



EUROPEAN  
SMALL  
ISLANDS  
FEDERATION

**18th Annual General Meeting,**

25 September 2018 4 - 5 pm

Hotel Siru, Place Rogiers, Brussels.

**LIST OF PARTICIPANTS:**

Camille Dressler	Scottish Island Federation	Scotland
Kirsty MacColl	Scottish Island Federation	Scotland
Sten-Åke Persson	National Association of the Swedish Archipelago	Sweden
Anetté Larm Johansson	National Association of the Swedish Archipelago	Sweden
Kristian	Packalen Företagsam Skärgård	Aaland
Dorthe Winther	Association of Danish Small Islands	Denmark
Ove Axelsen	Association of Danish Small Islands	Denmark
Lise Sørensen	Association of Danish Small Islands	Denmark
Pia Prost	National Association of Finnish Islands	Finland
John Walsh	Irish Islands Federation	Ireland
Máirtín Ó Méalóid	Irish Islands Federation	Ireland
Cathy Ni Ghoill	Irish Islands Federation	Ireland
Corina Ward	Irish Islands Federation	Ireland
Ciaran O Ceallaigh	Irish Islands Federation	Ireland
Cora Keating	Irish Islands Federation	Ireland
Angela Sullivan	Irish Islands Federation	Ireland
Thomas Macphaidi	Irish Islands Federation	Ireland

## **1. Welcome and opening of the 18th Annual General Meeting**

Camille Dressler welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **2. Election of member to check the minutes**

Pia Prost was elected

## **3. Approval of agenda**

*Agenda was approved*

## **4. Adoption of the minutes from the 17th Annual General Meeting 2017**

(<https://europeansmallislands.files.wordpress.com/2018/09/esin-minutes-agm2017.pdf>)

*The minutes were approved and adopted*

## **5. Chairman's report**

### **ESIN ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS OVER 2017/18**

- **Clean Energy EU Islands:** our work on the [Smart Islands Initiative](#) and raising the profile of the potential of small islands has been critical in ensuring small islands can engage and benefit from the forthcoming [Clean Energy EU Islands](#) programme. Part of our remit in Orkney was to facilitate learning and debate around this topic in order to feed into the EU programme. We invited Brendan Devlin, Chief Advisor to DG Energy, to provide a key note speech at the event and take part in our AGM to enable us to share and discuss feedback with him.
- **Food labeling:** progress achieved see Mairtin and Anette's report
- **Entrepreneurship:** it has been difficult to work on this theme despite our best intentions but this has now resulted into a proposal on the table for Scotland and Irish islands.
- **Island Data and ESPON:** the production of better island statistics and key data to assist more targeted island policy making was seen as an important work: the ESPON Interim report seems to respond to this task.

Following on from the joint S.I.F and ESIN AGM in Orkney, our engagement and influence at EU level has increased over the year and has included:

- **European Rural Parliament:** 19 – 21 October, Netherlands, Camille took part and reporting back, recommended more islanders' participation in future ERPs.

- **Island ENERGY: INSULEUR** Hearing on Local energy Communities: 20 October 2017, Camille attended and made a presentation about community energy in Scotland, France and Aaland at the EESC, Brussels as part of the evidence gathering for an Island Energy secretariat. **Island Stakeholders** meeting with DG Energy, 21 November 2017 to inform DG Energy of the specific small islands issues.
- **SMILO** (Sustainable Small Islands Organisation): Inaugural meeting, 14-17 Nov, Goree island, Senegal. Camille made presentations about the ESIN Federation and the Isle of Eigg Renewable Energy system and agreed to keep the SMILO network informed.
- **European Structural Fund** stakeholders meetings: 21 Nov. Brussels 2017 Post 2020 Territorial Cohesion Policy, presentation by DG Regio. Camille questioned why there was no specific mention of islands within the new TCP. 24 April 2018: The new post 2020 CAP funding.
- **Observatory on Island Tourism:** 27 Nov. Brussels 2017, Camille attended. It was agreed that ESIN would be working together with OIT to further understanding tourism on islands and implement sustainable strategies.
- **Post 2020 Territorial Cohesion Policy:** 24 April 2018, Camille attended the meeting organized by Tonino Piccula, Chair of SEARICA to ensure islands have a better position in TCP.
- **CPMR Island Commission's AGM Bastia**, 12-13 July 2018: Camille attended with a view to work more closely with CPMR notably on cohesion issues.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Smart Island Forum**, Athens, 14 Sept. 2018, looking at island involvement in future EU programmes and discussing ESIN place in the forthcoming HORIZON 2020 for the Clean Energy facility.

### **Our Challenges Going Forward**

- **Membership:** Outstanding issues regarding unpaid membership fees and lack of engagement have been partially addressed. The way forward is to devise an ESIN membership policy.
- **Capacity:** Camille discussed with Panos and Giuseppe from the CPMR how ESIN could work more closely with CPMR to achieve better representation.
- **Funding:** this will become critical soon!

*The Chairman's report was adopted by the annual general meeting.*

## **6. Treasurer's report**

ESIN financial officer Anetté Larm Johansson presented the treasurer report for the year 2017. *(See attached report)*. Nine members have paid their membership fee for 2018.

Italy and Croatia and Greece did not pay the fees for 2016, 2017 and 2018. This issue is given to the board to discuss.

2016, 2017 Italy and Croatia

Resulting balance for the year 2017 is a loss of 2,538.82 €

Proposal to put the profit into the retained earnings. This was agreed.

*The treasurer's report was adopted by the annual general meeting.*

The AGM wishes to thank Anette for her work done as financial officer.

## **7. Auditor's report**

Kristina Mattesson, Sweden, was elected the auditor for 2017 by the AGM.

Auditors report was read out and adopted by the annual general meeting.

*The annual general meeting grants the ESIN board full discharge for the year 2017.*

## **8. Liability for the past year management**

Regarding point 5, 6 and 7: *The annual general meeting grants the ESIN board full discharge for the year 2017.*

## **9. Annual membership fee 2019**

It was decided by the annual general meeting to keep the membership fee of **250** Euros pr. organization in 2019.

## **10. Budget for 2019**

For 2019 ESIN will have an income through membership fees of 2,750 Euros.

*Decision on budget is given to the board.*

## **11. Motions and proposals**

Proposal for ESIN Change of statutes.

*The annual general meeting agreed to the revised statutes.*

## **12. Annual general work plan**

In 2019 ESIN will work on

- Food labelling/branding
- Continuing the Smart Islands initiative, with a particular focus on energy, but also including issues identified by the AGM and information day
- Strategy for engagement in EU policies (CAP, Fishing, Cohesion policy)

*Decisions on detailed work plan is given to the board.*

## **13. ESIN secretariat agreement**

The AGM accepted the proposal from Ireland to take on the secretariat for another year.

The post as financial officer will be held by Sweden.

Administrator for FB: Camille, Rhoda

The AGM wishes to thank Anetté Larm Johansson, Sweden, for the work done as financial officer in the past years, and Rhoda Twombly for the work done as secretariat for the past year.

## **14. Election of ESIN 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 2018/2019.

<b>Member</b>	<b>Board member</b>	<b>Substitute</b>
Croatia	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>
Denmark	Dorthe Winther	Ove Axelsen
Estonia	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>
Finland	Pia Prost	Micaela Jansson
France	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>
Greece	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>
Ireland	John Walsh	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>
Italy	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>
Scotland	Camille Dressler	<i>(to be confirmed)</i>

Sweden	Sten-Åke Persson	Anetté Larm Johansson
Aaland	Kristian Packalen	Christian Pleijel

### **15. Election of president and vice presidents**

Camille Dressler was re-elected chair of ESIN

Vicechair: John Walsh was elected (West), Pia Prost (Baltic), was elected  
Eleftherios was proposed (South) (*to be confirmed*)

### **16. Appointment of auditor and economic authorization**

Kristina Mattesson, Sweden, was appointed auditor for the year 2016.

Anetté Larm Johansson (Sweden) was re-elected treasurer.

The AGM decided that the treasurer, Anetté Larm Johansson CPR: [REDACTED] is  
authorized to deal with financial matters for ESIN.

### **17. Adoption of ESIN Press release from the 18th annual general meeting**

Subject to finalization by 26<sup>th</sup> of September.

### **18. Annual General Meeting 2019**

Sweden on the island of Ven, preferably during September.

### **19. Close of Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General meeting would like to take the opportunity to thank the  
founder of ESIN, Bengt Almkvist, for his vision of engagement with the EU  
institutions. He has put ESIN on the right path, and we hope to continue in a way  
that will make him and the small islands of Europe proud of our achievements.

*Signatures:*

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Camille Dressler, Chair

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Pia Prost, board member elected to  
check the minutes