



**Minutes**

**Extraordinary General Assembly**

**18 December 2020, 16:00 – 17:00**

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| <b>Venue:</b>          | Teleconference               |  |
| <b>Present:</b>        | Rupert Wimmer                | IMPACTS President –<br>Representing City of Zurich         |
|                        | Angelika Winkler             | Impacts Secretary General -<br>Representing City of Vienna |
|                        | Beatriz Huarte               | Representing City of Barcelona                             |
|                        | Adrià Gomila                 | Representing City of Barcelona                             |
|                        | Senta Modder                 | Representing City of Amsterdam                             |
|                        | Fabio Nussio                 | Representing City of Rome                                  |
|                        | Jan Rinman                   | Representing City of Gothenburg                            |
|                        | Alexander Balabanov          | Representing City of St Petersburg                         |
|                        | Hermano Sanches Ruivo        | Representing City of Paris                                 |
|                        | Jack Maizels                 | Representing City of London                                |
|                        | Maria Caneiras               | Representing City of Lisboa                                |
|                        | Lola Ortiz                   | Representing City of Madrid                                |
|                        | Pierre Schmitz               | IMPACTS Treasurer  |
|                        | Burkhard Horn                | IMPACTS Secretary  |
|                        | Laura Mark                   | Assistant of IMPACTS Secretary                             |
| <b>Notes taken by:</b> | Burkhard Horn and Laura Mark |  |

**1) Welcome by President and Secretary**

Burkhard Horn and Rupert Wimmer welcomed everyone to the teleconference. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic it was not possible to meet "physically". This Extraordinary GA is organized via a teleconference. The Extraordinary GA has a sufficient quorum to make valid decisions.

**2) Approval of Draft Agenda**

The agenda was adopted without amendments.

### 3) Financial Issues

#### a) Development since GA in October

Pierre Schmitz summarized the problem with the bank account in Paris and informed about the recent developments. It is still unclear how much money is in the bank account. We still do not know for most cities who has paid their membership fee for the last years. We need to have a list of all transfers before the transferring the money to the new bank account in Belgium and closing the account in Paris.

Hermano Sanchez Ruívo is officially appointed by Ville de Paris to be the new representative for Paris by replacing Claude Dargent at this function after the municipal elections of June 2020. The GA asks him and his staff to access and handle as soon as possible the bank account of IMPACTS in Paris. For this action, he and his staff are mandated by the GA to contact Banque Postale in order to receive from this bank the list of all the transfers done in our bank account FR84 2004 1000 0169 7741 7E02 081 PSSTFRPPPAR since its opening and, when this list will be received and validated by Pierre Schmitz, to close the bank account by transferring the balance to the IMPACTS bank account BE17 0018 8504 1921 at BNP Paribas Fortis in Lessines (Belgium). He has to regularly give the information about the account to the General Assembly. Burkhard will send the minutes of this extraordinary General Assembly and of the regular General Assembly on October 16<sup>th</sup> to Hermano. He has to send them to the Préfecture de Paris in order to be officially registered as requested by the French law. Pierre informs Hermano that Mrs Amélie Gondre-Nascimento has the checkbook of our bank account at Banque Postale. If all the payments of the membership fees are really done, the amount available on this account must be +- 25.000 €. Pierre and Burkhard are at Hermanos disposal if he needs additional information.

Pierre Schmitz stated that he has sent the account documents (bank card and reader) of the new bank account in Belgium to Rupert Wimmer, so he can now also access the new bank account. Nevertheless, Pierre will continue to take care of the Belgian bank account for the next months.

Pierre has received the membership fee for this year from:

- Tallinn
- Berlin
- Gothenburg
- Rome

The balance on the Belgian bank account is currently at 19.656 Euro. Pierre and Burkhard stated that IMPACTS is still able to work with the money we have in the Belgium bank account.

Pierre suggested that the membership fee for next year should be 3000 Euro again. The cities could already include this in their budget calculations.

#### b) Approval of the accounts 2018/2019, approval of the budget 2020 (if possible)

Postponed; there will be another extraordinary GA as soon all necessary information for the decisions to make is provided.

### 4) Memberships of Paris, St Petersburg and Geneva

**Geneva:** IMPACTS has had no contact with Geneva since about 1,5 years. It has been decided to exclude Geneva from IMPACTS as soon as it can be validated that they have not paid their membership fees of the last years. This decision has to be postponed, since the transfers on the bank account in France cannot be accessed yet.

**St. Petersburg:** The city has asked to remain part of the network as an associate member without paying membership fees for a certain period. At the last General Assembly, it had been decided that this is not

possible. Alexander Balabanov explained that this request was due to a change in responsibilities in St Petersburg and that the benefit of a membership is not clear yet for those who have to decide about the membership in the city. Alexander Balabanov will try to accelerate the process of decision and will contact Burkhard Horn to discuss this issue a few days after the GA.

## **5) Activities in 2021**

### **a) Yearly Conference in Zurich**

Since it is not possible to know at the moment if the conference in Zurich can take place with physical presence of the members in Zurich, the decision to carry out the conference will be made in spring 2021, depending on the current Covid-19 situation.

- The following dates should be blocked for the conference: 27-28 May 2021 and 16-17 June 2021

### **b) Other activities**

Burkhard suggested to keep up the video conferences in 2021 in any case, since COVID-19 is still ongoing and the sharing of experiences is very valuable (possibly as a combination with a meeting of the Executive Management Board (EMB) which has to be organized anyway). It was agreed that in March 2021, there will be an EMB meeting possibly combined with a video conference for all member cities on the COVID-19 issue. At this meeting, the issue of the bank account, the Corona situation and the question of further conferences in 2021 will be discussed.

## **6) Any Other Business**

No other issues were raised.