



The European Small Islands Federation

Board meeting 28th of October 2014 at 11.00 GMT on Skype

Host and Secretary for the meeting is Denmark

Participants:

Bengt Almkvist	National Association of the Swedish Archipelago
John Walsh	Irish Island Association
Christian Pleijel	Företagsam Skärgård, Åland
Denis Bredin	Association les iles de Ponant
Camille Dressler	Scottish Islands Federation
Anetté Larm Johansson	National Association of the Swedish Archipelago
Sandy Brunton	Scottish Islands Federation
Pia Prost	National Association of Finish Islands

Secretary: Lise Thillemann Sørensen (Association of Danish Small Islands)

Not able to attend

Ingvar Saare	Association of Estonian Islands
Elle Vormsil	Association of Estonian Islands
Dorthe Winther	Association of Danish Small Islands

Agenda

1. Opening – approval of agenda
2. Approval of minutes from board meeting September 25th 2014
3. Financial situation
4. AGM 2014.
5. AGM 2015.
6. Structured dialogue on ESI Funds
7. Croatian visit
8. GECT/EGTC
9. SMILEgov - status
10. Meeting calendar
11. Other issues

MINUTES

1. **Opening – approval of agenda**
The proposed agenda was approved.
2. **Approval of minutes from board meeting September 25th 2014**
Has not been sent out- will follow.
3. **Financial situation**
The Croatian organisation will refund € 2000 Euros for the visit in October.
Italy and Greece has not yet paid the membership fee for 2014.

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4. AGM 2014.

Minutes have not yet been sent out.

Press release was not made.

ANCIM presentation is attached.

5. AGM 2015.

ESIN thanks Greece for the proposal to hold AGM 2015 on the island of Kastelorizo – date too be agreed.

6. Structured dialogue on ESI Funds

ESIN has been accepted as member. *See attached document.*

Christian is going to the first meeting on November 12th in Brussels.

7. Croatian visit

5 members from Croatia have met with 3 ESIN members (Bengt, Christian, Marion O'Malley). Very fruitful meeting. Croatia has got 48 inhabited islands, but has not got a national island organisation, but the islands are working actively in several organisations. *See attached report.*

Denis will look into a contact that a Croatian islands has made to the French island île aux Moines.

8. GECT/EGTC

See attached document from Christian.

It was suggested at the AGM in Italy, that ESIN could join the EGTC Archi Med by its director Francesco Attaguile, or that ESIN should apply to form a EGTC itself.

It was decided that ESIN should work with this issue and explore more on the EGTC, contact the EGTC secretariat in Brussels (Alphonso Alcolea is the contact person in the Committee of Regions for EGTC).

Bengt will write a formal letter to EGTC today, and Christian will try to book a meeting on Nov 13th.

ACTION POINT: *Can anyone else join the meeting in Brussels??*

9. SMILEgov – status

See attached document from Christian.

10. Meeting calendar

The following dates have been set:

Wednesday 26. November, 11.00 GMT: Skype board meeting.

Tuesday 16. December, 11.00 GMT: Skype board meeting.

Tuesday 20. January, 11.00 GMT: Skype board meeting.

11. Other issues

- EU Island Pledge. We should all take action on the Island Pledge regarding getting MEPs to sign it. Camille will work on a summary of the AGM for a letter to go with it.
See the latest version of the pledge with all 10 members on it - attached.

ACTION POINT: each country must send a list to the secretariat on MEPs to be approached.

- Questions on islands value. John writes: *Thanks to everyone who answered the 3 questions below. I am still waiting for a few more answers from some countries. Can you please send me your answers **before next Friday November 31st?***

1. Why do you live on a small Island?

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2. What are the positive reasons that the populated small Islands are needed in your country and in Europe?
3. What positive outcomes do populated small Islands contribute to Europe and what other positive outcomes can they contribute?

If you can give 2 examples for each question please.

I also have another question can you let me know:

- *What is the situation on your Island regarding healthcare. Do you have a doctor or nurse and any other health care professionals on your Island.*

We are doing a health consultation for all the Irish Islands and identifying what happens on other Islands in the EU is part of this.

ACTION POINT: Send your answers to John Walsh at johnbipg@gmail.com **before Friday November 31st**

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