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

Venue of the meeting: Budapest, Falk1 Event center, 1055 Budapest, Falk Miksa street 1.

Date of the meeting: 17 May 2018 11.00am

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

Dr. Tamás Tóth chair welcomes those present (with special regards to the guests invited for the presentations of CESCI's annual activities) and notes that the number of the present and represented board members is 25, thus the General Assembly has a quorum.

The chair proposed to appoint Dr. Norbert Jankai as the recorder of the Minutes and Dávid Veronika as the authenticator of the minutes. The nominees accepted their nomination and the chair asked the General Assembly to vote.

Result of the vote:

Yes:	25
No:	0
Abstained:	0

General Assembly Resolution No. 1/2018 (V. 17.)

The Board of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives appoints Dr. Norbert Jankai as the recorder of the minutes, and Veronika Dávid as the authenticator of the minutes.

Afterwards, the chair pointed out the proposed agenda items individually. As there were no comments or amendments, the chair called for a vote on the presented agenda.

Result of the vote:

Yes:	25
No:	0
Abstained:	0

General Assembly Resolution No. 2/2018 (V. 17.)

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

1. Annual reports

1.1 CESCI 2017 Report with the invited speakers (*the order of the speakers may vary according to agreements*)

Ms Veronika Dávid, member of CESCI, coordinator of study tour in Basque Country

Mr José Osete, director of the Association of French-Hungarian Initiatives in Hungary

Mr Péter Kiss-Parciu, deputy state secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Mrs Julianna Orbán Máté, director of the Via Carpathia EGTC

Mr János Pacsai, greek catholic dean, coordinator of the Beautiful Cserehát program

Dr Pál Völner, parliamentary state secretary, Ministry of Justice

1.2 2017 Report of the Board (dr. Tamás Tóth chair)

1.3 2017 Report of the Supervisory Board (Kálmán Nagy, president of the SB)

2. Reports of the partner organizations

2.1 CESCI Balkans' annual report for 2017 (Ervin Erős president)

2.2 CESCI Carpathia's annual report for 2017 (Rudolf Bauer director)

3. Matters of membership and office-holders
 - 3.1 Joining and quitting members
 - 3.2 Election of new officials (chairman and vice presidents of the general assembly, two ordinary members of the board)
4. Budget and work plan of 2018
 - 4.1. Work plan
 - 4.2. Budget
5. Investment Policy
6. Other

Prior to the first item on the agenda Gyula Ocskay, secretary general, requested to speak and on the one hand gave an explanation for the presence of invited guests (there is an intention to turn the general assembly meeting into a wider social event) and on the other hand called the attention of the members of the General Assembly to the legal background of the data protection statement received on arrival (GDPR EU regulation) and the importance to fill, sign and return it.

Subsequently, the chairman indicated that although the Board had the required minimum number of members (4 persons), due to the unexpected illness of its Slovenian member and the longer trip abroad of its Slovak member, the meeting did not have a quorum so it could only formulate recommendations for the various proposals. However, he recalled that the Supervisory Board – fulfilling its legal obligation – had reviewed and approved all submissions at its meeting on the 15th of May so the decisions of the General Assembly were properly prepared.

Agenda Item No. 1: Adoption of the annual reports (presenter: Gyula Ocskay secretary general)

1.1 Annual report presented by invited speakers

The secretary general said that the presentation of this year's annual report is different as he will not hold a PPT presentation, but the content of the 2017 Activity Report – already handed to the members of the General Assembly – will be presented by some of CESCO's partners who will briefly report on their cooperation with the association in 2017.

Subsequently, the chairman asked the speakers to hold their presentation in the agreed order.

Dr. Julianna Máté Orbán, Director, Via Carpatia EGTC (Košice): She spoke in the name of Via Carpatia EGTC and Košice County; the common denominators of these two organizations is the Via Carpatia corridor and its strategy which was the first work of CESCO commissioned by Košice County. Since then several studies have been carried out by the organization, in part along with CESCO Carpathia for example on thematic tourism routes in Košice county and across the border or the integrated action plan whose main purpose is to create jobs in the EGTC. The action plan successfully won in the Slovak-Hungarian call and the project plans are currently being developed.

János Pacsai, Dean (Encs): 10 years ago a small team has been established in the Cserehát region using the church's trust and organizational skills for community development purposes. He considers that CESCO's work (Beautiful Cserehát Employment Area Action Plan and workshops) keeps the process alive.

dr. Pál Völner, Secretary of State for Justice (Ministry of Justice): spoke about the success of the project called 'Legal accessibility' realized with the support of the Ministry of Justice. He addressed the EU background, the Cross-Border Review project and the Commission's Communication, and briefly presented the contents of the 2016 and 2017 Legal accessibility projects. He mentioned the plans for 2018 and then spoke separately about the three-tier accessibility mechanism proposed by CESCO. At the end of his speech, he praised the association's assistance in preparing the developments in Esztergom region.

dr. Katalin Fekete Head of Department of the Ministry of Trade and Foreign Affairs: Instead of Péter Kiss-Parciu Deputy Secretary of State who was in Warsaw, she summarized the main directions of cooperation between the Ministry and CESCO. She referenced the issue of European territorial associations as a comprehensive common theme of which CESCO as a civil organization is one of the forerunners while its domestic policy coordination is currently carried out by the Ministry of Trade and Foreign Affairs' Cross-border Economic Development Department. She emphasized that the professional relationship between the association and the Ministry was very good and includes the professional assistance provided in organizing the EGTC workshops, the technical support for the establishment and operation of the EGTCs and the professional service provided for the Ministry for the implementation of its projects. In addition, the association cooperates with the Ministry in the representation of the EGTC theme on the EU level, on the PA10 Priority Axis, on the Danube Strategy and on the case of V4 legal accessibility.

José Osete, Director of the Association of French-Hungarian Initiatives, presented the series of events unfolded within the Oradea Process. The purpose of these events is to assist the Hungarian-Romanian cross-border cooperation with the involvement of French experts. In the first year the EGTC Regulation, then cross-border healthcare cooperation and in 2017, the city's heritage protection and valorization were the key topics. In 2018 the event covers the issue of cross-border traffic cooperation. He also mentioned the successful Basque study trip which was presented in detail by Veronika Dávid.

Veronika Dávid, CESCO member, spoke about the four-day study trip to southern France taking place between the 18th and 21st of September 2017 organized for a delegation of members and financially supported by CESCO. The participants were most interested in how cross-border cooperation works in the French-Spanish border area – in the Basque Country – and how can they overcome the isolation due to the high mountains through cooperation. The experiences of the four-day program (successful micro-projects, IRATY – cooperation of the four valleys, operation of the New Aquitaine-Euskadi-Navarre Euroregion) and the established personal relationships also promise the possibility of a future cooperation.

No comments or remarks were given to the reports. The chair indicated that the Board approved and the Supervisory Board supported the full version of the report and the public benefit annex and asked the members to vote on the report.

Result of the vote:

Yes:	25
No:	0
Abstained:	0

General Assembly Resolution No. 3/2018 (V. 17.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives adopts the 2017 activity report and the public benefit annex.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

1.2 The 2017 report of the Board (dr. Tamás Tóth chair)

The chair presented the Board's report for 2017, highlighting the changes in the members of the Board and the Supervisory Board as well as the Board's position on the support of the two cooperating CESCO cross-border organizations.

There were no questions or remarks. The chair called for a vote on the report.

Result of the vote:

Yes: 25
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution No. 4/2018 (V. 17.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives adopts the 2017 report of the Board.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

1.3 The 2017 report of the Supervisory Board (Kálmán Nagy)

At the request of the chairman Kálmán Nagy, president of the Supervisory Board, presented the SB's position on various topics. He underlined that the Supervisory Board in 2017 considered CESCO's activities effective and financially stable. Furthermore the SB agreed with the report and public benefit annex prepared for the General Assembly meeting on the 17th of May 2018, as well as with the other proposals and motions on the agenda and recommended their adoption.

The president of the Supervisory Board noted that in connection with this year's presidential election the demand for enlargement of the currently existing board membership was raised again and the solution to this issue is timely.

There were no questions or remarks on the report. The chairman indicated that the Board had recommended the adoption of the Supervisory Board's report and called the members for a vote.

Result of the vote:

Yes: 25
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution No. 5/2018 (V. 17.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives unanimously adopts the 2017 report of the Supervisory Board.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

Agenda Item No. 2: Reports of the partner organizations

2.1 The report of CESCO Balkans

At the chair's invitation Ervin Erős, director of CESCO Balkans, provided information on the organization's work in 2017.

This is the third time the director reports on the organization's operations and started with sharing the good news that it would be no longer necessary for the Budapest based CESCO to financially support CESCO Balkans since already this year's revenue growth – which was significantly higher than the previous year's – was successfully realized in 63%. In his report he emphasized that they employed 6 trainees last year and worked with more than 60 experts. Among their projects he mentioned the contract signed with the Council of Europe on a joint leadership training, the development of the 4-language tourism portal in Vojvodina and the related strategy as well as the EGTC study and legislative proposal under the legal accessibility project. They organized several EGTC events (for example the Global EGTC Conference and the GO EGTC Conference).

The chair indicated that the report was supported by the Supervisory Board and recommended for acknowledgement by the Board. In the absence of any comments, the chair requested the members of the General Assembly to vote.

Result of the vote (CESCI Balkans's report):

Yes: 25
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution No. 6/2018 (V. 17.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives unanimously adopts the 2017 report of CESCI Balkans.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

2.2 The report of CESCI Carpathia

The chair asked Rudolf Bauer, director of CESCI Carpathia, to provide information on the organization's annual work.

According to Rudolf Bauer one of the most important activities of their organization during the previous year was the exploration of its financial possibilities; therefore they prepared several project proposals and studies such as the Via Carpatia thematic tourism routes. Their financial resources are still limited but starting from June a full-time employee can start to work for them. In 2017, CESCI's support was crucial in their budget. This year's new activity is the launch of the Košice Platform which aims at bringing together experts from the Eastern Partnership (together with Mátyás Jaschitz they have already participated in a meeting in Iași, Romania).

The chair indicated that the report was supported by the Supervisory Board and recommended for acknowledgement by the Board. In the absence of any comments, the chair requested the members of the General Assembly to vote.

Result of the vote (CESCI Carpathia's report):

Yes: 25
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution No. 7/2018 (V. 17.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives unanimously adopts the 2017 report of CESCI Carpathia.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

Agenda Item No. 3: Matters of membership and office-holders

3.1 Joining and quitting members

a) The chair indicated that the VITEA Foundation stopped to be a CESCI member on 31st of December 2017. The closing procedure was done properly, the member did not have any financial backlog.

The chair asked the members of the General Assembly to acknowledge the exit.

General Assembly Resolution No. 8/2018 (V. 17.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives acknowledges the exit of VITEA Foundation from the 31st of December 2017.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

(b) At the request of the chair the secretary general presented the 3 new individual candidates who requested their inclusion among the CESCO members. The new candidates are:

- Peter Kubičko (SK)
- Dr. Zsuzsanna Fejes (HU)
- István Szabó (HU).

The documents required for the membership have been duly received, there is no impediment to the membership entry. Two of the candidates were unable to attend the meeting due to illness or hindrance by the office, Dr. Zsuzsanna Fejes was alone present.

In the absence of any comments the chair asked the members of the General Assembly for a joint vote with the note that in the case of non-content or abstain individual voting will be carried out.

Result of the vote:

Yes: 25
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution 9/2018 (V. 17.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives accepts among its members Peter Kubičko (Slovakia), Dr. Zsuzsanna Fejes (Hungary) and István Szabó (Hungary) private individuals.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

The number of voting members present in the General Assembly meeting increased from 25 to 26.

3.2 Election of new officials (chair and vice presidents, 2 ordinary members of the Board)

The chair indicated that – as outlined in the submissions – the mandate of the chair and both vice presidents of the General Assembly as well as 2 of the ordinary members of the Board had expired or will expire this year. In order for the General Assembly and the Board to be able to operate new members should be elected at the current General Assembly meeting for the vacant positions. Members affected by the expiring mandate are the following (name, position, expiration date):

- Dr. Tamás Tóth	president of the General Assembly	05. 26.
- Judit H. Kovács	vice president of the General Assembly	04.08.
- Dr. András Levente Gál	vice chairman of the General Assembly	05. 26.
- Dr. Péter Szegvári	ordinary member of the Board	04. 08.
- Alena Vachnová	ordinary member of the Board	05. 26.

The chair emphasized that the election rules were published in the submissions of the General Assembly meeting and that the members of the General Assembly may also nominate new members for which the necessary declaration template has been made available to all the members.

The chair subsequently indicated that due to his involvement in the presidential re-election he would like to ask another member of the General Assembly to conduct the vote. Among the members of the General Assembly Péter Sárkány was recommended by the chair who accepted the nomination. In the absence of another presiding candidate, the chair asked the General Assembly to vote.

Result of the vote:

Yes: 25
No: 0
Abstained: 1 (Péter Sárkány candidate)

General Assembly Resolution No. 10/2018 (V. 17.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives appoints Péter Sárkány as interim chair for the electoral process of the new officials on the 17th May 2018 (identification of candidates, selection of new members).

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

The chair gave his seat to Péter Sárkány, interim chair, who thanked him for his confidence and briefly consulted with secretary general Gyula Ocskay on each candidate. Then he informed the General Assembly that the 3 new candidates elected at this meeting had previously been asked to join the Board as well; dr. Zsuzsanna Fejes as vice president, Peter Kubičko and István Szabó as ordinary members. The individuals concerned have accepted the nomination both in word and in declaration. Furthermore, dr. Tamás Tóth and dr. András Levente Gál also stated both in word and in writing that they would like to run for re-election on the 17th of May, so decisions will have to be made on a total of 5 candidates. The Supervisory Board supported the nomination of all the candidates.

The candidates were briefly introduced by secretary general Gyula Ocskay.

Since no comment or question was received for the chair's request Péter Sárkány asked the General Assembly for a joint vote for the 5 candidates, with the clause that in case of any possible opposition or abstain (apart from dr. Zsuzsanna Fejes) the General Assembly will vote for the candidates individually.

Result of the vote:

Yes: 25
No: 0
Abstained: 1 (dr. Zsuzsanna Fejes candidate)

(Among the candidates dr. Tamás Tóth and dr. András Levente Gál are not members of the General Assembly, Peter Kubičko and István Szabó were not present at the General Assembly.)

General Assembly Resolution No. 11/2018 (V. 17.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives during the renewal process accepted dr. Tamás Tóth, dr. András Levente Gál, dr. Zsuzsanna Fejes, Peter Kubičko and István Szabó as candidates for different offices.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

On the basis of the application for positions, the chair asked for a separate, open vote for the new chair, the two vice presidents and the two ordinary members of the Board, recalling that in order for the vote to be effective three quarters of the eligible voters present should answer with "yes". Furthermore, since the changing list of officials consists an annex of the Statute of the Association, the

General Assembly should also adopt the new text of the amended Statute.

Result of the vote (dr. Tamás Tóth presidential candidate):

Yes: 26
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution No. 12/2018 (V. 17.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives elects dr. Tamás Tóth as its chair for the next three years.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

Result of the vote (dr. András Levente Gál vice president candidate):

Yes: 26
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution No. 13/2018 (V. 17.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives elects dr. András Levente Gál as its vice president for the next three years.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

Result of the vote (dr. Zsuzsanna Fejes vice president candidate):

Yes: 25
No: 0
Abstained: 1 (dr. Zsuzsanna Fejes candidate)

General Assembly Resolution No. 14/2018 (V. 17.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives elects dr. Zsuzsanna Fejes as its vice president for the next three years.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

Result of the vote (Peter Kubičko candidate for being an ordinary member):

Yes: 26
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution No. 15/2018 (V. 17.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives elects Peter Kubičko as its ordinary member for the next three years.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

Result of the vote (István Szabó candidate for being an ordinary member):

Yes: 26
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution No. 16/2018 (V. 17.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives elects István Szabó as its ordinary member for the next three years.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

Result of the vote (modified, unified Statute):

Yes: 26
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution No. 17/2018 (V. 17.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives accepts the unified text of the Statute modified by the annex of the list of the new office holders.

Deadline: immediately or according to the deadline of the court transfer

Responsible: chair

The interim chair congratulated the elected and present officials and wished them a successful three-year work. He asked the secretary general to act as soon as possible in signing the necessary declarations of acceptance of the offices, and then handed the chair position to the new chair of the General Assembly who humbly took the post.

Agenda Item No. 4: Budget and work plan for 2018

The chair invited the secretary general to present the submission. Gyula Ocskay emphasized that this year CESCO's revenue is expected to double. He also emphasized the need for the inclusion of the members in the association's work for which an excellent opportunity would be the open call for participating in a new study tour, this time at the German-Swiss border for which members are expected to apply.

No question was posed. The chair indicated that the Supervisory Board supported and the Board recommended the acceptance of the work plan and budget and asked the members to vote reminding them that two proposals for resolutions should be voted on (1. adoption of the work plan, 2. adoption of the budget).

Result of the vote (work plan):

Yes: 26
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution No. 18/2018 (V. 17.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives adopts the work plan for 2018.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

Result of the vote (budget):

Yes: 26
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution No. 19/2018 (V. 17.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives adopts the budget for 2018.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

Agenda Item No. 5: Investment policy

The chair invited the secretary general to present the submission. Gyula Ocskay emphasized that because of the stable financial situation of CESCO it would be possible to carry out limited types of investment activities such as buying a property. According to the relevant regulations, the Board decides on specific investment activities but the proposed regulatory text places great emphasis on the proper preparation of the decision as well as on the control of the implementation.

No question or comment was posed. The chair indicated that the Supervisory Board supported and the Board recommended the acceptance of the investment policy and asked the members to vote.

Result of the vote:

Yes: 26
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution No. 20/2018 (V. 17.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives adopts the submitted investment policy.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: chair

Agenda Item No. 6: Other

In this section secretary general Gyula Ocskay asked for word and said that the members of the Supervisory Board – with regard to their re-election – have been working with great dedication and expertise for years, which CESCO has so far only been able to honor with a small amount of remuneration. However, the current financial situation makes it possible to double their remuneration. The chair indicated that the increased remuneration was also recommended by the Board for adoption. In the absence of any objections or comments, the chair formulated the draft resolution and asked the members to vote.

Result of the vote:

Yes: 26
No: 0
Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution No. 21/2018 (V. 17.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives increases to the double the remuneration of the members of the Supervisory Board from the year 2018 while maintaining the previously reimbursed allowance.

Deadline: immediately or in 30 work days for the modification of Supervisory Board members' contracts

Responsible: chair

Subsequently, after briefly presenting the content of the new regulations of the Supervisory Board the chair asked for vote.

Result of the vote:

Yes: 26

No: 0

Abstained: 0

General Assembly Resolution 22/2018 (V. 17.)

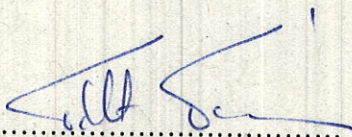
The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives adopted the regulations of the Supervisory Board with immediate effect.

Deadline: immediately

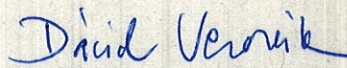
Responsible: chair

No other comments or suggestions were made so the chair thanked the members and other participants for their attendance and invited them to a buffet lunch after the general assembly meeting thus closing the event at 1:00pm.

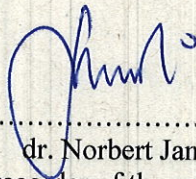
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chair



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Veronika Dávid
authenticator of the minutes



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dr. Norbert Jankai
recorder of the minutes

