



## Minutes

General Assembly, 10 June 2022, 13:00 – 15:00

Venue: Wood Quay Venue, Dublin City Council Offices, Dublin

Participants	
Brendan O’Brien	IMPACTS President – Representing City of Dublin
Rupert Wimmer	IMPACTS Treasurer – Representing City of Zurich
Angelika Winkler	IMPACTS Secretary General - Representing City of Vienna
Willem van Heijningen	Representing City of Amsterdam
Adrià Gomila	Representing City of Barcelona
Carlos Lopez	Representing City of Barcelona
Meike Niedbal	Representing City of Berlin
Katharina Kroeger	Representing City of Berlin
Pedro Fernandez	Representing City of Madrid
Tristan Guilloux	Representing City of Paris
Andrei Novikov	Representing City of Tallinn
Simone Rangosch	Representing City of Zurich
Burkhard Horn	IMPACTS Secretary
Sarah White	Assistant of IMPACTS Secretary

### 1) Welcome by President and Secretary

Burkhard Horn welcomed everyone to the conference. Enough cities are represented to make formal decisions.

### 2) Approval of Draft Agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendments.

### 3) Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the last regular GA on October 15th, 2021 were approved.

### 4) Activities since last GA

Burkhard summarized the activities since the last GA.

#### a) Invitation of city of Lviv/Ukraine as a new IMPACTS member city

On approval of the IMPACTS Executive Management Board (EMB), the city of Lviv (Ukraine) was invited to become a member city of IMPACTS on February 28<sup>th</sup>, four days after Russia had started its war against the Ukraine. The GA welcomed this decision and agreed that until further notice the city

won't have to pay any membership fees, regarding the current circumstances. There hasn't yet been a formal answer by the city. Burkhard will ask for such an answer.

**b) Other activities**

The IMPACTS brochure has to be updated urgently already since last year. This hasn't happened yet due to uncertainties concerning the membership of some cities. This will now be done within the next months.

Also, the list of contact data has to be updated. Burkhard will set up a query after the conference. At the GA in Zurich it was decided to add some specific expertise each city representative can provide to the contact data list to facilitate a direct exchange between the network members concerning certain technical issues. There haven't been many reactions to a query on this sent around last year yet. The participants agreed that this should be tried once again.

**5) Financial Issues**

**a) Report of the General Situation (bank account, budget)**

Rupert gave a short report on the current financial situation of IMPACTS. After the turbulences caused by the bank account problems in the last years the situation now is quite stable with a balance of 57.000 EUR at the end of 2021. Rupert and Burkhard explained a few questions concerning the items "Actions for Barcelona" (coming from an old EU project, now transferred to the payment of Barcelona's membership fee), the membership fee for Madrid (payment not to be expected for 2021 as Madrid hasn't formally been a member last year) and Burkhard's contract (yearly indexed adaptation of the fee according to the development of German wages).

**b) Approval of the account 2021, approval of the budget 2022**

Both the account for 2021 and the budget plan for 2022 are approved unanimously. Rupert suggested to reduce the lump sum for the annual conference to 10.000 EUR as the final results of the costs for the conference have been lower than 10.000 EUR for three years in a row.

**c) Membership Fee**

It was decided unanimously that the membership fee for 2023 will also be EUR 3,000.

**d) Other issues**

The GA agrees to open a new IMPACTS bank account in Switzerland and transfer the money from the current account in Belgium. Rupert is asked to take steps to start this process together with former treasurer Pierre Schmitz.

**6) Election of a new president**

Paris, Madrid and Berlin have offered to host the annual IMPACTS conference in the next years. After a short discussion the GA unanimously agrees to accept the invitation of David Belliard, Deputy Mayor for Public Space and Transport in Paris for 2023 and elects Tristan Guilloux as new IMPACTS president. Burkhard thanks Brendan for his work as president during the last 8 months.

Looking forward to have the annual conference 2024 in Madrid Lola Ortiz is unanimously elected as IMPACTS Vice President (in absence).

The conference in 2025 will possibly take place in Berlin (maybe in combination with Hamburg).

**7) Election of executive committee**

The following representatives were (re-)elected unanimously to the executive committee:

- Tristan Guilloux from Paris (as IMPACTS President, also acting as Secretary General)
- Lola Ortiz from Madrid (as IMPACTS Vice President)

- Rupert Wimmer from Zurich (as IMPACTS Treasurer)
- Senta Modder from Amsterdam (in absence), Adrià Gomila from Barcelona, Brendan O'Brien from Dublin, Mikael Ivvari from Gothenburg (in absence)

## 8) Report of the secretary

### a) Yearly Conference in Dublin

Burkhard thanked the organizers and hosts from Dublin and shortly summarized his impressions from the conference. It has been a very interesting and fruitful conference (some of the presentations have been very long limiting the time left for discussion). Sending an invitation for the conference signed by Dublin's Lord Mayor has been helpful. This could also make sense for future conferences.

The participants agreed that (referring to the conference in Amsterdam 2017) some new innovative and more interactive formats could be interesting for the next conference.

### b) Membership of London, Lisbon, Rome, Vienna

Due to the financial problems of Transport for London (TfL) caused by the pandemic there is currently no perspective to keep London in the network. Burkhard will inform Josephine Vos that the withdrawal of London is confirmed. However, London is welcome to become a member again at any time.

For Lisbon there also seems no realistic perspective for maintaining the membership, due to political changes and a lack of interest in the city council. A formal information by the city concerning a withdrawal is expected. Of course, also Lisbon could apply again for membership any time.

The situation in Rome is still not clear, due to several political changes. Fabio Nussio from Rome has informed Burkhard that there is now a new person politically responsible for mobility and transport. He hopes to meet this person soon and to be able to say more about Rome's membership after this meeting.

In Vienna, Angelika has taken over another job within the municipality and left the transport division. Therefore, she won't be able to represent the city at IMPACTS anymore. She will inform her successor and hopes that there will be no problems in maintaining the membership of Vienna. Burkhard thanked Angelika for her long time work for IMPACTS.

### c) Expanding the network in Europe

Representatives of Hamburg (Germany) and Brno (Czech Republic) have participated as guests at the conference in Dublin. The GA agreed to invite Hamburg to become a formal member of IMPACTS. Concerning Brno it was decided to invite the city to the conference in Paris in 2023 for a second time as guest city asking for a presentation. It is not yet clear which contribution Brno can give to the network.

The following cities should be asked for coming to the conference in Paris with a guest status:

- Helsinki (contact via Andrei/Burkhard)
- Oslo/Copenhagen (contact via Mikael)
- Prague (contact via Meike/Burkhard)
- Ljubljana (possibly contact via Dublin delegation at VeloCity conference)

## 9) Selection procedure for IMPACTS Secretary (new period starting July 2023)

Burkhard explained the situation that his current contract in running out at June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. He has talked to Pierre Schmitz who had led the tender procedure for finding a new secretary after the retirement of Ian Johnson. According to Pierre, there is no need to set up a new tender if the GA agrees

to prolong the contract with Burkhard (minor changes possible). The GA would welcome if Burkhard agrees to continue his work for IMPACTS. A prolongation on a yearly basis seems possible. Burkhard thanked for the confidence of the GA. He will inform the members about his own decision within the next months. He also emphasized the necessity of support of his work by the members of IMPACTS.

## **10) Activities in 2023**

### **a) Annual Conference**

Concerning the next conference in Paris Tristan and Burkhard will try to fix a date as soon as possible. There are some first ideas on possible topics (e. g. sustainable mobility concepts for great events). A first structure for the conference programme will be discussed at the EMB meeting in autumn this year.

### **b) Other activities**

Burkhard informed the GA about a message of the organizers of the Tomorrow Mobility World Congress (TMWC) taking place in Barcelona 15-17 November this year within the Smart City EXPO World Congress. There is an interest in collaborating with IMPACTS. For example, this could possibly be a small conference hosted by IMPACTS.

Adrià added some more detailed information based on a talk he had with the organizers of the TMWC. These would take of all organizational issues and costs. IMPACTS members would get free access to all events. The part of IMPACTS would be to deliver the content for the meeting.

The GA agreed that this could be an interesting opportunity to organize an additional IMPACTS activity if the effort remains reasonable. Adrià will contact the TMWC team to organize a video call with Burkhard and him to discuss the details.

Burkhard pointed out that it is possible to have video conferences on specific topics if a city can do the technical hosting. If anyone is interested they can approach Burkhard at any time.

## **11) Any Other Business**

Rupert announced that he will send the invoices for the membership fees for 2022 within the next months.

No other issues were raised.

Burkhard thanked all participants of the GA for the discussion and closed the meeting.

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Tristan Guilloux, IMPACTS President