

Danube Civil Society Forum Executive Committee Meeting

Resolution Minutes

05, March 2019, 10:00-13:00

Participants

Irene Lucius

Igor Studennikov

Laura Szitar

Stefan August Lütgenau

Daniela Stojkovic

Iva Taralezhkova

Simon Vrecar

Stefan August Lütgenau, president of the DCSF greets the participating Executive Committee members.

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

10:00 Start of the Meeting

Executive Committee agreed on the agenda of the Meeting.

Executive Committee discussed the details of the organization of the 5th **General Assembly of the DCSF**. The participants agreed on to hold it in Bucharest on the afternoon of the 25th June 2019 (ca. from 3-6 o'clock). The event will be followed by a joint dinner. *The office of the DCSF will look for a sufficient venue.*

Executive Committee members shared their opinions on the **upcoming EC elections** as well. *The office of the DCSF will send out an invitation to all of the members to run for the candidacy.*

The participants agreed on the initiative to broaden and strengthen the DCSF and **thus making recruitment for it**. *Members will be asked to spread the words about the Forum and to invite/suggest adequate NGO networks and national CSO umbrellas who could join the DCSF. The Executive Committee will also do a research on the internet for such type of possible new members.*

Irene Lucius reported on the **meeting with the DG REGIO representatives** Jean-Pierre Halkin, Roland Mayer-Frei and Csaba Hende on strategic civil society involvement in the EUSDR and other MRS. The outcomes of the discussions are: DG Regio recommends the civil society to communicate the messages to and through the MEPs. Critical issues should be addressed by one voice so it does not get fragmented. CSOs should team up with other players as well e.g. from the business sector to have a bigger power.

The Executive Committee members agreed on the aim to establish better relations and communications with key (national) MEPs in particular before and just after the European elections and also to find connections to the Committee of Regions (COR) and the single DGs.

Stefan Lütgenau reported on the **upcoming Participation Days**: There will be no money for the NPDs in 2019. Maybe Foster Europe Foundation could allocate co-financing for the NPDs. The Romanian Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration together with Romanian CSOs will organize the NPD in 2019 in Tulcea in mid-May.

The State Ministry Baden Württemberg offered to co-finance the next 2 DPDs in the frame of the Danube Youth Network and the re-innovation of the strategy. The **6th Danube Participation Day** will be also co-financed by the PA10. The cooperation with Romania already started; they will help us in the organization. Ca. 200 Participants will have the opportunity to join the DPD in 2019. The Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the Joint Office of Youth will also have their inputs at the DPD.

The Executive Committee also discussed the agenda of the 6th DPD. Among the conclusions were to allow for a more inclusive development of the DPD Declaration, to divide the workshop sessions in the afternoon into two blocks, the first on experience exchange and the second on analysing obstacles to youth empowerment and civic engagement in decision making from which recommendations to EUSDR decision makers can be derived, and to involve ExCom members as appropriate.

Stefan Lütgenau reported on the **NPD in Prague 2018 and the Slovak NPD 2019** which will take place in another format this time and will be included in the Open Government Days.

Simon Vrecar reported on the **NPD Slovenia 2018**.

ExCom members agreed that future meetings don't always have to be prepared and chaired by the President but that this can also be handled on a rotational basis by other ExCom members.

TO DO:

- 1. The EC members will come up with first suggestion for the example projects for the 6th DPD**
- 2. Stefan Lütgenau will contact the Ebert Foundation for youth key noter for the 6th DPD**
- 3. The EC will come up with guiding questions for the world coffee of the 6th DPD**
- 4. The office of the DCSF will look for a sufficient venue for the 5th GA of the DCSF and send out Save the Date and also a run for the candidacy invitation to its members as soon as possible.**
- 5. The Executive Committee will do a research for possible new members of the DCSF.**

Upcoming DCSF events:

Danube Participation Day: Bucharest, Romania 26th June 2019

General Assembly of the DCSF: Bucharest, Romania 25th June 2019

National Participation Day: Tulcea, Romania 13 May 2019

DCSF EXCOMM Meeting: Mid March 2019, online

13:00 End of the Meeting

Members not present with a notice:

Gábor Schneider

Carmen Stadelhofer