

MINUTES

prepared at the General Assembly meeting of the **Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives** (CESCI)

Venue: Budapest Museum of History, Gothic Hall (Budapest, 2 St. George's Square)

Date: 10th December, 2010, 2.30 p.m.

Attendees: see attached list of attendees

Chairman Dr. György Kocziszky opens the meeting and welcomes all those present. He states that the number of General Assembly members attending the meeting is 19 as a result the General Assembly has a quorum (necessary minimum number being 17 members).

After this he nominates Ms Gabriella Nagy as Recorder and Mr Benedek Gál and Mr Attila Bognár as Attestors of the Minutes. All three accept their nomination.

Voting results:

Ayes: 19

No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 14/2010 (XII. 10.)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives elects Ms Gabriella Nagy as Recorder and Mr Benedek Gál and Mrs Attila Bognár as Attestors of the meeting.

After this the proposed items of the agenda as below were detailed by the Chairman:

Agenda item no. 1: Report on the events since the previous General Assembly meeting (5th May, 2010)

Agenda item no. 2: Modification of the Statutes

Agenda item no. 3: Admission of new members

Agenda item no. 4: Election of a new member of the Board

Agenda item no. 5: Election of the members of the Supervisory Board

Agenda item no. 6: Plans of the Association for 2011

Agenda item no. 7: A.O.B.

No suggestions for further agenda items were received so the Chairman proposes the above agenda to be approved.

Voting Results:

Ayes: 19

No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 15/2010 (XII. 10.)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives approves of the proposed agenda without modification.

Agenda item no. 1: Report on the events since the previous General Assembly meeting (5th May, 2010) presented by Secretary General Gyula Ocskay

The Secretary General added some further remarks to the submitted written report. He mentioned that the strategic background study prepared by the working organisation of CESCOI was approved by the Managing Committee of CETC EGTC in its session held on 2nd December at Ystadt. This background material was prepared in English and, owing to the trainee from Poland of the organisation, in Polish, too. As a result of the decisions made at the session of the Managing Committee the draft Agreement and Statutes of the EGTC to be established have also been prepared and both have to be forwarded to the commissioning organisation just on the day of the present General Assembly meeting.

The registration of the EGTC Pons Danubii will take place before the end of the year while the approval phase of the EGTC Arrabona will commence in the coming days.

The Secretary General briefly referred to the strategic documents prepared by the working organisation in the course of the summer and the autumn, especially highlighting the strategy of Komárom-Esztergom County the final version of which is to be approved by the regional development council next week.

He declared the project initiated jointly with KTI in the frameworks of the South-East European INTERREG IVB Programme as one of great importance. The aim of the project is to make the preparations of the high-speed rail network in the region.

There were no further comments or questions so the Chairman put the approval of the Report to the vote.

Voting results:

Ayes:	19
No:	0
Abstained:	0

General Assembly Resolution no. 16/2010 (XII. 10.)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives approves of the report on the period since the previous General Assembly meeting.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman Dr. György Kocziszky

Agenda item no. 2: Modification of the Statutes (presented by Legal Director Dr. Norbert Jankai)

The antecedents and the textual changes regarding the modification and completion of the Statutes were presented by the Legal Director. At the same time he indicated that the reasons for the modification and completion are partly administrative, partly they are called for by the establishment of the Supervisory Board, partly they are in line with the changes in the legal regulations introduced in the meantime and they are in the interest of safeguarding the uninterrupted economic and financial activity of CESCI.

Since there were no further remarks or comments this agenda item is put to the vote by the Chairman for approval. At the same time, as a point of order, the Chairman suggested the modifications to be approved jointly and the consolidated text of the Statutes, containing all the approved modifications, to be approved in a separate resolution.

Voting results: proposal concerning the point of order

Ayes: 19
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 17/2010 (XII. 10.)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives will vote on the approval of the modifications and completion of the Statutes and the new, consolidated version of the Statutes in two separate resolutions.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman Dr. György Kocziszky

After this the resolution proposals according to the above resolution concerning the point of order were put to the vote by the Chairman for approval.

Voting results:

Ayes: 19
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 18/2010 (XII.10.)

The below modifications and completion of the Statutes are approved by the General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives:

I. Name (Title)

„STATUTES OF THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN SERVICE FOR CROSS-BORDER INITIATIVES”

II. (Article I. General measures, point 2.2):

„Name of the association: Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives”

III. (Article IV. Bodies of the association, point 5.2, second sentence):

„The Secretary General exercises employer’s rights regarding the employees of the association and is authorised to represent the association alone in cases corresponding to point 3.3 Article IV and point 3. Article V“

IV. (Article IV. Bodies of the association, point 6.3):

„All three members of the Supervisory Board are elected by the General Assembly for 3 years through secret balloting. In case the annual report concerning the last business year falling within the 3-year mandate of one or more members of the Supervisory Board is not yet approved by the General Assembly the mandate of this member (or members) will expire, despite the termination of their membership in the Supervisory Board, only after the submitted report has been approved.”

V. (Article IV. Bodies of the association, point 6.4):

„The Chairman of the Supervisory Board will be elected by and from among the members of the Supervisory Board by open balloting. He is to be invited, exercising consultation rights, to all sessions of the elected bodies of the association.”

VI. (Article IV. Bodies of the association, point 6.5):

„The Supervisory Board shall meet as required but at least once a year. The members shall be invited in writing, also attaching the agenda of the meeting, by the Chairman of the Supervisory Board at least 8 (eight) days prior to the planned date of the meeting. The elected Supervisory Board will hold its first session and will approve of its own rules of procedure within three months of its election.”

VII. (Article V. Legal status and representation of the Association, point 2):

“The association shall be represented, in line with the stipulations laid down in the Statutes, independently by the Chairman and, in cases described in Article IV point 3.3 and Article V point 3, by the Secretary General.”

VIII. (Article V. Legal status and representation of the Association, point 3):

„The Chairman and the Secretary General have full authority, each independently, over the bank account of the Association. This authority especially refers to rights of account handling matters, cash withdrawal and use of banking card. The Secretary General is required to send a copy of each monthly bank statement to the Chairman within 8 working days of its arrival.”

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman Dr. György Kocziszky

Voting results

Ayes: 19

No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 19/2010 (XII. 10.)

The new, consolidated Statutes, modified and completed by the Title and, further, by Articles I.2.2, IV.5.2, 6.3, 6.4, 6.5, V.5.2 and 5.3, of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives are approved by the General Assembly.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman Dr. György Kocziszky

Agenda item no. 3: Proposal concerning the admission of new members (presented by Chairman Dr. György Kocziszky)

Since the last General Assembly meeting a number of organisations and private individuals have applied for membership in the association. According to the Statutes decision about the admission of new members is made by the General Assembly upon the initiative of the Board of the association.

The candidates for membership have all separately confirmed their intention, after being asked by the Chairman, to join the association. Mr Iosif Matula was unable to be present at the meeting, due to his other obligations in Brussels, but it was indicated by Mr Rudolf Bauer that he had spoken to him before the General Assembly meeting, on the occasion of the Open Days in Brussels, and the candidate had confirmed to him his intention to join the association. The CV of Mr Iosif Matula was briefly presented by the Chairman and he proposed, on the basis of the supportive decision of the Board, the admission of new members in the association.

Voting was carried out by each candidate member separately.

Voting results

Ayes: 19

No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 20/2010 (XII. 10.)

The Regional Government of Bács-Kiskun County is admitted to become member of the association by the General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman Dr. György Kocziszky

Voting results:

Ayes: 19
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 21/2010 (XII. 10.)

The Regional Government of Nógrád County is admitted to become member of the association by the General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman Dr. György Kocziszky

Voting results:

Ayes: 19
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 22/2010 (XII. 10.)

The Municipality with County Rights of Tatabánya is admitted to become member of the association by the General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman Dr. György Kocziszky

Voting results:

Ayes: 19
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 23/2010 (XII. 10.)

The Association of Regional Scientific Studies is admitted to become member of the association by the General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman Dr. György Kocziszky

Voting results:

Ayes: 19
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 24/2010 (XII. 10.)

Mr Iosif Matula is admitted to become member of the association by the General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman Dr. György Kocziszky

Voting results:

Ayes: 19

No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 25/2010 (XII. 10.)

Ms Angéla BaracsKay-Komonyi is admitted to become member of the association by the General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman Dr. György Kocziszky

(After the completion of this agenda item the number of those with voting rights increased to 23)

Agenda item no. 4: Decision on the election of a new member of the Board (presented by Chairman Dr. György Kocziszky)

According to the proposal, in line with the working plan of the association for 2011, the governing body of CESCO will be enlarged by a member who is capable of strengthening the international network of the association in the future. The legal frameworks of the enlargement of the Board were established at the previous General Assembly meeting. The person proposed to become ordinary member of the Board in the course of the enlargement process is Mr Iosif Matula (Romania).

It is repeatedly indicated by the Chairman that the candidate for admission unfortunately cannot be present, due to his obligations as member of the European Parliament, but his introduction brief was presented in the course of previous agenda items and his declaration of acceptance had already been received.

There were no remarks or comments made to this point.

The Chairman proposes the election of Mr Iosif Matula to become ordinary member of the Board.

Voting results:

Ayes: 23
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 26/2010 (XII. 10.)

Member of the association Mr Iosif Matula (Romania) is elected by the General Assembly to become ordinary member of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman Dr. György Kocziszky

Agenda item no. 5: Election of the members of the Supervisory Board (presented by Legal Director Dr. Norbert Jankai)

The General Assembly was briefed by the Chairman about the obligation to elect the members of the Supervisory Board and about the election process.

Vote Counting Commission

The first step in the process was to elect the Vote Counting Commission. Before the election the Chairman described the task of the members then he introduced the proposed members of the Vote Counting Commission: Ms Judit H. Kovács, Mr László Majthényi and Dr. Norbert Jankai.

He asked the members of the General Assembly about other candidate proposals. There were no other proposals. On being asked all the candidates declared their acceptance of candidacy then briefly introduced themselves.

The Chairman proposes to elect the originally submitted three candidates for membership in the Vote Counting Commission in one joint resolution.

Voting results:

Ayes: 23
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 27/2010 (XII. 10.)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives elects Ms. Judit H. Kovács, Mr László Majthényi and Dr. Norbert Jankai as members of the Vote Counting Commission.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman Dr. György Kocziszky

From among its members Ms Judit H. Kovács was elected as chairperson of the Vote Counting Commission.

Election of candidate members of the Supervisory Board

The Chairman named the candidate members, as a result of prior consultations, of the Supervisory Board and invited them to introduce themselves. He indicated that due to the increasing danger of rapidly rising inland water in his home region one of the member candidates Dr. Attila Tilki had to return home. His CV was briefly presented by the Chairman to the members of the General Assembly. After this the other two candidates Mr Kálmán Nagy and Mr István Oláh introduced themselves in some sentences. The Chairman asked the members of the General Assembly about further candidate proposals. There were no further candidate proposals.

Asking for the floor Gyula Ocskay completed the CV of the Supervisory Board member candidates with some further elements (Mr István Oláh: legal knowledge and expertise; Kálmán Nagy: active participation in the CETC and Pannon EGTC; Dr. Attila Tilki: knowledge and expertise in the fields of law and regional development) pointing out that in his judgement the candidates when elected will perform their activities in an adequate way.

The candidates present were asked by the Chairman whether they received, studied, understood and accepted the legal conditions concerning their election, especially the regulations referring to conflicts of interest and their obligation to declare their assets. The candidates responded that they had studied, understood and accepted these rules and had confirmed this in a declaration of acceptance (the same declaration had been signed by the member candidate absent of the Supervisory Board as well).

Voting procedure

On request of the Chairman the proposed voting order was presented by the Legal Director. Voting takes place in secret by the means of the voting cards distributed by the Vote Counting Commission. The members present were invited by the Chairman to make further or different proposals concerning the order of voting. There being no further suggestions the Chairman proposes the acceptance by the General Assembly of the original proposal.

Voting results:

Ayes:	23
No:	0
Abstained:	0

General Assembly Resolution no. 28/2010 (XII. 10.)

The order of voting the members of the Supervisory Board is determined by the General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives as follows:

A voting card each, its format corresponding to the sample card presented at the General Assembly and attached to the Minutes, will be distributed among those present having voting rights.

The “Ayes” will be indicated by marking the box “Aye” with the letter “x” or “+” by the name of the given candidate. The “No” votes will be indicated by marking the box “No” with the letter “x” or “+” by the name of the given candidate. In case of “Abstention” the voting card is left empty.

A vote is valid if

- **voting was made on the issued and stamped voting card and**
- **the person voting is a member, with proper voting rights, of the General Assembly and**
- **the voting procedure was carried out in a secret manner (the General Assembly member voting cannot be identified subsequently) and**
- **the “Aye” or “No” box was clearly marked by the letter “x” or “+” or, in case of abstention, the voting card was left empty and**
- **the three candidates obtaining the most votes each have acquired more than half of the total votes (simple majority).**

In all other cases the voting is declared invalid.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman Dr. György Kocziszky

Following the approval of the proposal the Chairman had a head-count made of the persons with voting rights present. He declares that the number of persons entitled to vote is 20 persons (three had to leave the meeting in the meantime). Then the voting cards by the means of which the voting took place were distributed. After the voting procedure was finished the voting cards were collected and the results were summarised by the Vote Counting Commission.

Announcement of the results

The Chairman of the Vote Counting Commission announced the results by name and the number of valid votes each.

According to the results the candidate members of the Supervisory Board received the following number of valid votes:

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| 1. Kálmán Nagy | 20 Ayes |
| 2. István Oláh | 20 Ayes |
| 3. Dr. Attila Tilki | 20 Ayes |

The Chairman declared the voting valid according to the Statutes because the number of valid “Aye” votes for the members of the Supervisory Board reached more than half of total votes.

Based on this result the decision of the General Assembly in a form of resolution is as follows:

General Assembly Regulation no. 29/2010 (XII. 10.)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives elects Mr Kálmán Nagy, Mr István Oláh and Dr. Attila Tilki to become members of the Supervisory Board.

Deadline:

- effective immediately

- as for the first meeting of the Supervisory Board (election of the Chairman of the Supervisory Board, approval of the order of procedures): 10th March.

Responsible: Chairman Dr. György Kocziszky

Agenda item no. 6: Working plan of the association for 2011 (presented by Secretary General Gyula Ocskay)

The Secretary General made some additional remarks to the submitted material in writing. He highlighted the tasks concerning the high-speed rail project and he gave account, citing them as new elements in the working plan, of a new request (CESCI was invited to organise the first Hungarian-Romanian transport conference) and, further, of winning a tender project (concerning the organisation of the 4th spatial development workshop in the Carpathian Basin in the Ukraine in April next).

There were no further remarks or comments made to this point.

Voting results:

Ayes: 20

No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 30/2010 (XII. 10.)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives approves of the working plan of the association for 2011.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman Dr. György Kocziszky

Agenda item no. 7: A.O.B.

Secretary General Gyula Ocskay gave information about the Budapest Declaration accepted in the morning of the day of the General Assembly meeting. He pointed out that the signing ceremony of this declaration, making possible the establishment of a European level professional network, was honoured by the presence and a short greeting by the Speaker of the National Assembly of Hungary His Excellency Mr László Kövér. Following this he read the text of the declaration to those present in the General Assembly meeting.

Since no further remarks and proposals were made the Chairman thanked the members and other participants for their presence and contribution and adjourned the General Assembly meeting at 4.45 p.m.

Dated as above

Dr. György Kocziszky

Chairman

signed

Gabriella Nagy

Recorder of the Minutes

signed

Attila Bognár

Attestor of the Minutes

signed

Benedek Gál

Attestor of the Minutes

signed