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10th Annual General Meeting
European Small Islands Federation
On Sejerø, Denmark, 7th of September 2010

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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| Dorthe Winther | Association of Danish Small Islands | Denmark |
| Eva Terkelsen | Association of Danish Small Islands | Denmark |
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| Gian Piera Usai | Italian Association of Small Islands Municipalities | Italy |
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| Mairead O'Reilly | Irish Islands Federation | Ireland |
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| Jackie Sullivan | Irish Islands Federation | Ireland |
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1. Welcome and opening of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)

By Bengt Almkvist, chairman of ESIN. Bengt Almkvist gave a personal welcome in which he outlined the two most important directions for ESIN. First, to exchange ideas and experiences between islands to enable new projects to be set up more efficiently, with more chance of success. Then, to be able to reach the European Institutions, the Parliament and the Commission who need much more concise information in order for them to give special attention to the problems of small islands throughout Europe.

2. Election of member of a moderator

Claus proposal was adopted.

3. Election of member to check the minutes

Dorthe Winther was elected.

4. Adoption of the minutes from the annual general meeting 2009.

The minutes from ESIN 9th AGM on Elba was adopted.

5. Chairman's report

Bengt Almkvist, chairman of ESIN, gave a short activity report on events since last AGM and especially underlined some main events and actions.

ESIN was invited to meetings and participated in the intergroup 174 for example (cf. intergroup 174 report below).

ESIN also cooperate with other organizations (which prepare meetings with the European institutions) and this cooperation is useful to prepare our critical, proposal, etc. (for example: the critical note of the island commission of CPMR).

In this political work, Bengt Almkvist outlined that is difficult to contact directors of DG of the parliament (DG REGIO, DG AGRI, etc). The parliament should set up a service for the intergroups to help us.

6. Intergroup 174 report

Bengt Almkvist, chairman of ESIN, particularly brought member's attention to the fact that contact with the European Parliament as a result of article 174 of the European Strategy for the Economic and social developments of mountains regions, Islands and sparsely populated areas' will enable islanders to be heard.

ESIN cooperate with organisations within the « Intergroup 174 » supporting the promotion of article 174 in the Lisbon Treaty regarding territories with permanent natural or demographic handicap. The cooperation is formed by an initiative from CPMR Islands Commission, and also includes ESIN, Euromontana and INSULEUR. One objective is to encourage members of the new parliament 2009 to form a group for these issues.

7. Treasurer's report & budget for 2011

Treasure Kristina Mattsson reported on the economic situation of ESIN.

Kristina underlined the importance to gather the fees from all members. Indeed, for 2010, most of the members do not have paid their member fees and service fees. The service fee is supposed to cover ESINs costs for the secretariat. But, for 2009, 2 360 € are thus missing to settle the invoice of France and there will be a problem for 2010.

Some members, especially Åland, find unacceptable that the contributions is not paid because it weakens ESIN. The chairman precise that all the members have to pay 100 € to be member. This situation will affect the possibility for ESINs outreaching work. ESIN contributions have been reduced last year and it seems difficult to decrease it again. Moreover, there is no contribution from the region Brittany for the wages, so a large part of the costs are supported by the Ponant Islands.

Different ways to find basic funding for ESIN from the EU has been examined. There is no regular possibility for this. ESIN should find another way for fundings from the EU or find new members.

On the other hand, propositions are made to manage the secretariat (voluntary contributions from members, sharing administrative tasks, etc).

The chairman suggests maintaining the situation during one year and forming a workgroup to find a solution for the next AGM (or board meeting ?)

The ESIN annual general meeting agreed on the renewal of the secretariat for one year.

The annual general meeting agreed the budget for 2011 from €15000, with a service fee of 1400 for each member.

The budget for 2010 was approved.

8. ESIN secretariat report

Manuela Theraud, secretary of ESIN, gave a brief report on the secretariat's activity.

After Anne-Sophie Brosseau, there was a vacancy of position. In position on ESIN's secretariat since the end of March, 2010, the first step was to meet some of the board members of ESIN during a meeting in Dublin on March 23rd. During this meeting a few priorities were fixed: the communication with in particular the web site.

On communication the website has been renewed and put on line in summer 2010. Still more information is needed from member organizations on the website (photos, logos, documents...). Manuela welcomes contact from anyone to suggested improvements, in addition to future contributions.

Two electronic newsletters have been edited since the last AGM. There will be a mailing list for the newsletter.

The secretariat was present at the meetings with the partners of intergroup 174 in Brussels (with Pierre-Philippe Jean).

The fruitful cooperation with other territories meeting similar challenges is developed. All organisations shall keep each other informed on common issues and also coordinate activities. Main activities are connected with the development of the territorial cohesion concept.

Pierre-Philippe Jean specified that Manuela Theraud only have an administrative position because the cost of the wages would be too much raised. But recruitment took place when Anne-Sophie's left.

9. Election of board members and substitutes

Each member is entitled to one board member and one nominated substitute. The following persons were elected ESIN board members for 2010/2011.

| | Board member | Substitute |
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| Denmark | Dorthe Winter | Eva Terkelsen |
| Estonia | <i>to be announced</i> | <i>to be announced</i> |
| Finland | Finnish chairman | Eelin Hoffström |
| France | Jean Yves Bannet | Pierre-Philippe Jean |
| Greece | <i>to be announced</i> | <i>to be announced</i> |
| Ireland | <i>to be announced</i> | <i>to be announced</i> |
| Italy | Mario Corungio | Gianpera Usai |
| Scotland | Ian Gillies | Camille Dressler |
| Sweden | Bengt Almkvist | Kristina Mattsson |
| Åland | Christian Pleijel | Jim Eriksson |

10. Election of chairman

Bengt Almkvist was elected chairman of ESIN for 2010/2011.

11. Annual membership fee 2011 & service fee 2011

The annual general meeting agreed that the membership fee for 2011 is €100.
The annual general meeting agreed that the service fee for 2011 is €1400.

12. Economic authorization

Kristina Mattsson, Sweden, was elected treasurer. The AGM decided that the treasurer, Kristina Mattsson, is authorized to sign the economic matters for ESIN.

13. Appointment of auditor

?? were appointed.

14. Annual general work plan

A general working plan proposal for 2010/2011 was presented. It is rather similar to that of the last year.

ESIN's two main objectives are to initiate and support contacts and exchange of information between the member organizations and to bring information and knowledge about the small islands to the EU institutions.

During the coming year, exchange project must be developed and cooperating maintained.

To carry through the 2010/2011 workplan the cooperation with Association des Iles du Ponant will continue.

It was decided that a board meeting in addition to the AGM will take place again in march 2011 and this board meeting should permit to discuss about the financial issues.

The working plan 2010/2011 was approved but a few points have to be mentioned (board meeting, work on financing, new members, etc).

15.Finnish motion on youth work

Eelin from finnish Islands explained this motion on youth work.

Bengt Almkvist, chairman of ESIN, sees this motion as a proposition but we cannot go further. Members reminded that ESIN cannot make the decision for the national organizations.

The ESIN annual general meeting agreed on the proposal.

16.Italian motion on ESIN resolution

Italian would that this motion could be include to the Work Plan in order that actions will be programmed. The aim of this motion is to guide ESIN for the future.

Bengt Almkvist propose to accept this motion and to work after on it.

Italian wish to remove this motion because they will present it to the UE with ANCIM.

17.Final resolution from the 10th annual general meeting for 2010

No resolution to discuss.

18.Next annual general meeting of ESIN.

The Ponant Islands Association offered ESIN to host ESIN 10th AGM in Yeu Island (France). The invitation was accepted.

19.Close of conference

Chairman Bengt Almkvist expresses a warm thank to Samenslutningen af Danske Smaøer and Dorthe for hosting the 10th annual general meeting of ESIN on Sejerø. He thanks the moderator too.

The chairman closes the formal annual ESIN board meeting.

Auray
October 4th 2010

Manuela Theraud
Secretary

Bengt Almkvist
Chairman

Dorthe Winther
Elected to check the minutes