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

(on a repeated meeting with regard to the modifications of the Statutes)

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

Date of the meeting: 25 April 2017 13.00 p.m.

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

Dr. Tamás Tóth, the Chair welcomes those present and notes that the number of the present General Assembly members is 25, thus the General Assembly has a quorum.

Those present beside the members: Kálmán Nagy, the President of the Supervisory Committee, member of CESCI's working organisation; Rudolf Bauer, the representative of CESCI Carpathia and Ervin Erős, the representative of CESCI Balkans; and dr. Erika Szomor, assigned interpreter.

The Chair proposed to appoint Dr. Norbert Jankai as Recorder of the minutes and Gabriella Nagy as Attestor of the minutes. Both accepted their nomination. The Chair asked the GA to vote on the appointments.

Result of the voting:

Yes: 25

No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 1/2017 (IV. 25.)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives unanimously appoints Dr. Norbert Jankai as Recorder of the minutes, and Gabriella Nagy as Attestor of the minutes.

Afterwards, the Chair presented the proposed agenda items. Neither proposal, nor objection were given to the modification of the agenda items, thus the Chair proposed to have the presented agenda accepted.

Result of the voting:

Yes: 25

No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 2/2017 (IV. 25.)

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

- 1. Annual reports**
 - 1.1 Board report 2016
 - 1.2 Supervisory Board report 2016
 - 1.3 CESCI report 2016
- 2. Reports of the organisations in cooperation with CESCI**
 - 2.1 CESCI Balkans 2016 report
 - 2.2 CESCI Carpathia 2016 report and the revision of General Assembly resolution on CESCI membership
- 3. Report on the events of 1 January-25 April 2017**
- 4. Modification of the Statutes**
- 5. Matters of officials**

- 5.1 Election of Member of Board
- 5.2 Election of Members of Supervisory Board
- 6. Working plan and budget for the year 2017**
 - 6.1 Working plan
 - 6.2 Budget
- 7. Other**

Agenda item no. 1: Approval of annual reports

1.1 Supervisory Board report 2016

The Chair asked Kálmán Nagy, President of the Supervisory Board to present the SB report, and highlighted that the SB unanimously supported the approval of the proposals of the General Assembly. No comments or remarks were given about the report. The Chair indicated that the Board have also supported the report, then asked the members to vote.

Result of the voting:

Yes:	25
No:	0
Abstained:	0

General Assembly Resolution no. 3/2017 (IV. 25.)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives unanimously accepts the Supervisory Board report 2016.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: the Chair

1.2 Board report 2016

The Chair presented the Board report of the year 2016 and indicated that the Board members have unanimously voted on it.

No questions or comments were made. The Chair asked the members to vote.

Result of the voting:

Yes:	25
No:	0
Abstained:	0

General Assembly Resolution no. 4/2017 (IV. 25.)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives unanimously accepts the Board report 2016.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: the Chair

1.3 CESCO report 2016

The Chair asked the Secretary General and the members of CESCO's Working organisation to deliver the proposal.

Gyula Ocskay, Secretary General thanked the support of the GA members and highlighted that, in the near future one of the main goals of the organisation will be to involve the members in the work of the organisation, to feel their significance in the activities of CESCO. He encouraged the members to initiate, propose such fields which are worth including in the organisation's activities. At the same time, he

expressed hope for that the cross-border spirit will appear in the work of the member's own work even stronger.

Afterwards, the Secretary General he displayed the mediation activities in a slideshow (eg. Committee of the Regions' activity for the development of tourism and its cross-border aspect; in the light of the 7th cohesion report, the questions concerning border issues with cohesion aspects; the missing tender of railway connections; network cooperation: MOT, ECBC meetings, BIG conference, MOT panel on Open Days, working on CECICN website, plan of creating an interactive platform, quality assurance of cross-border cooperation initiatives; international professional events; seminar in Szentgotthárd (Monoster), annual seminar of Oraeda process; project of legal accessibility - stakeholder workshops, best practice collection; supporting EGTCs: organising professional EGTC workshops).

Further activities of CESCO were presented by Work organisation members of certain fields, also in a slideshow. Thus Teodor Gyelnik, research fellow, talked about the scientific work; Mátyás Jaschitz, director of planning, about the works of planning; dr. Norbert Jankai, special legal advisor, about the institutional development; Enikő Hüse-Nyerges, project manager, about the projects, and Annamária Vas, office manager, talked about the financial matters.

No questions were made concerning the reports. The Chair indicated that the approval of the whole report and public utility annex was supported by the Supervisory Board and the Board.

Result of the voting:

Yes:	25
No:	0
Abstained:	0

General Assembly Resolution no. 5/2017 (IV. 25.)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives unanimously accepts CESCO report 2016 and public utility annex.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: the Chair

Agenda item no. 2: Reports of the organisations in cooperation with CESCO

2.1 CESCO Balkans report

On the request of the Chair, Ervin Erős, the director of CESCO Balkans, presented the organisation's work of the year 2016 in a slideshow.

The director highlighted the further main activities, results of the organisation:

- help to the Serbian authorities with the professional support of CESCO (Budapest) and the Council of Europe in the legal harmonization processes after the ratification of the Madrid Convention;
- educational activity in the Leadership Academy Programme of Council of Europe in the fields of cross-border cooperation, EGTCs, and strategic planning;
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- strengthening partnerships the integration office of the central government (SEIO), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Public Administration, and delegation of EU in Serbia;
- continue the partnership with Friedrich Schiller University in Jena: they held workshop, training on cross-border cooperation, furthermore from last autumn the internship programme has started in our office;
- within the frameworks of the partnership created with the Prosperitati Foundation and the Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians, CESCO Balkans could be an active player of the economic development process in Vojvodina with mentor and advisory roles, furthermore they could be a player in Vojvodina Hungarian tourist survey.

Moreover, they had several winning tenders, submitted project ideas, own events, they participated in other meetings which are included in their report in details.

The Chair indicated that the approval of the report was supported by the Supervisory Board and the Board, then in the absence of comments, asked the GA members to vote.

Result of the voting (CESCI Balkans report):

Yes: 25
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 6/2017 (IV. 25.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives unanimously adopts the 2016 report of CESCI Balkans, and supports the further operation of CESCI Balkans as necessary, in such a way as not to compromise the objectives and operating conditions of CESCI.

Deadline: effective immediately, and in accordance with the scheduling of the given supports

Responsible: the Chair

2.2 CESCI Carpathia report

The Chair asked Rudolf Bauer, the representative of CESCI Carpathia in present, to deliver his presentation on the work of the organisation.

Rudolf Bauer talked about the starting year of the organisation highlighting the prepared studies (development program of the city of Tornaľa, study of the Via Carpatia transport corridor, thematic tourist routes of Košice county etc.), the worked out project plans (role of narrow gauge railways in tourism, renewal of archives in Budapest and Košice, development of Via Reginae pilgrim tourism etc.), activity concerning the support of cooperations (Carpathian foundation projects, Ukrainian development programmes, participation at Smart Cities conference, participation at the 2nd European congress of municipalities etc.) and provided information about the financial matters of the association.

Rudolf Bauer highlighted that the organisation is not yet financially strong, therefore they do not even have employees (currently one university student helps them). One of the main goals of the next period, apart from becoming stronger financially, is to recruit employee(s), at least one for part-time job.

The Secretary General provided a result in practice that the cooperation between CESCI and CESCI Carpathia is promising, that is why he suggested to keep the membership and the necessary support of CESCI Carpathia.

The Chair indicated that the proposal was supported by the Supervisory Board, then in the absence of comments, asked the members to vote.

General Assembly Resolution no. 7/2017 (IV. 25.)

1. The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives unanimously adopts the 2016 report of CESCI Carpathia, and supports the further operation of CESCI Carpathia as necessary, in such a way as not to compromise the objectives and operating conditions of CESCI.

2. The Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives reserves its membership in the organisation of CESCI Carpathia.

Deadline: effective immediately, and in accordance with the scheduling of the given supports

Responsible: the Chair

Agenda no. 3: Report on the events of 1 January-25 April 2017

The Chair requested the Secretary General to deliver the proposal.

No questions were made about the report. The Chair indicated that the approval of the report was supported by the Supervisory Board and the Board, then asked the members to vote.

Result of the voting:

Yes: 25
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 8/2017 (IV. 25.)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives unanimously accepts the activity report on the events of 1 January-25 April 2017.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: the Chair

Agenda item no. 4: Modification of the Statutes

On the request of the Chair, dr. Norbert Jankai, legal advisor, presented the background and process of the modifications; the clarifications requested by the General High Court of the Capital concerning the last process of modifications of the Statutes and because of this repeating the GA meeting and agenda point.

No questions were made about the report. The Chair indicated that the approval of the report was supported by the Supervisory Board and the Board, then asked the members to vote on two proposals.

Result of the voting (modifications):

Yes: 25
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 9/2017 (IV. 25.)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives unanimously accepts the modifications of the Statutes.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: the Chair

Result of the voting (unified structure):

Yes: 25
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 10/2017 (IV. 25.)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives unanimously accepts the newly structured unified Statutes.

Deadline: effective immediately, or according to the deadlines of the modification's judicial process

Responsible: the Chair

5 members left the GA meeting, thus the number of the participants decreased to 20.

Agenda item no. 5: Matters of officials

5.1 Election of Member of Board

5.2 Election of Members of Supervisory Board

The Chair indicated that, as it was stated in the proposals, the mandate of several officials of the association is going to be expired on 29 April this year. New members have to be appointed to the open positions on the GA meeting. Those with expiring mandate and the members concerned, are the followings:

Board member: Dr. Jože Gričar (Slovenia),

SB members: Kálmán Nagy, dr. Attila Tilki, István Oláh (Hungary).

As it was included in the invitation, the members with an expired mandated can run again for the positions, at the same time GA members can nominate new members, for which the necessary declaration sample was sent to the members by the working organisation.

The Chair indicated towards the GA that the officials with an expired mandate declared that they would like to run in the renewal on 25th April GA meeting and the Board – as an appreciation to their work – supported this.

Defining the election procedure

Afterwards, the Chair presented the proposed **election procedure** to the process of the renewal:

- the General Assembly appoints two tellers out of its members who help the Chair to allot, gather, supervise the ballot papers; moreover, **another person, who supervises the procedure of voting;**
- defining the circle of the persons suggested by the Board and the GA;
- separate GA resolution on **the approval of the Board and Supervisory Board appointed members;**
- open voting on the new Board member; resolution (name, ordinary member of the Board, for 3 years);
- secret voting process of the new SB members:
- the name of the SB nominees will get on the ballot paper made for this aim (the name of the suggested nominees on the Board meeting, are already on the ballot papers)
- comparison of the number of voting ballots with the number of those present entitled to vote, distribution of the voting ballots;
- members of the General Assembly fill in the voting ballots, put the completed ballots into a ballot box, which the tellers transmit to the Chair, assessing the validity of the votes; a vote is valid, if
 - ✓ it was cast by secret ballot, i.e. it is cast without releasing its content into the public domain;
 - ✓ on the front of the voting ballot, next to the name of the elected candidate there is an "x" or "+" inserted clearly into the appropriate box under the words "yes" or "no" or neither is filled in (=abstentions) and on the reverse of the voting ballot the firm stamp of CESCO is visible;
 - ✓ the voting ballot is not damaged;
- comparing the number of the votes cast with the number of those present, entitled to vote;
- the Chair counts the valid and void votes separately, than assesses the result of the voting; the voting is successful if there is at least three FB-candidates, who received valid "yes" votes from at least three quarters of those present entitled to vote;
- the Chair reads out the names of the elected FB-members, in descending order by the number of votes obtained, or in case of an equal number of votes in alphabetical order, than **makes a proposal for a decision concerning the result of the voting** (3 names, FB members, for 3 years);
- the valid and void votes, placed separately in sealed envelopes, stamped and signed by the Chair, will be archived by the Labour Organisation.

The chairman requested the members to vote on the approval of the proposed voting scheme:

Result of the voting:

Yes: 20
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 11/2017 (IV. 25.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives unanimously adopts the procedure for the election of the member of the Board and the three members of the Supervisory Board, recorded in the minutes of the General Assembly meeting.

Deadline: effective immediately
Responsible: the Chair

Election of the tellers and the person supervising the procedure

Thereafter the Chair asked the members of the Assembly to nominate two tellers and one person responsible for supervising the procedure. The nominated tellers were Angéla Baracskaýné Komonyi and Péter Sárkány, whereas the person nominated for supervising the procedure was Péter Nagy. The nominees accepted the nominations.

In the absence of any proposals, the Chair requested the members to cast their votes.

Result of the voting:

Yes: 20
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 12/2017 (IV. 25.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives unanimously appoints Angéla Baracskaýné Komonyi and Péter Sárkány as tellers, and Péter Nagy for the supervision of the voting.

Deadline: effective immediately
Responsible: the Chair

Naming the candidates of the Presiding and Supervisory Committee

The Chair indicated, that the members of the Assembly have made no written nomination for a new Bureau member or Supervisory Board members preceding the General Assembly, however, all the office-holders whose mandate expired wanted to participate at the renewal, which they declared in writing (as it was pre-announced, dr. Attila Tilki and István Oláh were prevented from attending the General Assembly). The Presidency supported the Candidate status of the above mentioned office-holders. In the absence of other nominees, the Chair asked the Assembly to vote on the candidacy of the named office-holders.

Result of the voting:

Yes: 20
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 13/2017 (IV. 25.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives unanimously appoints Dr. Jože Gričart as candidate for membership in the Board, and Kálmán Nagy, Dr. Attila Tilki, and István Oláh as candidates for membership in the Supervisory Board.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: the Chair

Open voting about the new Board member

The Chair requested the Assembly to vote on the new Board member, indicating that in order to have a successful election, at least three quarters of those present entitled to vote need to take a 'yes' vote (minimum 15 'yes' votes).

Result of the voting:

Yes: 19

No: 0

Abstained: 1

General Assembly Resolution no. 14/2017 (IV. 25.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives unanimously elects Dr. Jože Gričar a member of the Board for three years.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: the Chair

Secret voting about the SB members

Following the proper conduct of the secret ballot, the Chair declared that no void vote was taken. The candidates received the following valid votes:

Kálmán Nagy 18 yes, 2 abstained

dr. Attila Tilki 19 yes, 1 abstained

István Oláh 19 yes, 1 abstained

The Chair stated that the voting was successful, since the nominees one by one received 'yes' votes from three quarters of those present at the Assembly, entitled to vote. Against this background, the Chair announced the decision.

General Assembly Resolution no. 15/2017 (IV. 25.)

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

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: the Chair

The Chair congratulated the elected, office-holders and wished them successful work for their upcoming three years term. At the same time, he asked the Secretary General to make arrangements for the signature of the official declarations of acceptance as soon as possible.

Agenda item no. 6: Working plan and budget for the year 2017

The Chair asked the Secretary General to make the presentation. Following the statement of the plans no question was put, the Chair supported by the Supervisory Committee and the Presidency asked the members to cast their votes, indicating that they need to make a decision on two proposals (1. approval of the working plan; 2. approval of the financial perspective).

Result of the voting (working plan):

Yes: 20
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 16/2017 (IV. 25.)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives approves the working plan for the year 2017.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: the Chair

Result of the voting (budget):

Yes: 20
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution no. 17/2017 (IV. 25.)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives approves the budget for the year 2017.

Deadline: effective immediately

Responsible: the Chair

Agenda item no. 7: Other

In the "other" agenda point no further comments or remarks were given by those present, thus the chair thanked the members and other participants for their presence, kindly invited them for buffet lunch following the meeting and adjourned the General Assembly at 15.15.

Dated as above

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dr. Tamás Tóth
the Chair

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Gabriella Nagy
Attestor of the minutes

dr. Norbert Jankai
Recorder of the minutes