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

Place of the meeting: Hotel Normafa, Budapest

Starting date of the meeting: 29th November, 2012. 1.00 p.m., after reconvening: 1.30 p.m.

Present are: according to the attached attendance sheet.

Chairman Dr Tamás Tóth greeted the participants of the general meeting. At the same time he determined that at the original starting date of the general meeting the number of the members does not reach the number necessary to have a quorum, so he reconvened the general meeting to the date according to the invitation card (1:30 p.m.).

He further determines that Rudolf Bauer member (Slovakia) participates in the events of the general assembly meeting by way of simultaneous interpretation.

Following this the chairman suggests that the general meeting elects dr. Norbert Jankai as recorder of the minutes and Gabriella Nagy as attester of the minute. There was no further proposal. The above mentioned persons accepted the nomination.

Voting results:

Yes: 18

No: 0

Abstention: 0

No. 11/2012 (29.XI.) General Assembly meeting resolution

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives elects dr. Norbert Jankai as recorder of the minutes and Gabriella Nagy as attester of the minutes.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman

Then the Chairman introduced the suggested agenda of the meeting. Since no further suggestions were made concerning the agenda items, the Chairman proposes accepting the agenda modified.

Voting results:

Yes: 18

No: 0

Abstention: 0

No. 12/2012 (29.XI.) General Assembly meeting resolution

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives accepts the following agenda:

- 1. Report on the events of the period passed since the last General Assembly meeting (31th May, 2012)**
- 2. Office-holder issues - Election of new vice -chairs**
- 3. Reports - Report on the activity of the Supervisory Board in the 2nd part of year 2012**
- 4. Organisation of Central-European panel at Open Days 2013 in Brussels**

5. Any other issue

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman

Before the discussion of the agenda items the chairman indicated that the Board had a meeting today, by 11:30 am. Since the two vice-chairs (Zsolt Borkai and dr Árpád Mihalovics) 3-year mandate was expired on 12th November 2012 and the new vice-chairs are going to be elected during the general meeting, the Board does not reach the minimum headcount (1 chairman + 2 vice-chairs + at least 1 ordinary member), it was not able to adjudicated. Instead, at the actual General Assembly meeting the chairman indicates the proposals framed by the present Board members in connection with the agenda items.

Since there was no question, the Chairman continued the lead of the meeting.

Agenda item no.1: Report on the events of the period passed since the last General Assembly meeting (31th May, 2012)

The secretary general gave an overview of the activity of the period passed since the last general meeting. He highlighted the professional support activity concerning EGTCs founded with Hungarian participation, the completed and the ongoing planning documents and studies, professional events, then he mentioned the main future goals of the association.

There were no comments or questions therefore the approval of the report is proposed by the Chairman.

Voting results:

Yes: 18

No: 0

Abstention: 0

No. 13/2012 (29.XI.) General Assembly meeting resolution

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross Border Initiatives accepts the report on the events passed since the last General Assembly meeting (31st May 2012)

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman

Agenda item no. 2: Office-holder issues - Election of new vice –chairs

To the Chairman's invitation the secretary general gave information about the antecedents of the change in the Board's headcount, the actual situation and the possibility of quorum. At the same time he introduced the career of the new vice-chair nominees, who unfortunately could not take part in the General Assembly meeting because of their duties.

According to their career the Secretary General regards them appropriate as vice-chairs of

CESCI.

No comments, questions and proposals were added, so the Chairman requested one-by-one voting in the question of electing the vice-chairs.

Voting results (Zsolt Borkai):

Yes: 18
No: 0
Abstention: 0

No. 14/2012 (29.XI.) General Assembly meeting resolution

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives elects Zsolt Borkai to the first vice -chair of CESCI for 3 years.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman

Voting results (dr. András Levente Gál):

Yes: 18
No: 0
Abstention: 0

No. 15/2012 (29.XI.) General Assembly meeting resolution

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives elects dr. András Levente Gál to the second vice-chair of CESCI for 3 years.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman

Agenda item no. 3: Report on the activity of the Supervisory Board in the 2nd part of year 2012

To the Chairman's invitation Kálmán Nagy, Chairman of the Supervisory Board reported on their controlling activity according to the agenda.

Considering that no observations, comments were presented to the agenda item, the Chairman requested voting concerning the report.

Voting results:

Yes: 18
No: 0
Abstention: 0

No. 16/2012 (29.XI.) General Assembly meeting resolution

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives accepts the report on the activity of the Supervisory Board in the 2nd part of year 2012.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman

Agenda item no.4: Organisation of Central-European panel at Open Days 2013 in Brussels

To the Chairman's invitation Rudolf Bauer indicated that he makes a proposal.

One of the most significant events of the European Union is the Open Days, held in every autumn, which aims at sharing the development experiences of the European regions and cities. Some 6000 professionals and politicians, not only from the member states of the EU, take part in the 3-day program in every year.

Since Central-Europe and Hungary have reached notable results in the field of foundation and operation of EGTCs, he would regard useful if CESCO organised a separate panel at Open Days 2013.

He proposes the followings as title and subject of the panel: „Strengthening cohesion through EGTCs”, and he suggests elaborating the question of cohesion policy and the European Territorial Cooperation Programme, the introduction of cross-border projects and best practices, and the review of the role of the EGTC in territorial cohesion. The DG Regio, the Committee of the Regions, the MOT could be taken in, and a concrete EGTC may also share its experiences.

As the preparation and organisation of the program is starting during the spring, he would like to receive an approval now from the General Assembly to the initiative.

No comments, questions and proposals were added, so the Chairman requested voting in the question of the agenda item.

Voting results:

Yes: 18

No: 0

Abstention: 0

No. 17/2012 (29.XI.) General Assembly meeting resolution

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross Border Initiatives accepts the proposal of Rudolf Bauer, Board member, and intends to organise a panel at Open Days 2013 in Brussels. In addition it entrusts the Secretary General with commencing the organisational work and reporting the results at the next General Assembly meeting.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Secretary General

Agenda item no.4: Any others issue

To the Chairman's invitation the Secretary General made a proposal.

The CECICN (Conference of Cross-border and Interregional Cities Networks) was founded in April 2010 in Santiago de Compostella, with the aim of representing the development interests of cities on European Union level; influencing the common policies concerning cities and strengthening the cooperation and dialogue between the networks inside the EU. Its first, significant conference was held in the summer in La Coruña (Spain), within the framework of which the CECICN and the Association of European Border Regions published their joint

document. The document draws up the frames of the development possibilities which facilitate the territorial cohesion in an innovative way.

The Conference consists of five city associations (Atlantic Axel City Association, Association of Baltic Cities, Medcities, Forum of Adriatic and Ionic Cities, Iberian Network of Cross-border Entities) and the MOT. Its actual president is the one of the Association of Baltic Cities, the Danish Per Bodker Andersen.

The affiliation intent has to be announced in an official letter toward the Board of CECICN.

The Conference has not member from the Danube Valley, but CESCO transmitted an invitation to the Council of Danube Cities and Regions and expectedly it will affiliate in the near future.

The affiliation to those organizations working in similar fields would be useful for CESCO in professional and lobbying aspects too. The successful relationship with the MOT also justify the joining the Conference's work in order to be able to represent the interests of the Carpathian region.

No comments, questions and proposals were added, so the Chairman requested a voting in the question of the agenda item.

Voting results:

Yes: 18
No: 0
Abstention: 0

No. 18/2012 (29.XI.) General Assembly meeting resolution

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-border Initiatives decided to affiliate to the Conference of Cross-border and Interregional Cities Networks. It authorizes the Chairman to sign the related documents, at the same time instructs the Secretary General to complete the affiliation tasks.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible:

For the signature of documents: dr. Tóth Tamás Chairman

For the control of affiliation process: Ocskay Gyula Secretary General

Considering there were no further observations and proposals the chairman thanked for the presence of the members and other participants and adjourned the general meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Dated as above

Dr. Tamás Tóth

Gabriella Nagy

dr. Norbert Jankai