

European Confederation of Police

President

☎ +352/43 49 61-1

contact@eurocop-police.org

www.eurocop.org

EUROCOP – 59a Rue Principale L-5480 Wormeldange - Luxembourg

Draft Minutes

ExCom Meeting 14th October 2020, 15:00 hrs CETs via VC

Attendance
Angels Bosch
Calum Steele
Unn Alma Skatvold
Mark Marshallsay
Georgios Stamatakis
Nigel Dennis

1 Apologies for Absence

Nil

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting Held on 29th June 2020

Minutes approved

3 Matters arising

No matters arising

4 Treasurers Update

Mark provided the following assessment regarding EuroCOP current financial status;

The financial managerment of EuroCOP is on track to meet its goals to be fiscally secure, and transparent in its operations

Financial Business managerment. A detailed discussion took place relating to how the daily management of the organisations finances were being made to ensure EuroCOP maintained their efficiency and effectiveness in this area given that it no longer employs a Financial Manager. Undoubtedly there is a vulnerability in how the process is currently being managed and this requires additional checks and balances to ensure fiscal transparency.

<u>Action Treasurer</u>: It was unanimously agreed by the Excom, to maintain the 3 Bank Accounts we currently have in place (2 in Luxemborg and 1 in Germany)

It was also agreed unanimously that the Treasurer would look to open an online bank account with a Bank of International Standing (not a regional bank)

It was acknowledged and accepted this would ease the process of its regular banking requirements.

The sole purpose of this account will be to manage its regular financial activity, effectively, efficiently and to meet the same standards of transparency in EUROCOP's finances , that would stand the test of fiscal scrutiny.



European Confederation of Police

President

2 +352/43 49 61-1

contact@eurocop-police.org

www.eurocop.org

EUROCOP - 59a Rue Principale L-5480 Wormeldange - Luxembourg

Action - Head of Office

Nigel to provide a paper for consideration by the Excom to changing the current provider of accountancy services to a new provider in Luxembourg that can provide fiscal advice on international taxation rules Nigel has met with a provider of such services who assisted EuroCOP during the exit process of its 2 former members of staff. (Stephan Wonnebauer) Stephan company provides accountancy services along side being a Attorney in law. (www.wonnebauer.de)

5 Election of New ExCom and Auditor November 2020

A discussion took place relating to the upcoming elections for a new Excom for the next congressional period (5th Period.)

The current candidates are Calum Steele (**President**), UnnAlma Skatvold, Angels Bosch ,Mark Marshallsay (**Treasurer**) Georgios Stamatakis. Henry Bautista (**Auditor**)

Calum offered the view that given the current size of the Organisation he felt that there was no requirement at the present time before this congress to seek further nominations given our current statutes state there should be a minimum of 5 maximum of 7.

Unn Alma felt that the new ExCom should have the best possible start and this should be taken into account when deciding whether to open in up or not.

Angels put forward view that the ExCom should go to congress with the current candidates

<u>Action Head of Office</u> The following consensus was arrived at by all those present that it would be their recommendation to the 2020 congress that a bye election for a new members of Excom should be considered for the Spring 2021 Committee Meeting.

6 ETUC / ETUF

Unn Alma updated the ExCom's on her engagement with ETUC and the ETUF, She has planed in meetings with Oliver Roethig of the European Services Workers Union to enhance her understanding of the internal working of the ETUF. EuroCOP are becoming more visible in these bodies and Unn Alma is making progress on how these organisations operate especially during this challenging period, and EuroCOP contribution to these organisations.

<u>Action</u> -The Excom took due note of the update and recognised and welcomed the progress that Unn Alma had made in building these relationships for the benefit of EuroCOP.

8 Business Continuity

Nigel brought to the attention of the the meeting that the current contract with Cicero/AMO comes to an end on the 30th November. It was acknowledged by all those present the value this business partner has had in enabling EuroCOP to raise it's profile and achieve its current mission goals and with their collaborative efforts working with the Excom's clear direction to ensure we meet our targets

In order to maintain continuity in this business area as the organisation transitions from one congressional period to another, it was unanimously agreed by those present that we extend our current provider of strategic advisors for a further 3 months with clear break clause within the agreement, to ensure that the newly elected Excom or Congressional decision are not bound by any agreement made by the current Excom or decision Member Organisations made at the Spring Committee meeting held in Porto Portugal.



European Confederation of Police

President

2 +352/43 49 61-1

contact@eurocop-police.org

EUROCOP - 59a Rue Principale L-5480 Wormeldange - Luxembourg

www.eurocop.org

<u>Action Head of Office</u> Nigel to reach agreement with EUROCOP's current provider of Strategic Advice (Cicero /AMO) to seek to extend for a further 3 months with break clause that takes into account the direction of Congress and the new Excom.

Congressional Arrangements and Motions for the 5th Ordinary Congress, 24th November 2020

Nigel updated the Excom on the Congress arrangements which will take place via the Zoom platform.

Discussions took place on the importance of registration at the congress, and the integrity of the voting process.

Invitations to the 5th Congress will be sent out on or around the 24th October 2020 along with the associated documentation.

The Excom will submit the following motions in their name for congress consideration and approval;

- That congress approves the Executive Committee activity report and discharges the action plan from Congress 2015.
- That congress approves the Treasurers financial report as a true and accurate statement of EuroCOP's finances.
- That Congress replaces the existing statutes with the new statues in full, and that the statutes take effect from the end of congress 2020 subject to statutes 11.2.1, 11.4, 11.4.1, 11.4.2, and 12.3 taking effect not less than 12 months after the conclusion of Congress 2020.
- That Congress approves the membership fee be set at 1.34 euro per member per organisation for 2021.
- That Congress approves the Action Plan as published.
- That Congress directs the Executive Committee to develop new financial and standing orders for EuroCOP, and for these new orders to be prepared in sufficient time to ensure approval by the next Spring meeting.
- That Congress discharge the Excom (2015 -2020 4th Congress) from its responsibilities.

<u>AOB</u>

Arrangements for meeting with EU Vice President Schinas on the 1st December

Attendees Calum Steele, Georgios Stamatakis, Angel Bosch via a virtual platform on a time to be confirmed.

<u>Publication into English of the book Sbirri Maledetti Hero</u>

Angels raised the matter of the publication of the translation of the published book named Sbirri Maledetti Heroi into English. This publication was funded by EuroCOP following a request to Member Organisations do so by VSPB. It remains a matter of disappointment that the preface to the book provided by EuroCOP has still to be published in the English version. This was the Excom's understanding of VSPB initial submission



European Confederation of Police

President

**252/43 49 61-1 contact@eurocop-police.org

EUROCOP - 59a Rue Principale L-5480 Wormeldange - Luxembourg

www.eurocop.org

Date of next meeting:

Week commencing 9th November 2020

Meeting Closed 17:00 hrs CETs

Action List

Action Treasurer: It was unanimously agreed by the Excom, to maintain the 3 Bank Accounts we currently have in place (2 in Luxemborg and 1 in Germany)

It was also agreed unanimously that the Treasurer would look to open an online bank account with a Bank of International Standing (not a regional bank)

It was acknowledged and accepted this would ease the process of its regular banking requirements.

The sole purpose of this account will be to manage its regular financial activity, effectively, efficiently and to meet the same standards of transparency in EUROCOP's finances , that would stand the test of fiscal scrutiny.

Action - Head of Office

Nigel to provide a paper for consideration by the Excom to changing the current provider of accountancy services to a new provider in Luxembourg that can provide fiscal advice on international taxation rules Nigel has met with a provider of such services who assisted EuroCOP during the exit process of its 2 former members of staff. (Stephan Wonnebauer) Stephan company provides accountancy services along side being a Attorney in law .(www.wonnebauer.de)

<u>Action Head of Office</u> Nigel to reach agreement with EUROCOP's current provider of Strategic Advice (Cicero /AMO) to seek to extend for a further 3 months with break clause that takes into account the direction of Congress and the new Excom.

<u>Action Excom</u> -The Excom took due note of the update and recognised and welcomed the progress that Unn Alma had made in building these relationships for the benefit of EuroCOP.

<u>Action Head of Office</u> The following consensus was arrived at by all those present that it would be their recommendation to the 2020 congress that a bye election for a new members of Excom should be considered for the Spring 2021 Committee Meeting.