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Members present: Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium (Leuven), Bosnia & Herzegovina, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Kosovo, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, North Macedonia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia (Belgrade), Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland.

Observers present: Belgium (Ghent), France, Italy

Others present: Board of Management 2019-2020, Working Community 2020-2021

Minutes by: Katja Zemljič

Topics/agenda:

General Assembly III

1. Welcome & Intro
2. Proposal 1.: Approval of executive board 2020-2021
3. Proposal 2: Approval of delayed nomination of the Ethics Committee 2020-2021
4. Proposal 3.: Approval of Internal Audit Committee 2020-2021

Topic	Discussion	Decision
1. Welcome & Intro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VB: Hello everyone and welcome to our third and last General Assembly of this virtual congress. My name is Vita and I am the new president of EFPSA, and together with me is the new Board of Management. Together with me is vice-president Deianara from Belgium; Secretary General Katja, from Slovenia; the Finance Officer Hector, from Spain; the Marketing Officer Katarina, from Slovenia; the Member Representative Officer Martie from Malta; the Events Officer Bojana from Serbia; and the Academic Affairs Officer, Ana from Croatia. - VB: Rules of the voting and general assembly. GA is the most important decision making body in EFPSA. Every national organisation has 2 votes and every local organisation has one vote. Voting 	



	<p>options: in favour, against, abstaining. Abstaining means that you support the decision of the majority. Voting platform is NEMO vote. It is completely anonymous. Member representatives Officer can see how many voted, but the identity of the voters is hidden. We need at least 22 delegates. Quorum is reached – we have 27. I will be chairing this Ga. Because of how complicated it is to have adjudicators online the live stream, we will take this step. Our Vice president will be reading the questions that you post in the comments.</p>	
<p>2. Proposal 1: Approval of executive board 2020-2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VB: Our first proposal is the approval of the executive board 2020 -2021. All the member were interviewed by Board of Management members, who also interviewed the coordinators. Firstly the BM interviewed the coordinators, then we interviewed the rest of the executive board together with the Board of management representatives. I will now read the selected members. This is the first proposal. Now we have time for questions. - Çağlar Akyiğit(Turkey, CA): Ceren Sağlam from STA is not a team member, she is the internships responsible. - DC: I can confirm that. - VB: If there are no more questions, we will proceed with voting. Member representatives you have 30 seconds to vote for the first proposal: approval of executive board 2020-20201. 	<p>In favour: 54 Against:0 Abstaining: 0</p>
<p>3. Proposal 2: Approval of delayed nomination of the Ethics Committee 2020-2021</p>	<p>VB: Second proposal is the Approval of the delayed nomination of the Ethics Committee of 2020-2021. I will shortly explain this proposal before we move to the questions and voting. This proposal was put forward by the immediate past president who is also the chair of the Ethics Committee and was approved by the Ethics committee. On the 11th of April, the Ethics committee 2019-2020 received an email with a complaint and is currently working on gathering all the necessary information and the evidence to discuss the issue. That is why the ethics committee proposed</p>	<p>In favour: 52 Against:0 Abstaining: 2</p>



to have more time to take care of this issue and decided that it is not fair to put this responsibility on the new Ethics committee. We cannot reveal the content of the complaint but the matter is related to the work of the executive board 2019-2020, and all the matters received by the ethics committee are highly confidential, so it wouldn't be fair to put it on the new ethics committee. If this proposal passes the new Ethics Committee will be approved by e-voting in May. And until then, the Ethics Committee 2019-2020 will work. Please state your questions.

Rosário Ferreira, Portugal (RF): My MO is just a little concerned about the possibility of this proposal not passing, in case that happens what would be the procedure? Would there be a team ready to take over the Ethics Committee for this mandate? Thank you.

VB: Thank you Rosario for your question. We thought about what would happen if the proposal doesn't pass and it is always good to have a plan. If the proposal is not approved, then we will call for urgent e-voting within two weeks, and the new Ethics committee will be formed. The Ethics committee always consist of one Board of Management representatives, one Executive Board representatives and one Member representatives. They are firstly voted in the Board of Management and then on e-voting to MRs

- VB: If there are no more questions, we will now proceed to the voting of MRs.

**4. Proposal 3.:
Approval of
Internal Audit
Committee
2020-2021**

- VB: The third proposal is the approval of the Audit Committee. I will shortly explain the proposal. The Audit Committee is important body in EFPSA, which checks our financial report. It consist of one Board of Management representative, one Executive Board representative and one Member representative. The following individuals have been nominated o be the part of the Internal Audit Committee: The Board of Management representative is Deianara Couwet, who is also a Vice President, from Belgium. The Executive Board representative Robert Meyka from Austria, and the Member Representative Konstantinos Vlachantonis, from Greece. We will move to the questions.

- RF: Concerning the Internal Audit Committee, have you ever considered opening a call for these

In favour: 54

Against:0

Abstaining: 0



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- VB: The internal audit committee is something quite new to EFPSA and it was considered to have someone external to check the finances. We have also considered hiring professionals to do this, to make sure that all the finances are okay. For now, the easiest and fastest solution was that the Internal audit committee consist of members of the Working community but thank you for your question. We definitely will consider this and discuss this more through this mandate.

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- RF: Concerning the Internal Audit Committee, have you ever considered opening a call for these positions for non-members? For example, for psychology students represented by the MO's that do not work within EFPSA?
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- VB: If there are no more questions, we will proceed with voting.	
2. Voting outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- VB: Thank you MRs for voting. I will read you the results of the voting. For the first proposal, the approval of the Executive Board of 2020-2021 we have 54 votes in favour, 0 against, 0 abstaining. The proposal passes. For the second proposal, the delayed nomination of the Ethics Committee we have 52 votes in favour, 0 against and 2 abstaining. The proposal passes. For the third proposal, approval of the audit committee we have 54 votes in favour, 0 against, 0 abstaining, so the proposal passes.	
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- VB: I would like to thank MRs for voting and all of you for being here. I wish for the Working community to have a successful mandate ahead. I want to inform all of you about our news on the 34th Congress in Ireland, which you can read on our webpage. And we have a quick surprise with our 35th Congress in the Netherlands.- (video)- VB: This is the end of our third General Assembly. I am sending you a big hug from the EFPSA Board of Management.	