

Danube Civil Society Forum Executive Committee Meeting

Resolution Minutes

02, February 2016, 10:00-11:00

Participants

Irene Lucius
Carmen Stadelhofer
Simon Vrecar

Stefan August Lütgenau
Daniela Stojkovic
Vanesa Gödölleová

Gábor Schneider
Igor Studennikov

Excused

Iva Taralezhkova

Stefan August Lütgenau greets the participating Executive Committee members.

As Executive Committee members are present, the quorum is met.

Agenda and other documents on the agenda were sent out and received in due time.

The Executive Committee agrees unanimously on the agenda.

10:00 Start of the Meeting

Debate on the Advocacy Strategy & the Policy Paper

It was agreed that all Executive Committee Members will share their comments, suggestions, wording adjustments in a written form for both documents.

Executive Committee agreed to write an abstract (maximum 2 pages) of the Policy Paper. Executive Committee will then share the Policy Paper and/or the abstract within its network as well as with targeted groups.

New Development on the Working plan of the DCSF 2016/2017

Foster Europe shared one page document before the Executive Committee meeting including the new developments.

Simon Vrecar Has informed Executive Committee about possibilities on future cooperation between DCSF and JRC on activities they are performing in Danube region.

Carmen Stadelhofer reported on the activities of DCSF Working Group 3 in the European project *Taste of Danube*, and on their upcoming conference in July 2016 as part of the international Danube festival. All DCSF members will be invited to take active part on the conference.

Carmen Stadelhofer together with Foster Europe will take active part on the conference *Netzwerk Zivilgesellschaft zur EUSDR* in Stuttgart. Carmen Stadelhofer will present the European project *Taste of Danube* and the outcomes of the 2nd *Participation Day*. Foster Europe will present the outlook for the 3rd *Participation Day*.

Daniela Stojkovic reported on a new cooperation with the municipality Grude (western part of Bosnia and Herzegovina), which offers to be a host of the next information day. Second new partner could possibly be the town of Kladovo (Serbia).

Igor Studennikov asked all Executive Committee members to share any information about upcoming calls for proposals in due time. Center for Regional Studies could lead the writing process.

It was reported that none of the operational groups have organized a skype meeting and or shared written proposals due to an overload of work in their home organizations. These meetings are postponed for February 2016. Group leader *Institutional development of the network*, will organize the skype conference in the next week.

Discussion on concrete project ideas and possible funding instruments for 2016

Executive Committee members agreed that DCSF will not submit any proposals for Europe for Citizens Programme until deadline in March 2016, and the German Foreign Ministry call as a lead partner, due to its limited capacities. DCSF is open to participate on any project in a role of a project partner.

Next Executive Committee Meeting & Citizen Participation National Meeting

DCSF will hold its next Executive Committee Meeting in Sofia as a part of the conference *Citizen Participation National Meeting*. DCSF Executive Committee Meeting will take place on 16th March 2016 in the afternoon hours (approx. 15:30); exact agenda is to be defined by organizers- Citizen Participation Forum. Executive Committee Members are asked to contact Foster Europe regarding their travels. Accommodation and meals are covered by organizers for two days.

Reimbursement Guidelines DCSF

The Executive Committee was informed about the decision of the Foster Europe Executive Board about the new reimbursement guidelines for any travel costs covered by Foster Europe. These guidelines will be shared with all Executive Committee members.

Any other business

Executive Committee agreed to share all current documents on the DCSF website (if technically possible) or in a common drop box. This will enable all members to comment on the latest documents. Foster Europe will upload the latest documents.

11:25 End of the Meeting