

Audit Committee Report on 2019

Members of the Audit Committee Bistra Stoimenova (Bulgarian History Teachers' Association), Madis Somelar (Estonian History and Civics Teachers' Association) and Ulrich Bongertmann (VGD - Association of History Teachers of Germany) met representatives of EUROCLIO Board - Riitta Mikkola (Treasurer), Frank van den Akker, Executive Director of EUROCLIO Steven Stegers and Project Manager and Professional Development Coordinator Alice Modena on March 25th 2020 online via Zoom.

First of all we can state that all members of the Audit Committee received all necessary materials (including the Update on membership fees 2019 and 2020) and Annual Report and were able to study all documents.

Following topics were discussed during the meeting:

1. Certified Annual Financial Report 2019
2. Budget 2020.
3. Update on membership fees 2020.
4. Presentation of the Finances during the General Assembly.
5. Presentation of the Audit Report during the General Assembly.
6. Other relevant business (see details below)

During the meeting Executive Director of EUROCLIO Steven Stegers explained in great detail the Annual Financial Report 2019 and Budget 2020. Additionally, Alice Modena introduced the update on membership fees in 2019-2020. We asked many clarifications about the Annual Report and other financial issues. All questions were answered and all information was agreed on.

We went through the running projects and were informed about Board and Secretariat efforts to organise several projects and programs for the better economic development of EUROCLIO. We are delighted to see that the staff and the Board are highly motivated to develop EUROCLIO and we appreciate their outstanding efforts.

We learned that the present financial situation of EUROCLIO is stable. We can approve the Annual Financial Report with positive result. We advise the General Assembly to approve the Annual Financial Report.

We support EUROCLIO's ambition to try new innovative forms of organisation and cooperation under the present circumstances.

We kindly asked the staff to give once again a short overview to the General Assembly regarding the effect of the Black Sea project on EUROCLIO's finances even though it was discussed last year.

We kindly ask the staff and the Board to give an overview how they have managed to solve the staff's overtime work question. We believe that finding an effective solution is crucial for the sustainable and progressive development of EUROCLIO.

We kindly ask the staff and the Board to present their strategy for collecting membership fees more effectively.

We recommend the staff and the Board prioritize tough background checks on new member candidates in order to make sure they represent democratic institutions.

We recommend the staff and the Board explain the process of becoming EUROCLIO ambassador because it was brought up as a question during GA in 2019 in Gdansk.

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