

## ERiac XI Barvalipe Academy Meeting

February 26, 2024

15:30 – 17:00 CET

Online

### MINUTES

#### Participants:

##### Barvalipe Academy:

Maria Bogdan

Santino Spinelli

Hristo Kyuchukov

Iulius Rostas

Miguel Angel Vargas

Delia Grigore

Raul Carstocea

Nedjo Osman

##### ERiac Team:

Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka, Deputy Director

Petro Rusanienko

Minute-taker: Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka

#### Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka welcomed the Barvalipe Academy members and presented the agenda of the meeting. She clarified the objectives of the meeting.

She informed the members that David Pena Dorantes has resigned from his position as the Barvalipe Academy member due to busy agenda and inability to fulfil his mandate. The resignation took effect on December 31 2023. The Board has voted to appoint dr.

Raul Carstocea for the remainder of this term, and his appointment is effective as of January 1 2024. Dr. Carstocea presented himself and underlined his commitment to ERIAC's mission. He was warmly welcomed by the other members.

Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka also introduced Petro Rusanienko as the new ERIAC employee, in charge of the ERIAC membership community.

Maria Bogdan welcomed the Barvalipe Academy members.

### **Session 1: Institutional Updates**

Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka provided institutional updates and novelty in 2024. She informed the members of the new membership process established by the Board in 2024 which requires all members – including the Barvalipe Academy members themselves – to re-apply, participate in the interview process and contribute. She presented the schematic structure of the process and the connected timeline. The members took note of the new process and agreed to renew their membership accordingly.

Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka informed the members that their mandates expire in 2024 and that new appointments by the Board and the General Assembly are imminent. She clarified the timeline and informed of the next steps. The ERIAC management will follow up in writing in the second half of the year. Before the elections/ appointments take place, the Barvalipe Academy in its current composition will meet for the second time, in September 2024.

### **Session 2: Review of the ERIAC Calendar of Activities 2024**

Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka presented the updated calendar of activities 2024 and invited the members to flag their interest in contributing to activities.

The members took note of the new calendar. They underlined that they are interested and ready to take on more responsibilities and more visible roles, also in terms of representation and participation in events and projects. They requested information on specific activities or tasks they can be involved in as part of the ERIAC programming.

### **Session 3: Presentation of ERIACNET4EU 2024**

Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka presented the updates on the ERIAC flagship project ERIACNET4EU in 2024. She highlighted the regranting process and the funding limitations. She also reminded the Barvalipe Academy that they act as the Monitoring Committee to the project – during the September meeting, they will be requested to provide their feedback on the project implementation and progress made.

Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka highlighted that as part of the ERIACNET4EU project, a new position paper on history education shall be developed. This coincides with the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August in 2024. Three members of the Barvalipe Academy expressed their interest in being involved in the drafting process:

- Raul Carstocea
- Maria Bogdan
- Hristo Kyuchukov

In the course of next weeks, they will be contacted by the ERIACNET4EU manager to discuss the details of the timeline, process and the degree of their involvement.

### Session 3: Proposals for closer cooperation with ERIAC members and the ERIAC Board

The Barvalipe Academy members discussed proposals for closer cooperation with ERIAC associate members and with the ERIAC Board, with the aim of creating an ever-closer and more coordinated community. The Academy members argued that a closer engagement is desired and necessary. The Academy members also responded positively to the initiative of the Board of ensuring at least 1 meeting between Board and Barvalipe Academy (or their representatives) takes place each year. The following ideas were discussed:

- A structural proposal for regular meetings between Board and Barvalipe Academy members. These could happen in the following way:
  - o Board members delegated by the Barvalipe Academy (currently Gilda Horvath and Ismael Cortes) shall be delegated to attend meetings of the Barvalipe Academy, to ensure a smooth channel of communication and feedback between Board and Barvalipe Academy
  - o Possibility of Barvalipe Academy Chair, or other delegate, to join parts of the Board meetings, whenever relevant, and upon the Board's invitation
- A closer engagement and dialogue with the ERIAC associate members, for example:
  - o Delegates of the Barvalipe Academy to attend their corresponding thematic section meetings, and closer cooperation with corresponding thematic section coordinators
  - o Create spaces for regular discussion on specific projects, initiatives and ideas that can be developed together between the associate members and interested Barvalipe Academy members

The Academy members also indicated that they would like to schedule meetings in advance, as two weeks in advance (the statutory deadline) is not enough to organize agendas and block the meeting dates.

In the end of the meeting, ERIAC Management thanked all present Barvalipe Academy

members for their attendance and closed the meeting.

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*Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka*

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Appointed Minute-taker: Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka

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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.