

## **XI. ERIAC BOARD MEETING**

### **Online meeting**

**June 8, 2023**

### **Abridged Minutes**

#### **Present:**

##### Board Members:

Björn Berge, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe, Member of the Board

Ismael Cortés, Member of the Spanish Parliament, Member of the Board

Gilda Horvath, Journalist, Member of the Board

Zeljko Jovanovic, Director, Roma Initiatives Office, Open Society Foundations,  
Chairman of the Board

Sead Kazanxhiu, Artist, Co-Chair of the Board

##### Observers and other invitees:

Mareike Geipel, Special Representative of the Federal Foreign Office for  
Relations with Jewish Organisations, Issues Relating to Antisemitism, International  
Sinti and Roma Affairs, and Holocaust Remembrance

Oana Taba, Roma and Traveller Team, Council of Europe

Irene Kitsou-Milonas, Council of Europe

##### ERiac Management:

Timea Junghaus, Executive Director

Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka, Deputy Director

Neven Mesec, Finance Manager

#### **Welcome**

Zeljko Jovanovic, Chairman of the Board, welcomed the Board members and Board invitees. He reflected on ERIAC's 6<sup>th</sup> birthday, taking place today. He went over the agenda and the objectives of the day. Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka, deputy director, was assigned as the minute-taker. The Board members agreed to the transcription of the meeting, enabled for the purpose of documentation.

## **Agenda Item 1: Follow up of X. Board Meeting**

The Board reviewed the Resolutions and Abridged Minutes (for publication) X. Board Meeting. Executive Director and Finance Manager presented the Final Financial Report 2022. The Board took note of and discussed document 1.3 Review of 2023 Financial Plan/Strategy I-IV, after its presentation by the Executive Director.

The members of the Board of the Association have passed the following resolutions:

### **Board Resolution No. 1.1/08062023 under Agenda Item 1:**

1.1 The Board approved the Resolutions and Abridged Minutes (for publication) of the X. Board Meeting.

### **Board Resolution No. 1.2/08062023 under Agenda Item 1:**

1.2 The Board approved the Final Financial Report 2022/ Jahresabschluss 2022.

## **Agenda Item 2: 2023 Mid-Year Status Report and Financial Status Report**

The Executive Director and the Finance Manager presented 2023 Mid-Year Status Report, including the Narrative Report May 2023, Financial Status Report April 2023 and the outline of the updated membership process. The Board took note of the Mid-Year Status Report and discussed opportunities on potential new ERIAC Branches, as well as the participation of ERIAC in the Venice Biennale. The Board encouraged the Management to prepare a written analysis aiming at preparing the future strategic priorities of ERIAC including regarding the strategic arts venues and events where ERIAC should participate. The Board instructed the Management to prepare draft of the abridged minutes within two weeks of the Board Meeting.

The members of the Board of the Association have passed the following resolution:

### **Board Resolution No. 2.1/08062023 under agenda item 2:**

2.1 The Board decided that ERIAC shall not pursue participation at the upcoming Venice Biennale in 2024.

## **Agenda Item 3: Plan for the rest of 2023**

The Executive Director presented the Plan for the rest of 2023.


The Board requested that the Management should take the rest of the year for building on the lessons learned from the work on census with OSF RIO and its network in order to build a long-term strategic plan for the 3rd objective under banner "Proud Roma, Free Europe" which includes a methodology for impact measurement, with baseline data and indicators. Such a plan should be presented to the Board in its next meeting.


Also, the Board Chair updated the Board about the forthcoming foundation called Roma Foundation for Europe, which is expected to build and expand OSF's work on Roma. The Chair emphasized that the funding commitment for ERIAC will be taken over by the new foundation as part of OSF's legacy. Moreover, that ERIAC is one of the foundational pillars of the foundation's network, besides the Roma Education Fund, Roma Entrepreneurship Development Initiative and Roma for Democracy.

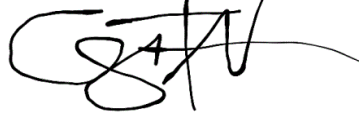
Minute taker: Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka, deputy director. Dated, as above.


Berlin, June 8, 2023

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