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Prepared at the 2026 Annual General Assembly Meeting of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives:

- **Venue:** Aqua Hotel, Gyula, Part u. 7/c.
- **Start date:** 28 May 2026, 10.30 am
- **Present:** according to the attendance sheet, which forms an annex to the minutes
  The identification of meeting participants took place between 10.15 and 10.30.

Dr Zsuzsanna Fejes, Chairperson (hereinafter: Chair), opened the meeting at 10.30 am. She welcomed the members present, the invited guests and the representatives of the CESCI working organisation. She noted that the number of members (present in person and represented by proxy) **was 36, and therefore the General Assembly Meeting had a quorum** (the minimum number required for a quorum **is 30).**

This was followed by the **customary opening remarks and announcement by the Chair:**

1) Have all members received the agenda items and proposals in advance, together with the official invitation, and is everyone familiar with their content?
2) The General Assembly adopts its resolutions by open ballot, by a simple majority, except for amendments to the Statutes of the association and the election of officers (open voting for Board Committee members, secret ballot for Supervisory Board members), where a majority of at least three-quarters of the members present and entitled to vote is required.
3) **Interpretation will be provided** for members from abroad**.**
4) A brief summary of previous related meetings and approved reports:
   a) **The meeting of the Supervisory Board (SB),** which examined the proposals for the General Assembly Meeting**, took place on 18 May;** the relevant SB report is available on the CESCI website, alongside the General Assembly Meeting documents.
   b) **The Presidium meeting took place on the day of the General Assembly Meeting,** starting at 09.00; the 2025 Presidium report adopted there was presented orally at the General Assembly Meeting.

The members were aware of the content of the proposals and took note of the information provided. No objections or questions were raised.
Subsequently, the Chair proposed that Dr Norbert Jankai, CESCI's legal adviser, be elected as **the minute-taker** for the meeting, and that Zoltán Szögi, a member of the Board, be elected **as the certifier of the minutes**.
There were no objections from the General Assembly members, and the aforementioned individuals accepted the nominations.

Result of the vote: unanimous in favour (35 votes; Zoltán Szögi, a member of the General Assembly, *did not vote due to a conflict of interest)*

General Assembly Resolution No. 1/2026 (28 May)

The Board of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives appoints Dr Norbert Jankai as minute-taker and Zoltán Szögi as certifying officer.

Deadline: immediately
Responsible: Chair

General Assembly Resolution No. 2/2026 (28 May)

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

1. Reports
1.1 Annual General Meeting Report
1.2 Report of the Board
1.3 SB report
1.4 Reports from members of the CESCI network (CESCI Balkans and CESCI Carpathia)
1.5 GEP Report
2. Membership initiatives
2.1 Decision on the exclusion of member
2.2 Acknowledgement of a Member's Withdrawal Declaration
3. Officer matters (expiring terms of office, election of new officers)
3.1 Election of the Vice-Chair and ordinary members of the Board (open ballot)
3.2 Election of Supervisory Board members (secret ballot)
4. Adoption of the consolidated version of the Statutes of the association, including amendments
5. Work and financial plan for 2026
5.1 Approval of the work plan
5.2 Approval of the financial plan
6. Amendment of the procurement regulations
7. Other

Deadline:
immediately
Responsible:
Chair

1. Agenda item: Annual reports (2025)

1.1 CESCI Budapest's report

In connection with CESCI Budapest's 2025 annual report, the Chair gave the floor to several speakers.

Gyula Ocskay, Secretary-General, presented the public benefit organisation's activities and results for 2025 via a PowerPoint presentation.
Dr Zsuzsanna Fejes, Chair, briefly presented the main achievements of HEK in 2025, highlighting two key milestones: the two-day international conference held in mid-May, for which a short video was presented during the General Assembly Meeting, and the official

launch of the ABCD Journal, a professional publication platform (following the release of its pilot issue in 2024).

Director, Kitti Dubniczki presented the activities and results of the #ACCESS project for 2025, which is funded by the Hungarian-Slovak Interreg programme (the project is being implemented in collaboration with CESCI Carpathia; the identification of legal and administrative barriers was completed in 2025. She also highlighted examples of ongoing initiatives aimed at addressing these barriers, and the session concluded with a short film demonstrating how the barrier related to applying for a SIM card had been successfully resolved.

Director, Mátyás Jaschitz summarised the organisation's role in the ESPON CROSSGOV project (managing Work Package 3: examining cross-border urban areas through case studies, in close international partnership, with positive professional feedback, and the opportunity to participate in further tenders thanks to the relationships established).

Gyula Ocskay, Secretary General, spoke about participation in the BorderLabs CE project consortium (the core idea of the project is to contribute to the creation of a more integrated Central European region. The project is structured around three main themes: spatial planning, cross-border governance, and the removal of barriers. CESCI is developing a knowledge platform, providing communication through an online interface, and coordinating activities related to five pilot regions)

The growing recognition of CESCI's work is reflected in the fact that it is receiving an increasing number of commissions from EU institutions (e.g. it organises overseas conference panels on behalf of the European Commission; this year, CESCI is organising the annual event of the European Cross-Border Platform in Brussels in collaboration with the Committee of the Regions – CESCI has taken on additional responsibilities within the project; unfortunately, due to the resulting increase in costs, CESCI's members' study trip will not take place this year).

CESCI is involved in the adjustment process of the facilitated border crossing points designated following the amendment of the Schengen Borders Code, which is managed by by DG Horne.

CESCI continuously hosts students for internships. Last year, three Czech students from the University of Liberec completed their internships at CESCI and produced a short film entitled "Internship at CESCI" at the end of their placement, promoting CESCI in the online space. The short film was presented during the General Assembly Meeting.

No questions or comments were raised.

1.2 Report by the CESCI Board

Dr Zsuzsanna Fejes, Chair, briefly outlined the main points of the Board report. No questions or comments were raised.

1.3 Report from the CESCI Supervisory Board

Gyula Ocskay, Secretary General: unfortunately, the Supervisory Board Chair was unable to attend the general assembly meeting due to unforeseen circumstances; the Board's work is efficient, thanks to the strict principles set: for example, the head of the accounting company is required to attend the Supervisory Board meetings held in May, and the entire portfolio of contracts is reviewed. Recurring topics include the impact of the operations of CESCI Carpathia and CESCI Balkans on CESCI Budapest, as well as the review of the projects funded by Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

No questions or comments were raised.

1.4 Reports from members of the CESCI network (CESCI Balkans and CESCI Carpathia)

The Chair invited **Rudolf Bauer, Director of CESCI Carpathia**, to present the report, after which Miklós Kószó, project manager representing Director Ervin Erős, was given the floor. Both provided detailed reports on the activities of their respective associations over the past year. A common feature of the two organisations is that, in the previous year, they played active roles as partners, experts, and coordinators in significant budget projects.

Their main projects and events included:

a) CESCI Carpathia: #ACCESS: surveys, interviews, focus group sessions; participation in the work of the "Košice Plan" council; "Cities in Future" conference, provision of expert support for the reconstruction of the "Košice Calvary chapels", preparation of project proposals for the Košice children's railway; participation in the meeting of the INTERREG Slovakia–Hungary Monitoring Committee;
b) CESCI Balkans: ADRURAL, Danube-ADAPT, InnoWATCCH, FUNDA, COMMHERITOUR, AEBR/B-solutions 3.0/'Serbian members in an EGTC' projects.

No questions or comments were raised.
Dr Zsuzsanna Fejes, Chair, congratulated the two organisations on their professional achievements.

1.5 GEP report

Chair, Dr Zsuzsanna Fejes indicated that, if there were no comments, no separate oral summary would be presented for this agenda item.
No questions, comments or objections were raised.
The Chair noted that the adoption of the reports relating to this agenda item had been supported by the Board (with the exception of the Chair's report, which had not yet been made available at the Board meeting) and by the Board. As no questions or comments had been raised, the Chair asked the members of the General Assembly to vote on the sub-items.

Voting results: unanimous 'yes' *(36* votes)

General Assembly Resolution No. 3/2026 (28 May)

The Board of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives hereby approves the Association's 2025 annual report and its financial statement.

Deadline: immediately, or in accordance with the deadline for the publication/submission of the annual report
Responsible: Chair

General Assembly Resolution No. 4/2026 (28 May)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives hereby approves the Board's report for 2025.

Deadline:
immediately
Responsible:
Chair

General Assembly Resolution No. 5/2026 (28 May)

The Board of the Central European Support Service for Cross-Border Initiatives approves the Supervisory Board's annual report for 2025.

Deadline:
immediately
Responsible:
Chair

General Assembly Resolution No. 6/2026 (28 May)

The Board of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives takes note of the 2025 reports of CESCI Carpathia and CESCI Balkans.

Deadline:
immediately
Responsible:
Chair

General Assembly Resolution No. 7/2026 (28 May)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives approves the 2025 report on the implementation of the association's Gender Equality Plan.

Deadline:
immediately
Responsible:
Chair

(Following the conclusion of the vote, Director Bence Sárossy (MURABA EGTC) arrived at the General Assembly. He represented two votes: one as a member of MURABA EGTC and one by proxy on behalf of Pannon EGTC. As a result, the number of valid voting members for the subsequent agenda item increased to 38.)

2. Agenda item: Membership applications

2.1 Decision on Exclusion

The Chair invitied the Secretary-General to present the agenda item.
Gyula Ocskay, Secretary General explained that the representatives of the two members of the General Assembly (Sajó-Rima Euroregion and the Municipality of Nyíradony) had received reminders for three consecutive years but had neither responded nor settled their outstanding membership fees. Therefore, the Association had no alternative but to initiate exclusion proceedings. The representatives of the concerned members had also failed to attend the Board meeting preceding the General Assembly, had not submitted any written defence, and had not resolved their outstanding payments. Consequently, the Board proposed the exclusion of both members.
No mitigating circumstances were raised at the General Assembly regarding the members concerned by the exclusion procedure.

2.2 Acknowledgement of the statement by the resigning member

The Chair asked the General Secretary to present this agenda item.
General Assembly member Miklós Kószó had previously supported the activities of CESCI Balkans on a temporary basis – with the approval of the CESCI General Assembly – in relation to its transnational projects, due to the organisation's lack of sufficient human resources. As there is still a continued need for his contribution, which requires a longer-term contractual commitment on his part, it was considered more appropriate, instead of seeking repeated approvals from the General Assembly, for the concerned member to terminate his membership in the Association by submitting a withdrawal declaration.
The withdrawal declaration was dated 15 December 2025, with the withdrawal taking effect on 31 December 2025. The member has no outstanding obligations towards the Association. The task of the General Assembly was therefore to acknowledge the withdrawal of member Miklós Kószó.
The President noted that the draft resolutions related to the agenda item had been supported by both the Supervisory Board and the Board. As no questions or comments were raised, the Chair invited the members of the General Assembly to vote on both sub-items.

(Before the vote, private individual member Dr Julianna Máté left the venue of the General Assembly; therefore, the number of valid voters from this vote onwards was 37.)

Voting results:
unanimous, 'Yes' (37 votes)

General Assembly Resolution No. 8/2026 (28 May)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives, pursuant to Article III, paragraph 5.4 of the Articles of Association, hereby excludes the Sajó-Rima Euroregion and the Local Council of Nyíradony from the membership of the Association due to persistent failure to pay membership fees.

Deadline: immediately, or subject to any appeal proceedings.
Responsible: Chair

General Assembly Resolution No. 9/2026 (28 May)

The General Assembly of the Central European Support Service for Cross-Border Initiatives takes note of Miklós Kószó's withdrawal from the association and confirms that he has no outstanding debts.

Deadline:
immediately
Responsible:
Chair

3. Agenda: Officer appointments (expiring terms of office, election of new officers)

3.1 Election of the Vice-Chair and ordinary members of the Board (open ballot)

The Chair asked the Secretary-General to present the proposal relating to this agenda item.
The Secretary General explained that the Board members whose mandates were expiring were Zoltán Szogi, Vice-President, and Dr Jože Gričar and Ferenc Ivanics, ordinary Board members. He acknowledged and praised the contributions of all three members and noted that, based on their declarations, they had all put themselves forward for re-election to the positions affected by the expiry of their mandates. He also pointed out that the Statutes of the association do not prohibit the re-election of office holders whose mandates have expired.
In response to the Chair's question, the members of the General Assembly did not nominate any additional candidates for the vacant positions.
The Chair noted that the re-nomination of the Vice-President and the ordinary Board members whose mandates had expired had been supported by both the Supervisory Board and the Board.
As no further questions or comments were raised, the Chair informed the General Assembly that, during the upcoming open vote, **Zoltán Szögi and Ferenc Ivanics would not be entitled to participate due to a conflict of interest; therefore, the number of voters in these two votes would be reduced by one each**.
Following this, the Chair invited the Secretary General to present the proposal related to the next sub-item on the agenda.

3.2 Election of SB members (secret ballot)

The Secretary General stated that the members whose terms of office were due to expire were Dr György Kocziszky and Dr Attila Tilki.
Both had put themselves forward for re-election, with Dr Attila Tilki submitting his declaration of candidacy on the day before the General Assembly. The nomination declarations had been received. As Dr Attila Tilki had not provided his statement for an extended period, the Secretary General proposed Dr Gábor Ilosvai, attorney-at-law and specialist in labour law, as an additional candidate, who had also submitted his declaration of candidacy in accordance with the requirements.
The Secretary General introduced all three candidates. He emphasised that the Board had discussed the situation that had arisen and had ultimately decided to support all three candidates, leaving it to the General Assembly itself to decide which two members to elect.
In response to the Chair's question, the members of the General Assembly did not nominate any further candidates for the vacant positions.

The Secretary General then provided information **on the procedure for the secret ballot:**

1.) the election of two vote-counters by open ballot;
2.) presentation of the format and content of the certified, stamped ballot paper, and explanation of its use: each member receives – in a number corresponding to their representation – a ballot paper from the vote counters, ticks the name(s) of the candidate(s), folds the ballot paper in half, and returns it to one of the vote counters, after which the votes are counted;

3.) the chairperson announces the result (by name and number of votes), and the candidate for whom at least three-quarters of the members present have voted is elected. Calculation of the required three-quarters majority:

- number of General Assembly members present and casting valid votes: 37;
- number of votes required for a qualified three-quarters majority per candidate: 28;

In the event of an unsuccessful vote, a new ballot would be held.

The Chair indicated that a vote on the above procedure would only be held if an objection were raised. No objections were raised.

Following this, she noted that the re-nomination of Dr György Kocziszky had been supported by both the Supervisory Board and the Board, while the candidacies of Dr Gábor Ilosvai and Attila Tilki had been supported by the Board (as their intention to run had not yet been known at the time of the Supervisory Board meeting).

The voting process then commenced.

OPEN BALLOT

The Chair invited the members of the General Assembly to vote on the Vice-Chair and the two ordinary Board members.

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Voting results:

unanimous "Yes" votes were cast for all three candidates (thus exceeding the required qualified three-quarters majority). Dr Jože Gričar received 37 "Yes" votes, while the other two candidates received 36 "Yes" votes each, as the two candidates present were not entitled to vote due to a conflict of interest in their capacity as General Assembly members.

General Assembly Resolution No. 10/2026 (28 May)

The Board of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives hereby elects Zoltán Szögi as Vice-Chair for a term of three years, with effect from 1 June 2026.

Deadline:
immediately
Responsible:
Chair

General Assembly Resolution No. 11/2026 (28 May)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives elects Dr Jože Gričar as a full member of the Board for a term of three years, with effect from 1 June 2026.

Deadline:
immediately
Responsible:

Chair

General Assembly Resolution No. 12/2026 (28 May)

The Board of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives hereby elects Ferenc Ivanics as a full member of the Board for a term of three years, with effect from 1 June 2026.

Deadline:
immediately
Responsible:
Chair

The Chair congratulated the newly elected Vice-Chair and ordinary Board members and wished them success in their work.

SECRET BALLOT

Subsequently, in preparation for the secret ballot procedure, the General Assembly unanimously elected the two persons proposed by the President (Angéla Baracskayné Komonyi and Tamás Németh) as vote counters.

General Assembly Resolution No. 13/2026 (28 May)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives hereby elects Angéla Baracskayné Komonyi and Tamás Németh as vote counters for the duration of the secret ballot of the new Board members.

Deadline:
immediately
Responsible:
Chair

The elected individuals **accepted the positions.**
The certified, stamped ballot papers were then presented and distributed to all members. The members cast their votes in accordance with the previously outlined procedure. The vote counters counted the votes and reported the results to the Chair.
The chair announced the result:

- number of invalid votes: 2;
- Number of valid votes: 35; distributed as follows:
    a) **Dr György Kocziszky: 34 (qualified majority of three-quarters);**
    b) Dr Gábor Ilosvai: 22 (insufficient votes);
    c) Dr Attila Tilki: 11 (insufficient votes).

The second member of the Supervisory Board could not be elected in the first round.
In view of the above, and in the interests of the Supervisory Board's ability to function, the Chair ordered that new ballot papers listing the names of Dr Gábor Ilosvai and Dr Attila Tilki be prepared, and that a repeat secret ballot be held.

The Chair announced the result of the repeat vote:

- number of invalid votes: 1;

- number of valid votes: 36, broken down as follows:
  - **a) Dr Gábor Ilosvai: 33 votes (qualified majority of three-quarters);**
  - b) Dr Attila Tilki: 3 votes (insufficient number of votes).

Resolutions announced by the Chair:

General Assembly Resolution No. 14/2026 (28 May)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives elects Dr György Kocziszky as a Supervisory Board member for a term of three years, commencing on 1 June 2026.

Deadline:
immediately
Responsible:
Chair

General Assembly Resolution No. 15/2026 (28 May)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives hereby elects Dr Gábor Ilosvai as a Supervisory Board member for a term of three years, commencing on 1 June 2026.

Deadline:
immediately
Responsible:
Chair

The Chair congratulated the newly elected members of the Supervisory Board and wished them success in their work.

4. Agenda: Adoption of the Consolidated Version of the Statutes, Including Amendments

The Chair asked the Secretary General to present the proposals relating to this agenda item.
The Secretary General explained that the amendments to the Statues of the association were necessitated by changes to Annex 1 (List of Officers). The adoption of certain amendments to the Statutes, and the adoption of the consolidated version of the Statutes incorporating these amendments, requires a resolution passed by a three-quarters majority of the members present.
The Chair stated that the Supervisory Board and the Board had supported the proposed resolution. As no other questions or comments were raised, the Chair called on the members of the General Assembly to vote.
Result of the vote: unanimous *(37* votes)

General Assembly Resolution No. 16/2026 (28 May)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives hereby adopts the proposed amendments to the Statutes, and with them the new consolidated text of the Statutes incorporating these amendments.

Deadline:

immediately
Responsible:
Chair

5. Agenda: Work Plan and Financial Plan for 2026 (sub-items 5.1 and 5.2)

The Chair invited Mátyás Jaschitz, Director to present the proposals relating to this agenda item. He proposed that the two sub-items be presented together, but that separate votes be taken on each. No objections were raised.

The Director highlighted a number of key activities, such as the #ACCESS project, which will again require significant human resources this year, and then summarised the other ongoing and priority projects based on the PowerPoint presentation.

Dr József Benedek, a member of the Public Health Committee, brought to the attention of the working group a previous methodology that had been applied in the counties of Satu Mare (RO) and Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg (HU), and on the basis of which he proposed, in relation to point 2 of the 2026 work plan, the coordinated support of the spatial development programmes and spatial planning schemes of the border counties.

No other questions or comments were raised, so the Chair invited the members of the Council to vote by a show of hands.

Result of the vote: unanimous 'yes' (37 votes)

General Assembly Resolution No. 17/2026 (28 May)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives unanimously approves the Association's work plan for 2026.

Deadline:
immediately
Responsible:
Chair

General Assembly Resolution No. 18/2026 (28 May)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives hereby approves the organisation's financial plan for 2026.

Deadline:
immediately
Responsible:
Chair

6. Agenda item: Amendment to the Procurement Regulations

The Chair asked Kitti Dubniczki, Director to present the proposal relating to this agenda item. The Director explained that, on the one hand, they were seeking approval of the draft text prepared for last year's amendment – which, due to an erroneous version of the text, had not been brought before the General Assembly – and, on the other hand, they wished to make the regulations more effective through amendments providing further clarification and greater flexibility in decision-making.

No questions or comments were raised, and the Chair called on the members of the General Assembly to vote.

Result of the vote: unanimous in favour (37 votes)

General Assembly Resolution No. 19/2026 (28 May)

The General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives hereby approves the amendments to the association's procurement regulations and the new consolidated text thereof.

Deadline:
immediately
Responsible:
Chair

7. Agenda item: Other

In response to the Chair's question, one comment was received from the members.
Zoltán Bara (Pons Danubii EGTC): He proposed Komárom as the venue for next year's general assembly meeting, in light of the relevant HUSK action plans.

There were no further comments; the Chair thanked the participants for their contributions and **closed the meeting at 11.55 am,** inviting the participants to lunch.

Note: **The attendance sheet for the general assembly meeting is to be regarded as an annex to these minutes and is to be kept for verification purposes.** Proxies relating to the general assembly meeting are to be kept by the Secretariat of the organisation.