



**The European Small Islands Federation  
Board meeting 11<sup>th</sup> of August 2015  
at 12.00 GMT on Skype**

**MINUTES**

Participants:

Bengt Almkvist	National Association of the Swedish Archipelago
Anetté Larm Johansson	National Association of the Swedish Archipelago
Sandy Brunton	Scottish Islands Federation
Rhoda Twombly	Irish Island Association
Dorthe Winther	Association of Danish Small Islands
Lefteris Kechagioglou	HSIN, Hellenic Small Islands Network
Tom Matulic	Otočni Sabor – association of Croatian Islands
Elle Puurman	Estonian Small Island Association
Denis Bredin	Association les Iles de Ponant
Pia Prost	National Association of Finish Islands
Christian Pleijel	Företagsam Skärgård, Åland (from point 5 onwards)

Not able to attend due to technical problems:

John Walsh	Irish Island Association
Camille Dressler	Scottish Islands Federation

Host and Secretary for the meeting:

Lise Thillemann Sørensen (Association of Danish Small Islands)

**Agenda**

1. Opening – attending members, chair of the meeting, approval of agenda
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting
3. Financial situation
4. AGM 2015 Kastelorizo 22-24<sup>th</sup> of September
5. Smilegov project
6. 3<sup>rd</sup> Eco-Island Summit
7. Entrepreneurship project
8. Seagulls project
9. Erasmus+ proposal
10. Orkney Energy Project
11. EGTC
12. Membership application
13. Meeting calendar
14. Other issues

## MINUTES

1. Opening – attending members, chair of the meeting, approval of agenda.  
Bengt opened the meeting. Agenda was approved.
2. Minutes from board meeting June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015 was approved.
3. Financial situation  
Cash flow problem at the end of the year – Sweden will perhaps give ESIN a loan...
4. AGM 2015 Kastelorizo 22-24<sup>th</sup> of September  
Draft overview of the program attached. Program was approved with the addition of time for board meeting Monday/Tuesday and Thursday /Friday after AGM. Discussion of VAT on freight will be included in the Tuesday discussion on entrepreneurship. Discussion on meeting conduct/technology for ESIN board meetings.  
Invitations should be sent out to CPMR and other organisations, invitations to be answered before Aug 31<sup>st</sup>  
  
**No conference fee.** Formal Dinner Wednesday is covered.  
**How many are coming?** Please answer before early Sept.  
**Send an email to Lefteris if you need help with booking accommodation!**
5. Smilegov project  
The project ends September 30<sup>th</sup> 2015. ESIN has been part of the project, so has SIF, Estonian islands and AIP/France.  
A final presentation of the project's results will be made during the AGM (both ESIN and SIF, 10 minutes each) accompanied by a 1-page summary, documents (ISEAPs) and links.  
The economic result of the project will be clear by the end of the year.
6. 3<sup>rd</sup> Eco-Island Summit  
The 3<sup>rd</sup> Eco-Island three-day summit is to take place on Okinawa in November. Focus is on energy, transport and industry incubation. ESIN has been invited as a regional speaker (together with the Caribbean) on the afternoon of day 2. One speaker will have his/hers flight and hotel costs compensated. Camille Dressler proposes a Scottish representative Felix White.  
Board decided to ask Felix White to be ESIN representative. We ask Camille to keep in contact with the Eco Islands. Michi Kohno has agreed to have the ESIN logo on the disseminating literature for the ECO-island summit as member of the organising committee.
7. Entrepreneurship project  
The project will be discussed during the AGM on Tuesday and again on Thursday. Two Phased discussion will be prepared by Denis Baric – **please send your remarks and questions to Denis beforehand.**  
Proposal from Tom Matulic, Croatia regarding digital connection between islands and Brussels.
8. Seagulls  
Regards consumer engagement in energy savings on small islands. We are a partner.  
Financing from Horizon2020, approval (if...) in November.  
The project will be briefly presented during the AGM.
9. Erasmus+ proposal  
We have been invited by the University of Malta to be partners of an Erasmus+ project on small islands. We have asked for more information, but got no answer.
10. Orkney Energy Project

We have been invited by Nigel Holmes, CEO of the Scottish Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association, to be 'follower territories' on a project on the recent deployment of hydrogen in conjunction with marine and wind renewable energy sources.  
See attached email – to be further discussed.

11. EGTC

We have been invited by the EGTC team in Brussels and the Regional Office of the Canary Islands in Brussel to be part of a new EGTC for the outermost regions of Europe.  
We will politely say no, as we are not an outermost region. Bengt will answer them.

12. Membership application

We still haven't answered the letter from Gozo on May 9<sup>th</sup>.  
To be decided at the AGM. Bengt will answer them that they will get an answer after the AGM.

13. Meeting calendar

- Next meeting: Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 12.00 GMT: ***Short Meeting only regarding the AGM.***

14. Other issues

- EU Fisheries policy: Action proposal from the John Walsh presented on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. To be discussed during the AGM

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