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which was recorded on the General Assembly of the **Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives** (CESCI)

Venue of the meeting: Budapest, Falk1 Rendezvényközpont, 1055 Budapest, Falk Miksa utca 1.

Date of the meeting: 26 May 2015 11.00 a.m.

Those present at the meeting: according to the attached list of attendees.

Dr. Tamás Tóth chair welcomes those present and notes that the number of the present and represented General Assembly members is 26, thus the General Assembly has a quorum.

Those present beside the members: the non- General Assembly members of the Board, Board member candidate Alena Vachnová, the leader of the work organisation of CESCI Balkans Ervin Erős, furthermore, for the sake of English interpretation Krisztián Pálincás assigned interpreter.

The chair proposed to appoint Dr. Norbert Jankai as Recorder of the Minutes and Gabriella Nagy as Attestor of the Minutes. The nominees accepted their nomination.

Result of the voting:

Yes: 26

No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 8/2015 (V. 26.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives appoints Dr. Norbert Jankai as Recorder of the Minutes of the meeting, and Judit H. Kovács as Attestor of the Minutes.

Afterwards, the chair pointed out the proposed agenda items, remarking that the report of CESCI Balkans would be in the first point considering its content. Hence neither proposal nor objection were given to the modification of the agenda items, the chair proposed to have the presented agenda accepted.

Result of the voting:

Yes: 26

No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 9/2015 (V. 26.)

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

- 1. Report about the events since the previous Annual General Meeting (25 November 2014) (including the report of CESCI Balkans)**
- 2, Matters of membership and office-holders**
 - 2.1 Recruitments and resignments of General Assembly members
 - 2.2 Election of chair and qualifying members of the Board
- 3, Reports**
 - 3.1 2014 Report of the Supervisory Committee
 - 3.1 2014 Report of the Board
 - 3.3 2014 Report of CESCI and its public benefit annex
- 4, Monetary and work plan of 2015**

- 4.1 Work plan
- 4.2 Monetary plan
- 5, Other**

Agenda no.1 Report about the events since the previous General Assembly meeting (speaker: Gyula Ocskay General secretary)

The General secretary and two other colleagues of the work organisation, Mátyás Jaschitz and Dr. Norbert Jankai provided a PowerPoint review about the activities of the past period. As a complement to the report, Dr. András Levente Gál informed about the three proposals concerning the network activity of CECICN.

Afterwards, leader of the work organisation of CESCO Balkan Ervin Erős gave a review about the work of the Serbian organisation (two months' preparation at the parent company, lawful certificate of incorporation, start-up of the new office, new colleague, participation in events, launch of six new projects), afterwards, Rudolf Bauer said a few words about his current assigned work, which is a kind of preparation of the CESCO Carpathia to be established (he is working on two studies: analysis of Carpathian Euroregion, in which he analyses the role of CESCO in the region, as well as the Carpathian Convention, which operates including 7 countries (Visegrád Four + 3 countries). The ultimate objective is to determine how CESCO can succeed in the analysed structure, what kind of role it can assume).

There were neither comments nor questions, thus the chair proposed to have the reports accepted.

Result of the voting:

Yes:	26
No:	0
Abstained:	0

General Assembly Resolution no. 10/2015 (V. 26.)

1, The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives accepts the report about the period since previous Annual General Meeting.

2, The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives accepts the report about the activities of the CESCO Balkans, in addition, following the mapping of the long-term financial and professional conditions of the operation of the organisation, the CESCO at its first Annual General Meeting of 2016 will decide about the further operation of the CESCO Balkans.

Deadline: Point no.1: immediately
Point no. 2: immediately, and in regard to further decision, the first Annual General Meeting of 2016.

Responsible: the chair, and regarding the preparation of the General Assembly decision of 2016 the general secretary and the chair.

Agenda Item no.2 Matters of membership and office-holders (speaker: Gyula Ocskay general secretary)

Matters of membership

Above all, the chair reminded that Dr. Péter Szegvári was elected qualifying member of the Board at the extraordinary general meeting on 8 April, however, at that time he could not be present, thus now he is asked to introduce himself by the chair.

Dr. Péter Szegvári said that he is a devoted supporter of cross-border matters, he actively participated

in the launch of Phare CBC programmes in the 90s, and supported the foundation of Ister-Granum EGTC. Currently he works in The Mayor's Office as the Chief Consultant, thus he has direct insight into the Danube-region processes; he wishes to help among others the work of CESCO with his professional experience.

Admittances

The General secretary informed that since the last General Assembly one private individual (Alena Vachnová) and one legal entity (BTC EGTC) requested their application for membership into the association. Briefly he indicated that the admission of the new Slovakian Board member was also supported by the General Assembly at its last meeting, then he also mentioned that the candidates had submitted the necessary documents to the CESCO.

Retirements

The General secretary indicated that two members (The local government of Pest County, Europroject RO) retire from the association, these two members promised their finances would be accounted for prior to the General Assembly towards the CESCO.

Election of the new Board members

The mandates of Dr. Tamás Tóth chair and Dr. József Benedek Board member expire on 31 May 2015. Prior to the meeting, the chair indicated in written form that he wishes to be a candidate for the chairman position, whereas Dr. József Benedek, also in written form, indicated that regarding his other engagements, he refrains from any nominations to any positions.

There were no proposals about other candidates for these positions.

Regarding the change in the number of the Board members, following the agreements after the previous decision of the General Assembly, there was a new Slovakian nomination of Alena Vachnová for the position of the retired Board member Rudolf Bauer.

The candidate - with the co-operation of Rudolf Bauer, who himself recommended the new Slovakian Board member candidate - made a brief introduction. She also told that currently she works as a lawyer, also she has public sphere and regional-local experience, as well as she is experienced in the elaborating CBC projects. She also led the tender for the title of "European Capital of Culture" of Košice, afterwards, she became the director of the winner project. The candidate thanked for the opportunity to be a Board member and announced that in case she was elected, she would take up the position in question.

There were no further comments or proposal for another candidate, thus the chair (Vice-chairman Levente András Gál in relation with the chairman position) respectively put the resolution proposals to the vote connected to the agenda.

The result of the voting (granting Alena Vachnová General Assembly membership)

Yes:	26
No:	0
Abstained:	0

General Assembly Resolution no. 11/2015 (V. 26.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives admits Alena Vachnová as a member of the association.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

The number of General Assembly members entitled to vote has increased from 26 to 27.

The result of the voting (granting BTC EGTC General Assembly membership)

Yes: 27
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 12/2015 (V. 26.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives admits Banat – Triplex Confinium Limited Liability European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation as association member.

Deadline: immediately
Responsible: chair

The number of General Assembly members entitled to vote has increased from 27 to 28.

Result of the voting: (electing Dr. Tamás Tóth chair)

Yes: 28
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 13/2015 (V. 26.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives elects Dr. Tamás Tóth on condition that the remaining period of time of his former mandate is automatically repealed, and his new mandate starts simultaneously with his present election.

Deadline: immediately
Responsible: chair

The result of the voting (granting Alena Vachnová qualifying membership)

Yes: 27
No: 0
Abstained: 1

General Assembly Resolution no. 14/2015 (V. 26.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives elects Alena Vachnová a qualifying member of the Board for three years.

Deadline: immediately
Responsible: chair

The result of the voting (The resignation of the local government of Pest County)

Yes: 28
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 15/2015 (V. 26.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives acknowledges that the local government of Pest County resigns.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

The result of the voting (Resignment of the Europroject)

Yes: 28

No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 16/2015 (V. 26.)

The Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives acknowledges that the Europroject Association (Romania) resigns.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

Following the voting, the chair wished the new member good work, while the General Assembly applauded the re-election of the chair.

Afterwards, the chair also indicated that the association does not plan to hold another General Assembly, meanwhile the mandate of Board member Dr. Levente András Gál expires on 29 November 2015. To avoid that the number of Board members shall fall beyond the minimum, the chair proposed at the present General Assembly that the remaining period of Dr. Levente András Gál's mandate shall be repealed, he shall be re-elected and his mandate shall start simultaneously with present his re-election.

The members did not have any objections or proposals, Dr. Levente András Gál accepted the nomination, thus the chair put the question to the vote, also indicating that concerning the previous votings, the changes among office-holders influence the Statutes, since the register of office-holders is part of the Statutes, thus there must be a voting about the modification of the Statutes.

Result of the voting: (re-election of Dr. Levente András Gál as Board member)

Yes: 28

No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 17/2015 (V. 26.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives elects Dr. Levente András Gál as Board member, on condition that the remaining period of time of his former mandate is automatically repealed, and his new mandate starts simultaneously with his present election.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

Result of the voting (Statutes, in a consolidated version):

Yes: 28

No: 0

Abstained: 0

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives accepts Statutes in a consolidated version with the modifications.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

Agenda item no. 3 Reports (speakers: Dr. Norbert Jankai legal director, Dr. Tamás Tóth chair, Gyula Ocskay general secretary)

The chair of Supervisory Committee pointed out the report of the Supervisory Committee, the chair pointed out the report of the Board, while the general secretary pointed out the report and the public benefit annex of the association.

The chair of the Supervisory Committee remarked that due to the apparently regularly late budget support, in the future the organisation has to pay more attention to provide financial background for the first half-year following the reporting year.

To comment this, the general secretary highlighted that the lack of funds at the beginning of the year is mainly due to the lack of planned enterprise incomes, the work organisation continuously strives for more orders to cease the indicated lack. At the same time the realisation of a consolidation period is taking place, which mostly causes the previously planned budget plan to be more modest. The main budget lines affected by the cutback are the following: personal, publication-making, travels, events. According to the analyses the organisation currently is in a growth crisis meaning that financing, in particular the exercise of the cumbersome State aid, cannot follow a quick professional growth. The 2014-2020 tenders are opening now, the previous period has finished, the projects have been completed, this year will be mostly about enhancing the tendering operations.

About the agenda no more comments or remarks were given, thus the president, in accordance with the motions, put the resolution proposals concerning the agenda to the vote.

Result of the voting (2014 Report of the Supervisory Committee)

Yes: 28

No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 18/2015 (V. 26.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives accepts the 2014 Report of the Supervisory Committee

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

Result of the voting (2014 Report of the Board)

Yes: 28

No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 19/2015 (V. 26.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives accepts the 2014 Report of the Board.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

Result of the voting (2014 Report of CESCO and its public benefit annex)

Yes: 28

No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 20/2015 (V. 26.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives accepts the 2014 Report of CESCO and its public benefit annex

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

Agenda item no. 4_Work and financial plan of 2015 of the association (speaker: Gyula Ocskay general secretary)

The general secretary pointed out the work and the related financial plan of 2015.

He highlighted that due to the aforementioned reasons the originally planned budget had to be cut, which affected the areas mentioned above. Its effect also shows in the work plan.

At the field of institution development it is great success that the CESCO won the ECR EGTC tender whose history can be read in the presentation. A similarly exciting work is anticipated in the CECICN network, at whose executive committee and policy committee meeting general secretary Gyula Ocskay and vice-chairman András Levente Gál represented the association on 16 April in Brussels, (under the *reports* section Vice-chairman András Levente Gál's three presentations were spoken of), furthermore, the general secretary also deemed the AEBR executive committee meeting in Budapest highly important, which was organised by the CESCO with satisfying feedback.

In the absence of questions or comments, the chair put the resolution proposal on the basis of the presentation to the vote.

Result of the voting (work plan):

Yes: 28

No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 21/2015 (V. 26.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives accepts the work plan of 2015.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

Result of the voting (financial plan):

Yes: 28

No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 22/2015 (V. 26.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives accepts financial plan of 2015.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

Agenda item no. 5 Other

In the "Other" agenda item no further comments or motions were given by those present, thus the chair thanked the members and other participants for their presence, kindly invited them for lunch following the meeting and adjourned the General Assembly at 12.30.

Dated as above

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Dr. Tamás Tóth
Chair

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Dr. Norbert Jankai
Recorder of the Minutes

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Gabriella Nagy
Attestor of the Minutes