

ENGSO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 63rd SESSION

Belgrade (Serbia), April 12-13, 2007

The ENGSO ExCom held its 63rd session in Belgrade (Serbia), on April 12 and 13, 2007, at which its members approved the following,

AGENDA

1. **Opening of the Meeting**
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
3. **Minutes of the 62nd ENGSO ExCom Meeting in Prague**
4. **Financial Report, Membership Fees and Transfer of Treasurership**
5. **15th ENGSO General Assembly in Helsinki**
6. **Final invitation (letter for adoption)**
 - Reports for GA (*item 6 of the Annotated Agenda*)
 - Annotated Agenda (April 13, at the latest) *revised version for adoption of the agenda (item 12)*
 - ENGSO ExCom Election process (*candidates*)
 - Final ENGSO ExCom Proposal on Strategic Plan to the GA and reactions
 - Issue of Associated members
 - Membership Fees
 - ENGSO Position Statement on White Paper on Sport and the ENGSO response to the EC Consultation
 - Preparations for the EU Pre-Seminar, May 4
 - ENGSO and EWS
 - Possibility for Extraordinary GA, in case of motions for ENGSO Statutes modifications
 - Discussion on the profile on the Forum in Faeroe Islands (EDG and ...)
 - ENGSO Youth GA
 - ENGSO Youth election process
 - Preparations for the Youth Conference in Helsinki
7. **ENGSO Position related to the ESC**
8. **Future Meetings up to the General Assembly in Helsinki 2007**

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 - May 5 & 7, 2007, Helsinki (GA)

OTHER MEETINGS
9. **Miscellaneous**
10. **Closing**

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DECISIONS AND PROPOSALS

➤ After the ExCom meeting in Prague, there was an initiative to finalize the preparations. Thanking the Secretary General for enabling this meeting to be held at such short notice in order to prepare for the forthcoming General Assembly in Helsinki, the members approved the agenda and programme of the 63rd meeting of the ENGSO ExCom as well as the Minutes of the previous 62nd edition of ExCom.

➤ Treasurer Wainig reported about the financial situation and explained the documents that will be presented to the participants of the GA. He repeated that until present, 14 member countries have not yet paid the membership fees, and that a reminder is to be sent again to reiterate to the ENGSO members that they would not be entitled to vote in case they fail to fulfill their membership obligation. It will also be necessary to urge the members to pay the 2007 membership fee as well.

ExCom members adopted the business year and other final financial reports, as well as the information about the transfer of Treasurership. In case the proposal of the ExCom regarding the transfer is adopted by the GA 2007 in Helsinki, the whole procedure will take maximum 60 days, after which the Treasurer will take full duty from Wainig, including transfer of bank accounts if necessary.

➤ Representative of the Organizer of the forthcoming ENGSO General Assembly, Kristiina Heinonen, explained all details regarding the organization in Helsinki, hotel accommodation and venue, as well as the programme. ExCom members expressed their gratitude for all preparations for the ENGSO GA and expressed their conviction that it will be organized in the best possible way. It was agreed that a registration for the General Assembly will be carried out at the very venue in Finlandia Hall, and in Institute for Adult Education for ENGSO Youth. Heinonen also explained the evening programme intended for both groups. It was concluded that members of the ExCom are to attend the ENGSO Youth and they were also of the opinion that ENGSO Youth should be present during the Opening of the GA.

Members agreed on the Preliminary Programme, amended Draft and Annotated Agenda and the general invitation letter to be sent to the participants. It was agreed that the material will be posted on the website wherefrom all can read, print or download the material. This will additionally avoid high costs of copying and posting by regular mail, and enable all members to have as many copies as needed and the material ready in their computers for work.

➤ Until the deadline due for sending nominations to the ENGSO Secretariat, ExCom members were informed of all nominations that arrived in the Secretariat. There was one for the ENGSO President, one for ENGSO Vice-President, one for Treasurer, one for re-election, and three for ENGSO ExCom members. The ExCom members agreed on the procedure that will take place on the second day of the General Assembly following the adoption of the Strategic Plan.

➤ The representative of the Sport Unit to attend the GA is to give an insight on the present situation of the White Paper of Sport, after which discussion is expected. ENGSO has provided papers on general expectations on EU and the Position Paper in relation to the White Paper on Sport. President Sevelius commented that the ExCom was a forerunner in creating such documents, as the reaction of EOC was that they fully agree with the statements in these papers.

➤ Talking about the preparations for the EU Pre-Seminar on the morning of May 4, Heinonen informed the ExCom that many have announced their participation and it was concluded that the members of the EU WG are to be involved. There are going to be representatives of the Finnish Ministry, National Sports organizations, and after the introductory there will also be a panel moderated by Wainig as the Chair of the Working Group. Many participants are expected in the EU Pre-Seminar, not only from ENGSO member countries, but from Finland as well.

➤ In discussing about the ENGSO Youth Assembly and the Conference, Holze stated that regretfully, ENGSO Youth has not received the funding they applied for from the EU. Finnish hosts shall be covering some part of the organization, but ENGSO Youth will be in need of a financial assistance from ENGSO which will be provided from the existing funds. ENGSO Youth will also hold elections for which more female than male members have applied.

➤ If the Strategic Plan is adopted in its proposed form, the delegates will have the possibility of convening an Extraordinary Assembly in order to adopt certain technical modifications of the Statutes which will all be prepared and ready to be provided at the General Assembly, in order to be in position to apply and implement the Strategic Plan.

- ExCom members also determined responsibilities of each ExCom member at the GA and distributed tasks regarding different items.
- Vice-President Kervinen will inform about the ENGSO Leadership Programme ENTER! that started in Paris with participants from 9 countries.
- The profile of the ENGSO Forum which will be held in mid September in Faeroe Islands will be discussed more at the General Assembly, but will certainly take on board many of the previously elaborated matters, including EU, Development work and some other issues.
- ENGSO received an inquiry about the future of ESC and expressed concern for their difficulties to hold the ExCom meeting, and it was proposed that ENGSO should send a letter explaining its position.
- All further meetings will be discussed with the new ExCom after the GA has ended.
- On behalf of ExCom members ENGSO President Sevelius expressed gratitude to the ENGSO Secretariat and the Secretary General Predrag Manojlovic for organization of this ExCom meeting, and for excellent conditions in the ENGSO Secretariat during the meeting in Belgrade.