

ERiac

Board Meeting

“Abridged Minutes” of Online Board Meeting October 5th, 2018.

Participants:

Board Members:

Nicoleta Bitu, Alliance for the European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture
Željko Jovanović, Director of Roma Initiative Office, Open Society Foundations; Chair of the ERIAC Board
Snežana Samardžić-Marković, Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe

Other invitees:

Thorsten Afflerbach, Head of Division, Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe
Lorenz Barth, Head of the Council of Europe Unit, Federal Foreign Office
Timea Junghaus, Executive Director, European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture
Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka, Deputy Director, European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture
Jeroen Schokkenbroek, Director of Anti-Discrimination, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe

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Opening Remarks and Introduction

Following welcoming remarks, the Board approves the agenda.

1. 2017 Year-end Financial Report

Board decisions:

The Board approves the 2017 year-end report subject to the inclusion of the additions requested.

The Board agrees to reflect on the best format and structure of future yearly reports by the ERIAC management to the ERIAC Board and to put this item on the agenda of its next meeting.

2. Rules of Procedure

Board decisions:

The Board instructs the management to prepare revised draft of the Rules of Procedure based on the comments provided during the meeting, which are to be submitted by the end of October 2018. The Board commits to review the revised draft by the end of November by providing feedback online.

The Board decides that the final version of the Rules of Procedure is to be approved during the next Board meeting in 2019.

3. Board Policy for ERIAC Offices in (additional) Member States

Board decisions:

The Board decides that current negotiations with states interested in opening local ERIAC branches should continue, serving as a case study for a future board policy on local branches.

The Board instructs the management to draft a concept note on legal, political, geographical, resource (financial and human), and quality control issues, which shall be circulated to the Board before the next Board meeting.

The Board decides to allocate time during the next in-person meeting to discuss the details of the future policy on ERIAC local branches.

The Board decides that a general policy on ERIAC branches shall be part of the strategic plan approval.

4. RomArchive (RA) transfer to the future host: ERIAC

Board decisions:

The Board will formulate a letter of expression of interest. The draft of the letter should be prepared by ERIAC management by October 12.

The Board decides to request a meeting with the RomArchive management, Kulturstiftung des Bundes, the Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Culture in order to convey its interest and its position, and delegated the Chair of the Board to act on its behalf.


The Board instructs the management to provide more argumentation based on an objective evaluation of the value, relevance and risks of the RomArchive to the work of ERIAC. ERIAC management is to send a detailed assessment paper to the Board, which shall include a strategy for the take-over, use and maintenance of RomArchive, to facilitate negotiations and decisions.

5. Conclusions

The Board instructs the management to prepare the minutes of the meeting and circulate them online. The Board will adopt the minutes by written procedure. The Board instructs the management to suggest the date for the next in-person Board meeting, based on its calendar of activities. Proposed dates should be circulated by the end of October 2018.

Approval date of the final Minute-document: November 14, 2018.


Chair of the ERIAC Board: Zeljko Jovanovic


Minute-taker: Anna Mirga- Kruszelnicka

In compliance with para 7 (4) of the ERIAC Statutes, these abridged minutes on the result of the Board meeting shall be published on the web portal of the association.