

Standing Committee
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Standing Committee meeting
Report
03 February 2022
15.00 – 17.30
Online meeting

Present: Anna Sevortian (had to leave early), Anna Rurka (started 16.00), Beata Zwiersynska, Christoph Spreng, Davide Capecci, Geneviève Laloy, Gerhard Ermischer, Olga Sadovskaya, PjotrSadovski, Ruth Allen, Simon Matthijsen (after 16:00).

1. Opening of the meeting by Gerhard Ermischer, President of the SC.
⇒He states that the Meeting is constituted with a quorum.
2. Appointment of the rapporteur of the meeting
⇒Christoph volunteers.
⇒Gerhard asks if the Meeting can be recorded; there are no objections.
3. Draft agenda - for adoption
⇒The annotated, updated Agenda sent by Gerhard in the morning is adopted.
4. Participation in BePart (online platform for good practice examples for our Code of Good Practice).
Gerhard recalls the development of the second edition of the Code together with the Congress. The questionnaire to record the examples is starting to be used with 14 replies to date. The related web page is ready to go on line. He invites help for evaluating the incoming examples. This work will evolve to two meetings per year besides the evaluating as per need. The Launch of the web page is estimated for June.
⇒Olga is interested and offering to help.
⇒Geneviève is also offering.
 - a. The Colleagues in BePart have been informed of the decision and will contact Olga and Geneviève
5. Upcoming World NGO-Day
In addition to the initial draft programme Gerhard informs that there is a new 90 seconds Video on the Expert Council on NGO Law, which we can include.

⇒It is decided to hold our event on Mon. 28 February from 16.00 to max. 18.00hrs CET
⇒Title (just briefly discussed) and short promotion text will be elaborated via Email
⇒The programme and arrangements are to be finalized by Friday 11 February
⇒Anna S. will follow up on actual presenters from Memorial International and from the CURE Campaign.

Question¹: Who will select/invite the person from among the Helsinki Committees?

Anna R. suggests somebody from Türkiye to include as a third witness.

Gerhard suggests we plan for sufficient time for questions and answers and to run the event in English, considering costs.

a. Christoph has contacted Rares and he has made a nice draft for an announcement and programme sheet

b. Lusine has been informed of the exact date to book the BlueJeans Event App for us

6. Adoption of Position Paper on CAHA!

The paper, then called “Talking Points” was distributed to the SC by Gerhard. He recalls that the Webinar on Artificial Intelligence showed the UNESCO clear on a value-based regulation approach, the EU on a product driven approach and the Council of Europe somewhere in between. We had better enforce the value-based regulation approach, as presented in our Paper.

When adopted, we can get it translated officially and send it to the Committee of Ministers. Other send-outs, like media can be considered. Ruth adds, indeed there is a communication opportunity here, more on that under point 11 of the Agenda.

⇒The paper is adopted unanimously.

7. New Committee on Education – further proceedings

The updated Proposal has been circulated to the SC and found to need still more work.

⇒It is decided to organize an online working session among interested SC members on 10 February at 16.30 hrs to be followed by extending the meeting with the authors of the Proposal.

⇒Offering their participation as SC members are Davide, Beata, Geneviève, Pjotr and Gerhard.

⇒Beata is uploading the proposal as a shared (Google) online document to prepare.

8. Representation in Intergovernmental Steering Committees etc.:

a. Pompidou Group / Miguel Cabral

Gerhard informs us that the Pompidou Group Secretariat has invited us to nominate a CINGO representative. He suggests Miguel Cabral da Pinha. Miguel is in the process of recreating his own INGO membership, as he is no more a student. Meanwhile we nominate him as our Expert.

⇒Miguel is nominated as the CINGO Expert representative to the Pompidou Group.

¹ The Rapporteur should have raised this question during the meeting – sorry! cbs

- b. [Lanzarote Committee](#) / now Gerhard, he would propose Michel Grangeat
Gerhard wishes to hand over this representation. After a brief exchange,
⇒the SC decides to nominate Michel Grangeat. Should he prefer one of his
Committee colleagues to take that on, the SC would nominate accordingly.

Have informed Michel Grangeat

9. Preparation for the upcoming GA

There is a need to re-communicate the dates. The Congress will meet in March and is planning a limited, skeleton programme. We will be two weeks later, hoping for a real hybrid programme; tbd next week when GE is in Strasbourg.

⇒Monday 4th morning Standing Committee; afternoon divide into two according to EN /FR aiming to cover several themes interactively and in parallel.

⇒Tuesday and Wednesday for Plenaries, availability of Secretary General and Italian Minister will be first placed into the detailed Agenda. Anna R. suggests that Questions to them be prepared in advance.

⇒Upon the question of Davide C. it is decided to place the GA of OING Service to Tuesday 4th, second half of the afternoon

(Partly copied from last meeting's notes):

- Possible Intervention by Italian Minister of Labour and Social Affairs (contact through FAFCE)
- Event planned by Migration Committee
- Some Committees may aim at a joint presentation.
- The agreement is that all committees will give interim reports and what the upcoming activities are.
- Presentation of the CURE Campaign.
- Feedback from the CINGO representatives to Intergov. Steering Committees.

Christoph suggests if we should aim at very short written reports. Gerhard elaborates by suggesting that one could pick out the AI topic a.o. for presentation/awareness raising.

⇒Simon and Gerhard will come up with a manageable format on this.

- Other, necessary Items:

Simon reports that delegates who are not member of a committee tell him they are losing touch with the conference. Webinars are simply not the same as meeting face-to-face. He urges to ask for big rooms during our April session, maybe multiple rooms, to host as many delegates as possible. Furthermore, the website should be updated with data of the upcoming events and the committees would gain transparency if they publish their upcoming meetings and agenda's so that interested delegates may join. Related to this, several comments are made to aim at the GA with enough interactivity with Members, not just presentations.

Lusine has updated the calendar, so the GA dates are there now as well. I have asked her to book us a second room for Monday afternoon with equipment to have two interactive meetings with BlueJeans cover. So we can have an interactive hybrid session for our members directed to questions and participation in presence (hopefully) and online.

10. Development of Action Plan / Mission Statement

⇒It is decided to defer this item to the next SC meeting, as Anna S. already had to leave the meeting.

11. How to proceed with the Communication Strategy

Ruth has prepared a 6 page Comms Strategy overview. She remarks that it is a starter document, at the moment it only covering external Comms. The above Agenda items have made us talk repeatedly about internal Comms needs. Aligning formal and voluntary communication is one issue, another is campaign communications. Gerhard appreciates the Draft, finds it rather optimistic, simple things like the INGO Data Base are lagging on updates, as well as the formal CINGO website. The initial phases are possible to implement, then comes the phase that needs funding. Not forget the bi-monthly CINGO webinars. Ruth comes back to the Draft and suggests to work more in order to present it to the GA in April.
⇒Geneviève is offering to help Ruth prepare further.

12. When to meet with the chairs of our Committees

⇒It is decided to hold online Meetings with them on 22 Febr 17.00 hrs CET and 23 Febr. 17.00 hrs CET

- a. Informed Secretariat about it
- b. Gerhard got a request from one Committee if we had a PPT-Dummy with a common layout, Logos of the Conference and CoE and space to put in their own header. He thinks that is a good idea and we should use such a common layout for our own presentations as well. Anybody volunteering to create a draft?

13. Next dates for SC-Meetings

⇒Thursday 3 March at 15.00 hrs CET

14. Any other business

Will be shared by Email.

- a. Gerhard prepare a letter to be sent to all our members next week in Strasbourg with information on World NGO Day, GA and the communication on CAHA. Any other matter that should be included, please give him a reminder!

The meeting ends at 17.30 hrs

2022-02-04 Christoph Spreng