

MINUTES

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

Venue of the meeting: Esztergom, „Szent Adalbert” Centre
Date and time of the meeting: 30th May, 2013, 10.30 a.m.
Present at the General Assembly meeting: see attached list of participants

Chairman Dr. Tamás Tóth welcomes those attending the meeting and states that the number of members of the General Assembly present is 23 persons as a result the General Assembly has a quorum.

Following this he proposes Dr. Norbert Jankai as Recorder and Ms. Gabriella Nagy as Attestor of the Minutes. Both accepted their nomination.

Voting result:

Ayes: 23
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 1/2013 (V. 30.)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives elects Dr. Norbert Jankai as Recorder and Ms. Gabriella Nagy as Attestor of the Minutes.

Following this the proposed agenda items were introduced by the Chairman. There were no further suggestions concerning the agenda items therefore the Chairman proposed the approval of the planned agenda.

Voting result:

Ayes: 23
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 2/2013 (V. 30.)

The following Agenda is approved by the General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives:

- 1. Report on the events during the period since the previous Board meeting and General Assembly meeting (both held on 29th November, 2012)**
- 2. Matters concerning membership and office bearers of CESCI**
 - 2.1 Admission of new members
 - 2.2 Exclusion of members
 - 2.3 Election of new Board member
- 3. Proposal for the modification of the Statutes**
 - 3.1 Site of work
 - 3.2 Establishment of new institutions
 - 3.3 Expansion of the circle of activities
 - 3.4 Expansion of the Board

- 4. Enlargement of the organisation**
 - 4.1 Proposal for the establishment of the European Institute (as a new institution within the organisation)
 - 4.2 Proposal for working out the organisational and operational rules of the European Institute
- 5. Reports**
 - 5.1 Report of the Board on the activities in 2012
 - 5.2 Report of the Supervisory Board on the activities in 2012
 - 5.3 Report and Public Utility Report of the association on 2012
- 6. Approval of the work-plan and financial plan for 2013**
 - 6.1 Proposal for the approval of the work-plan
 - 6.2 Proposal for the approval of the financial plan
- 7. Development of external relations**
 - 7.1 Proposal for joining the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR)
 - 7.2 Proposal for joining the Transfrontier Euro-Institut Network (TEIN)
- 8. A. O. B.**

Agenda Item no. 1: Report on the events of the period since the previous General Assembly meeting (presented by Secretary General Gyula Ocskay)

The Secretary General gave an overview about the activities during the period since the last General Assembly meeting.

There were no comments or questions therefore the approval of the report is proposed by the Chairman indicating that the report had been supported by the Board.

Voting result:

Ayes: 23
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 3/2013 (V. 30.)

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

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman

Agenda Item no. 2: Matters concerning membership and office bearers of CESCO (presented by Secretary General Gyula Ocskay)

Matters concerning membership

The Secretary General informed those present that three EGTSs (RDV EGTC, Pannon EGTC, Gate of Europe EGTC) have applied for membership in the association since the previous General Assembly meeting. He briefly introduced the activities so far of the three member

candidates and indicated that CESCO had played a part, with the exception of one them (Pannon EGTC), in their foundation. All three member candidates submitted the required documents necessary for membership.

Exclusion of members

Several members of the association have not paid their membership fee on deadline. They all received a letter of demand for payment. Albeit later than the indicated deadline but in the end each member concerned have indicated their readiness to settle their membership fee obligation therefore the Secretary General does not propose the approval of a decision initiating their exclusion from the association.

Election of a new Board member

The mandate of Board member Mr. Rudolf Bauer expired on 5th May, 2013. His contribution to the activities of the Board so far has been exemplary therefore the Chairman proposed his re-election.

Mr. Rudolf Bauer thanked the Chairman for proposing his re-election. He said that he will take part with great pleasure in the future activities of the association.

Since no remarks, contributions were made concerning this agenda item and no further proposals for other candidates were received the resolution proposals attached to this item are put up by the Chairman for vote in separate voting procedures indicating that they had been supported by the Board.

Voting result (RDV EGTC):

Ayes: 23
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 4/2013 (V. 30.)

The „Rába-Duna-Vág” European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation with Limited Liability 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

Voting result (Pannon EGTC):

Ayes: 23
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 5/2013 (V. 30.)

The „Pannon” European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation with Limited Liability 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

Voting result (Gate of Europe EGTC):

Ayes: 23
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 6/2013 (V. 30.)

The „Gate of Europe” European Grouping for Territorial Cooperation with Limited Liability 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

General Assembly Resolution no. 7/2013 (V. 30.)

Mr. Rudolf Bauer is elected by the General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives as ordinary member of the Board for the duration of three years.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman

(The number of those with voting rights present has increased to 26)

Agenda Item no. 3: Modification of the circle of activities and of the Statutes (presented by Secretary General Gyula Ocskay)

The Secretary General gave detailed information about the antecedents and the necessary changes concerning this agenda item. There were no remarks or questions therefore the Chairman proposes separate voting procedures concerning the new circle of activities, the modifications of the Statutes (the latter together, in one joint resolution) and, following this, for the approval of the new, consolidated version of the Statutes with amendments. At the same time he indicated that the resolution proposals were supported by the Board.

Voting result (circle of activities):

Ayes: 26
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 8/2013 (V. 30.)

The below listed new circle of activities of the association is approved by the General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives:

5811 '08 Book publishing
5814 '08 Publishing journals and periodicals
5819 '08 Other forms of publishing

6311 '08	Data processing, web-hosting service
6399 '08	M.n.s. other information service
7219 '08	Other forms of research and development in the fields of natural and technical sciences
7220 '08	Research and development in social sciences
7320 '08	Market and public opinion research

**Deadline: effective immediately
concerning the announcement to relevant authorities: before the deadline of
the announcement procedure**

Responsible: Chairman

Voting result (modification of the Statutes, joint voting)

1. Ayes:	26
2. No:	0
3. Abstained:	0

General Assembly Resolution no. 9/2013 (V. 30.)

The below listed modifications are proposed by the Board of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives for approval:

„I. 3. Registered office: H-1067 Budapest, Teréz krt. 13. In order to fulfil its tasks the association can maintain and operate sites of work both in and outside the country where its registered office is located.

IV. Bodies of the association, its organisational unit and outside organisation

IV. 2.2 The Board is made up of the Chairman, two vice chairs and in addition not less than three and not more than six full members. The term of office for the members of the Board is for a definite period of three years.

IV. 7. Organisational unit, outside organisation:

7.1 In order to achieve the aims of the organisation it can establish organisational units (sub-institutions) within its own organisation and, further, it can establish and operate, in line with the relevant legal stipulations, organisations with or without legal personality outside its own framework or it may take part in the establishment and operation of such organisations.

7.2 The establishment, transformation, termination and the approval and modification of the basic documents of the organisational units or outside organisations referred to in point 7.1 falls under the exclusive jurisdiction of the General Assembly.”

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman

Voting result (modified, consolidated version of the Statutes with amendments)

Ayes:	26
No:	0

Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 10/2013 (V. 30.)

The modified, consolidated version of the Statutes with amendments of the association is approved by the General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman

Agenda Item no. 4: Enlargement of the organisation (presented by Secretary General Gyula Ocskay)

The Secretary General gave detailed information about the antecedents, activities and expected impacts of the European Institute.

There were no remarks or contributions made to this agenda item therefore the resolution proposal concerning this agenda item was put up by the Chairman for vote in the form of one consolidated resolution indicating that it had been supported by the Board.

Voting result:

Ayes: 26

No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 11/2013 (V. 30.)

- 1. The establishment of the European Institute, as an organisational unit (sub-institution) of the association, is approved by the General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives. At the same time, the General Assembly instructs the Secretary General to work out the organisational and operational rules of the institute until the next General Assembly meeting.**
- 2. The site of work of this sub-institution: Esztergom, Szent István tér 10.**
- 3. The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives approves of the preliminary negotiations and the contracts signed on the basis of these negotiations.**

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman

Agenda Item no. 5: Reports (presented by Chairman Dr. Tamás Tóth, Mr. Kálmán Nagy, chairman of the Supervisory Board and Secretary General Gyula Ocskay)

The report of the Board was introduced by the Chairman, the controlling activity of the Supervisory Board was detailed by Mr. Kálmán Nagy while the report and Public Utility Report of the association were presented by the Secretary General.

There were no remarks or contributions made therefore the original resolution proposals based on the submitted reports were put up by the Chairman for vote indicating at the same time that all these reports had been supported by the Board.

Voting result (report of the Board):

Ayes: 26
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no.12/2013 (V. 30.)

The 2012 report of the Board is approved by the General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman

Voting result (report of the chairman of the Supervisory Board):

Ayes: 26
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 13/2013 (V. 30.)

The 2012 report of the Supervisory Board is approved by the General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman

Voting result (report and Public Utility Report):

Ayes: 26
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 14/2012 (V. 30.)

The report and Public Utility Report concerning the year 2012 of the association are approved by the General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman

Agenda Item no. 6: The work-plan and financial plan of the association for 2013 (presented by Secretary General Gyula Ocskay)

The Secretary General informed the Board about the work-plan for 2013 and the main figures of the related financial plan. He pointed out that the previously received sum of HUF 100 million from the 2013 central budget by CESCOI was reduced, due to the general budget constraints, by 30 per cent. A further problem is that due to the administrative difficulties the signing of the subsidy contracts will be realised only by the end of May.

The working organisation has at present 6 full time employees. Beyond this the remuneration of the employees in the European Institute to be established now will also be financed from the association's budget. The biggest items of expenditure are the rental fees of the Budapest and Esztergom offices and the collateral costs of publications.

In the absence of further remarks or contributions the resolution proposal according to the submitted reports was put up by the Chairman for vote indicating that they had been supported by the Board.

Voting result:

Ayes: 26
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 15/2012 (V. 30.)

The work-plan and financial plan for the year 2013 is approved by the General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman

Agenda Item no. 7: Development of external relations (AEBR, TEIN), presented by Secretary General Gyula Ocskay

The Secretary General gave detailed information about the conditions for joining the two organisations and, at the same time, he pointed out that joining them would be a great honour for CESCOI. He asked the representative of AEBR Mr. Jens Gabbe to voice his opinion about CESCOI's joining his organisation.

Mr. Jens Gabbe thanked for the possibility of taking part and voicing his opinion at the General Assembly meeting and mentioned that he regards cooperation between the two organisations as an important development.

Following this, since there were no further remarks or questions raised, the resolution proposals according to the original submission were put up by the Chairman for vote indicating that they had been supported by the Board.

Voting result (AEBR):

Ayes: 26
No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 16/2013 (V. 30.)

Joining the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR) is approved by the General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives. Further, the General Assembly authorises the Chairman to sign the relevant documents and instructs the Secretary General to carry out the tasks necessary for the joining procedure.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible:

- **For signing the official documents: Chairman Dr. Tamás Tóth**
- **For managing the joining process: Secretary General Gyula Ocskay**

Voting result (TEIN):

Ayes: 26

No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Resolution no. 17/2013 (V. 30.)

Joining the Transfrontier Euro-Institut Network (TEIN) is approved by the General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives.

Further, the General Assembly authorises the Chairman to sign the relevant documents and instructs the Secretary General to carry out the tasks necessary for the joining procedure.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible:

- **For signing the official documents: Chairman Dr. Tamás Tóth**
- **For managing the joining process: Secretary General Gyula Ocskay**

Agenda Item no. 8: A. O. B.

The Chairman raised the issue that the 'István Pálfi' Foundation for Regional Development, presently one of the ordinary members, should become honorary member of the association. The idea is based on the high level and exemplary activity of István Pálfi, after whom the foundation got its name, whose development work served as a background for CESCO's aims as well. The Chairman reminded the General Assembly that the regulations applying to the ordinary members of the association do not apply to honorary members, however, they are allowed to participate at the General Assembly meetings as observers and the Statutes are applicable to them too.

He indicated that his proposal was supported by the Board.

There were no remarks, contributions or suggestions made concerning this idea therefore the Chairman invited the members of the General Assembly to vote.

Voting result:

Ayes: 26

No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Resolution no. 18/2013 (V. 30.)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives elects the 'István Pálfi' Foundation for Regional Development as honorary member of the association.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: Chairman

There were no further remarks, contributions or proposals made therefore the Chairman, thanking the members of the General Assembly and other participants for their presence, closed the General Assembly meeting at 11.50 a.m.

Dated as above

dr. Tamás Tóth
Chairman

dr. Norbert Jankai
Recorder of the Minutes

Ms. Gabriella Nagy
Attestor of the Minutes