

Proposal for the General Assembly of the Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives to be held on 25 May 2022

Agenda 2: Membership issues

Dear General Assembly!

2.1 Exclusion and resignation of members

Our Association is under the necessity of holding a revision of its members and the Board deals with it in a separate agenda at the General Assembly. The revision of the members is necessitated by two factors: persistent non-payment of the **membership fee** for a long time, as well as the lack of **membership activity**.

Persistent non-payment of the membership fee

Unfortunately, the former topic is not a new one, because it was on the agenda at several General Assemblies. For example, it was on the agenda between 2012 and 2015 annually, this mirrors the fact that the management was very patient in resolving the situation.

According to Article 2.2 c) of the Statutes:

"Obligations of members:

c/ Regular payment of the membership fees. The membership fee, the amount of which is set by the resolution of the General Assembly, shall be paid annually in advance in a lump sum, not later than 31st March of the year for which the membership fee is due. Newly joining members shall pay their membership fee calculated pro rata for the remainder of the year of admission, within 15 days of admission."

Lack of membership activity

CESCI was founded in 2009 and we have held one or two General Assemblies in a year since then. During the COVID epidemic, implementation of the General Assembly was simplified as it was shifted to the online space. This resulted in an increase in turnout rates; subsequently, we were able to secure a quorum. However, once the epidemic is over, we will return to personal presence at the General Assembly. Some provisions have entered into force¹ in the meantime that no longer allow the General Assembly to be reconvened on the same day within half an hour, but to reconvene it within a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 15 days. Subsequently, ensuring a quorum is not only a legal point of view, but it becomes a key issue of logistics and politeness: if the General Assembly does not have a quorum, then there is a necessity to repeat it within the time interval indicated above; however, it requires additional reservation of rooms,

¹ Civic Code 3:76. § (3)

interpreters and catering, and the members will have to travel to the General Assembly from all over the country again. Regarding this, we are forced to implement a membership review which assures the quorum in the spring of 2022. Our experience shows that some of our members are regularly absent from the General Assembly, hence making it difficult to ensure a quorum. According to the III. 2.2 and III. 5.4 of the Statutes, participation in the life of the Association is a duty of all members.

According to III. 5.4 of the Statutes:

"Members who regularly or permanently do not fulfil their obligations and seriously hinder the operation of the association or achieving its objectives, as well as otherwise showing a behaviour based on which they are not worthy of membership, shall be excluded from the membership of the association."

According to the financial reports of the Association in 2022, some members of the Association have not paid the membership fee for several years, while other members are regularly absent from the General Assembly. Subsequently, a regular exclusion procedure of these members will be conducted at the Board meeting in May. The concerned members will have the opportunity to present their defense.

Four members who had been invited to the General Assembly indicated their intention of resignation by the date of the General Assembly. According to the Statutes of our association, the General Assembly does not vote on their resignation, only takes note of it.

2.2 Admission of new members

Two members from abroad may join the Board of CESCI at the General Assembly on 25 May 2022.

According to the third sentence of the IV. 2.2 point of the Statutes: *"The members of the Board are to be elected primarily from among the members of the association however one-third of them can be elected from among persons outside the association as well."*

The Board currently has 6 members, and at this point 4 of them are members of the association and 2 of them are external members, so the number of external members has reached the upper limit and that is why the new full members should be granted membership of the association as well.

Since the last General Assembly the Board has received the declaration of entry of two individuals: the declaration of Hynek Böhm and the declaration of Dana-Bianca Mitrică. The candidates have received the necessary information and documents, and according to preliminary consultations there are no obstacles to membership according to the Statutes.

The Honourable Assembly is kindly asked to approve the following resolutions.

Dr. Tamás Tóth
President
(signed by own hand)

General Assembly Resolution no./2022 (V. 25.)

According to the Article III Point 5.4 of the Statutes of the Association, the General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives excludes the member from the membership of the Association due to persistent non-payment of the membership fee / due to lack of membership activity.

Deadline: immediately, or according to the appeal procedure

Responsible: President

General Assembly Resolution no./2022 (V. 25.)

According to the Article III Point 5.2 of the Statutes of the Association, the General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives takes note of the exit of the member from the Association.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: President

General Assembly Resolution no./2022 (V. 25.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives admits Hynek Böhm as a member of the General Assembly.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: President

General Assembly Resolution no./2022 (V. 25.)

The General Assembly of Central European Service for Cross-Border Initiatives admits Dana-Bianca Mitrică as a member of the General Assembly.

Deadline: immediately

Responsible: President