

III. BOARD MEETING
European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture
ERiac
Berlin, March 21-22, 2019

Abridged Report

Participants:

Board Members: Lorenz Barth (delegated to the Board by the Federal Foreign Office, in non-voting capacity); Nicoleta Bitu (delegated to the Board by the Permanent Member: Alliance for the European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture), Winfried Hass (delegated to the Board by the Federal Foreign Office, in non-voting capacity), Gilda Horvath (delegated to the Board by ERIAC Barvalipe Academy/membership); Zeljko Jovanovic (delegated to the Board by the Permanent Member: Open Society Foundations), Stephan Mayer (delegated to the Board by the Ministry of Interior, in non-voting capacity), Iulius Rostas (delegated to the Board by ERIAC Barvalipe Academy/membership), Snežana Samardžić-Marković, (delegated to the Board by the Permanent Member: Council of Europe).

Other invited participants: Thorsten Afflerbach, Uta Dauke, Kinga Rethy

Management: Timea Junghaus, Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka

Minutes prepared by: Timea Junghaus, Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka

Opening Remarks and Introduction

The Chair Zeljko Jovanovic opened the agenda and introduced two new members of the Board, nominated by Barvalipe Academy – Gilda Horvath and Iulius Rostas. He underlined that this is the first meeting of the complete Board, composed of 5 members, as stipulated by the Statutes. The Board approved the agenda.

Session 1: Review of 2018

The Board reviewed the reading materials prepared by ERIAC Management.

Board decisions:

- 1. The Board adopted and signed the abridged version of the minutes of the II Board Meeting (October 5th, 2018). The Board agreed that the text should be published on the ERIAC website as “Abridged Report of the 2nd Board meeting” (rather than as “Abridged Minutes).**
- 2. The Board reviewed the 2018 Narrative Report and asked for it to be revised taking into account the comments made, and to be resubmitted to the Board for approval.**
- 3. The Board requested ERIAC Management to make modifications on 2 textual explanation-lines of the 2018 Financial Report. The financial report’s numeric content was approved by the Board.**
- 4. The Board reflected on the minutes of the first meeting of the General Assembly (17 December 2018). The Board suggested an amendment recalling that in compliance with the Statutes members of the Academy should be natural persons. Furthermore, the Board agreed that the minutes should be sent to all participants of the General Assembly and that an abridged version of the text should be published on the ERIAC website, as stipulated in the Statute document.**

The Board agreed to discuss the appointment procedure of the Academy members in the next

session.

Session 2: Institution-building process

Board decisions:

1. The Board made decisions connected to the launching of the second membership call and continuing the institution-building process.

- The 2nd Call for Associate members will remain the same as in the previous year.
- The annual fees for individual and institutional members will remain the same as in the previous year.
- The Board instructed ERIAC management to create information documents about ERIAC associate membership, including incentives and benefits, in additional languages to be able to reach out to more potential associate members.
- The Board suggested making use of membership contributions in a different way that feeds back to the community, for example through a fellowship or stipend for talented youth.
- The Board agreed to carry out the replacement of Academy members by nominating the runners-up in the shortlist stemming from the ranking/election process. Following the procedure stipulated by the Statutes, the ERIAC Board approved that the replacement of Gilda Horvath to the Barvalipe Academy is the “substitute” in her section: Florin Nasture.
- The Board agreed to nominate a replacement in Barvalipe based on the voting results conducted by the Board during the election of the first 7 Barvalipe Academy members. The runner-up for the replacement to be appointed by the Board is: Miguel Angel Vargas.

Session 3: Rules of Procedure

Board decisions:

1. The Board made modifications and adopted the Rules of Procedures with the introduced changes.

The Board suggested that a Code of Conduct document, including procedures for possible conflicts of interest, should be elaborated by the Board.

Session 4: ERIAC strategy process

Board decisions:

1. The Board decided that the methodology proposed by ERIAC management to gather input for ERIAC strategy shall remain but the structure of the final document needs to be adapted.

Session 5: Goals for 2019

The Board reviewed and discussed the document prepared by the ERIAC management.

Board decisions:

1. The Board requested management to modify the document, connecting the ERIAC events and activities to broader goals and highlighting priorities for 2019.

Session 6: Local Branches

Board decisions:

1. The Board requested ERIAC Management to adjust the policy on branches document.

Management shall check the coherence of the policy across all existing ERIAC documents and procedures, including the Statute, the membership charter and the standard operating procedures.

Session 7: Fundraising

Management reported on the fundraising results. The Board highlighted that fundraising shall remain a priority. Core-funding/ institutional funding shall be a primary focus.

Board decisions:

- 1. The Board agreed that fundraising remains a high priority probably necessitating a reallocation of staff responsibilities in order to allow for appropriate follow-up.**
- 2. The Board agreed that a consultant could be hired in 2019 to assist with fundraising activities.**
- 3. The Board agreed to continue developing the proposal to engage in revenue-generating/ for-profit activities and asked the ERIAC Management to prepare a background document with financial, legal and resource implications well in time for the next Board meeting.**

Further discussion:

Nicoleta Bitu, ERIAC Board member on behalf of the Alliance for ERIAC announced her resignation from the position. She announced that Sead Kazanxhiu, Roma painter from Albania, will replace her on the ERIAC Board on behalf of the Alliance for ERIAC.

Board decision:

- 1. The decision of Nicoleta Bitu's resignation takes effect immediately after the Board meeting. Sead Kazanxhiu will attend the next Board meeting.**
- 2. Finally, the Board recalled that in compliance with the ERIAC Statutes it should approve the annual accounts, the annual budget plan, and the programme of activities, and asked the ERIAC Management to prepare those documents well in advance of the next Board meeting.**

Minute-taker: Timea Junghaus

Chair of the ERIAC Board: Zeljko Jovanovic

In compliance with para 7 (4) of the ERIAC Statutes, this Minutes is brought to the attention of all members and observers of the Board and the Chair of the Academy. An abridged report on the result of the Board meeting shall be published on the web portal of the association.