

IX MEETING OF THE BARVALIPE ACADEMY

April 4, 2023

Online

MINUTES

Participants:

Barvalipe Academy:

Miguel Angel Vargas, Delia Grigore, Hristo Kyuchukov, Isaac Blake, Jonathan Mack (on behalf of Romani Rose), Mihaela Zatreanu, Maria Bogdan, Iulius Rostas

ERiac Team: Timea Junghaus, Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka, Agota Szilagy, Eglia Aliu

Minute-taker: Eglia Aliu

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka welcomed the Barvalipe Academy members and presented the agenda for the meeting.

Timea Junghaus welcomed the Barvalipe Academy members, expressing gratitude for their contribution to ERIAC and their involvement on daily basis in ERIAC activities. She clarified the objectives of the meeting and the ERIAC priorities for 2023.

Maria Bogdan welcomed the Barvalipe Academy members.

Session 1: The outcome of the ERIAC Survey results and report on the ERIAC Thematic Section meetings

Eglantina Aliu presented the results of the ERIAC Survey about the 5th General Assembly. She also briefly reported on the thematic section meetings organized in March. She highlighted that participation was very low, despite the involvement of thematic section coordinators in the hosting of the meetings.

Session 2: ERIAC 2023 Upcoming Activities

Agota Szilagy presented the calendar of ERIAC activities in 2023.

ERiac Members will receive newsletters to be updated about the ERIAC Events.

Session 3: ERIACNET4EU Re-granting call

ERAC management presented the new re-granting opportunity available for ERIAC institutional members in the frame of the ERIACNET4EU project. The total budget available is 170.000 euro. The grants will be awarded for a **minimum of 2 months and a maximum of one-year period** projects through the following tranches:

- Small Scale Projects in between 5000 – 10.000 EUR (total budget of 50.000 EUR);
- Medium Scale Projects of 15.000 EUR (total budget of 60.000 EUR);
- Large Scale Projects of 20.000 EUR (total budget of 60.000 EUR);

Eligibility Criteria

- Applications are accepted from **ERAC member organizations** from **EU Member States**.
- The applicant must be a legal entity, **non-profit organization**, established in a Member State of the European Union, and respecting EU values as laid down in Art.2 of the Treaty on European Union and the EU Charter of fundamental rights.
- Natural persons are not eligible to apply, but the preference is given to applications **for collaborative projects** involving individual ERIAC members or non-EU-based members.
- Project activities happening physically must take place on the territory of the EU.
- The project must be designed to advance one or more of the funding priorities. It must have clear objectives that are achievable within the term of the project, which cannot extend beyond one year.

It was noted that the only organization who are based in the EU have a right to apply and this is due to the requirements from the donors (European Commission). Barvalipe Academy suggested that non-eligible ERIAC Members could collaborate with EU-based organizations. Involvement of individual ERIAC members in the proposal was encouraged.

It was heighted that ERIAC Membership Call is open until April 17, and this gives the individual members the chance to re-apply as institutional members in order to be eligible for this opportunity.

Selection Process

This is a competitive call for grants, and an international jury delegated by the Barvalipe Academy will select the winners. ERIAC proposes that the Barvalipe Academy organ delegates 4 members to the jury, which will review the applications and select the winners. Those members who will be delegated to the jury will not be able to apply for the ERIACNET4EU Re-granting call. 1 additional member of the Jury will be delegated

by the ERIAC management. The selection process will have two stages – in the first stage, ERIAC staff will conduct pre-screening of the applications to ensure their eligibility. Successful applicants will be informed in mid-July.

Decisions

The following members of the Barvalipe Academy volunteered to be part of the ERIACNET4EU Re-granting Jury:

- Maria Bogdan
- Isaac Blake
- Miguel Vargas

A fourth member of the Jury will be selected via online process, in email discussion.

The Jury suggests a possibility for an offline meeting to select the final beneficiaries.

It is also suggested that in order to ensure quality of project implementation, all beneficiaries should take part in an obligatory project and financial management training given by ERIAC.

Session 3: ERIAC Code of Conduct

The process of the Code of Conduct began almost 2 years ago, initiated by the Barvalipe Academy. Based on many discussions among the Barvalipe Academy members, ERIAC Thematic Section Coordinators, ERIAC Board and ERIAC Associate Members comments, and respecting ERIAC statutory obligations and founding documents, a draft of Code of Conduct has been elaborated. Barvalpie Academy members present discussed the initial draft. Due to the limited time of the meeting, participants agreed to circulate the draft proposal once again for final comments and to finalize the draft in writing.

Comments

- To keep it simple and clear
- Easy-ready/ short version and a longer version, including hyperlinks
- Include a Footnote on all Roma groups and self-identification
- More flexibility in language regarding gender neutrality/ non-binary
- Code of Conduct to be a public document
- Clarify the process for filling in the complaints, including developing a procedure in case of violation of human rights standards, and ERIAC values
- Clarifies roles of the Board in evaluating complaints

Decisions

The Code of Conduct document will be circulated once again for comments and for the Barvalipe Academy members who did not have the chance to contribute. All members will be invited to contribute in writing within a feasible deadline.

The Chair thanked all present members for their attendance and closed the meeting.

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Appointed Minute-taker: Eglantina Aliu

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Maria Bogdan
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Chair of the Barvalipe Academy: Maria Bogdan

I hereby confirm the correctness of the above minutes of the meeting of the Barvalipe Academy.

In compliance with the ERIAC Statutes and the Rules of Procedure this Minutes are to be prepared, signed by the minute-taker and confirmed by the Chair of the Barvalipe Academy. The abridge version of these minutes shall be published on the web portal of the association.