baltic Participation Day in Berlin in June; a second is planned for Tallinn in 2018. The Swedish Participation Day is scheduled for 25 March 2018 in Umea.

5th Danube Participation Day in Sofia 2018 is almost fully funded: BW Project, Foster Europe, PA 10 EUSDR are the funding partners. The 5th DPD will take up the Agenda for Participation.

National Participation Days are funded by the project funded by the Baden Württemberg Foundation.

EUSDR Participation Days 2014 – 2017:

1st Danube Participation Day Eisenstadt, Austria (25 June 2014)

2nd Danube Participation Day, Ulm, Germany (28 October 2015)

3rd Danube Participation Days, Bratislava, Slovakia (2-3 November 2016)

4th Danube Participation Day, Budapest, Hungary (17 October 2017)

National Participation Days 2014 – 2017:

- 1st National Participation Day Ukraine (22 April 2014)
- 1st National Participation Day Austria (13 Mai 2015)
- 1st National Hearing Day Serbia (20 October 2015)
- 1st National Participation Day Bulgaria (17-18 March 2016)
- 2nd National Participation Day Austria (9 September 2016)
- 1st National Participation Day Moldova (22 September 2016)
- 1st National Participation Day Slovakia (21 October 2016)
- 2nd National Hearing Day Serbia (24 March 2017)
- 1st National Participation Day Czech Republic (30 May 2017)
- 2nd National Participation Day Bulgaria (16 May 2017)
- 1st National Participation Day Baden-Württemberg (29 July 2017)
- 2nd National Participation Day Ukraine (6 September 2017)
- 2nd National Participation Day and Financial Dialogue Moldova (26-27 October 2017)

Plenary Discussion

Break

Chair: Simon Vrecar

Presentation of the applying members

Voting on membership applications

All new applicants informed the DCSF Office about their interest to join the DCSF by a letter of interest.

Simon Vrecar invited present members and an observer applying for the membership/observer status to introduce their organization/themselves to the DCSF plenary. Not present members were introduced by Stefan August Lütgenau.

Membership Status:

Present: Catalin Anton, Sustainable Development Group Association (Grupul de Dezvoltare Durabila - GDD) (all agree)

Present: Jasna Rankovic (all agree)

Present: Mykhailo Nesterenko, Rewilding (all agree)

Not present: Elke Rudolf, Ortenauer Förderverein Hilfe für Menschen (all agree)

Not present: Andrea Laux, Mother Centers International Network for Empowerment (all agree)

Not present: Miklós Györgyjakab, Federation of Social NGOs in Transylvania (all agree)

Not present: Carmen, Stadelhofer, DANET (all agree)

Not present: Martin Ivanov, Verband sozialer NGOs in Bulgarien (FSSB) (all agree)

Observer Status:

Present: Iryna Gumenschuk, Project title: Weiterentwicklung des Netzwerks Zivilgesellschaft EUSDR und der Ausbau der Verbands- und Netzwerkarbeit in der Donauregion im Kontext der EU Strategie für den Donaauraum (EUSDR) 2017-2020 (all agree)

Chair: Stefan August Lütgenau

Presentation of Candidates for President, Vice President, Treasurer, Vice-Treasurer, Members of the Executive Committee

- President, Vice President, Vice Treasure, Treasurer, Executive Committee are directly elected by the DCSF members.
- It was unanimously decided that all Executive Committee posts will be elected at once. One vote for each post.
- All members received the voting cards needed to vote.
- All members present in the afternoon session, who were voting paid the membership fee or will transfer the membership via bank transfer.
- Monica Vlad and Iryna Gumenschuk were chosen to count the votes.

Post	Name	YES	NO	UNDECIDED
President (14 votes)	Stefan August Lütgenau	14	0	0
Vice President (13 votes)	Daniela Stojkovic	12	1	0
Treasurer (14 votes)	Igor Studennikov	13	1	0
Vice Treasurer (13 votes)	Gábor Schneider	13	0	0
Executive Committee (14 votes)				
	Iva Taralezhkova	12	0	2
	Veselina Pelagic	7	3	4
	Irene Lucius	13	0	1
	Simon Vrecar	12	0	2
	Carmen Stadelhofer	11	1	2

Any Other Business:

Veselina Pelagic, DCSF Member

The presentation on new developments in Serbia by Veselina Pelagic is attached (Annex 3).

DCSF Executive Committee agreed to meet after the DCSF General Assembly on 16th October 2017.

13:00 Closing Remarks and Farewell Address by DCSF President, Stefan August Lütgenau.