



European Small Islands Federation

Board Meeting, No.23: 20 January 2020 9.00am Dublin time via Zoom

Participants:

Camille Dressler	Scottish Island federation
John Walsh	COE/Irish Federation
Pia Prost	National Association of Finnish Islands
Dorthe Winther	Danish Small Islands Association
Denis Bredin	AIP/France

Attending:

Host & Secretary:

Rhoda Twombly	Irish Islands Federation
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Apologies:

Riina Kaljulaid	AEI (Estonia)
Sten-Åke Persson	National Association for the Swedish Archipelago
Anetté Johansson	National Association for the Swedish Archipelago
Kristian Packalén	Åland
Lise Thilleman Sørensen	Danish Small Islands Association

1. Minutes, Agenda and Matters Arising

John Walsh opened the meeting as Chairperson. The minutes of 16 Dec 2019 were approved as was the agenda for this meeting Pro: Pia Prost Second: Dorthe Winther. There were no matters arising.

2. Finance

As Anette Johansson could not attend the full report was held over to the next meeting – AGREED

ACTION: look at <https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/what-we-do/policies/citizenship-programme> : this is held over to discuss at next meeting.

Regarding unpaid memberships, we need the full list of payees before taking action. **Proposed:**

1. That another Croatian Islands group be asked to join and 2. That a letter be written to Denis Boric explaining ESIN's position. 3. Discuss memberships while in Brussels (JW & CD) **ACTION:** John to write a letter to Denis Baric explain ESIN's position

ACTION: Request to pertinent countries to send representatives with adequate knowledge of English

ACTION: More discussion needed on the 2020 budget.

3. Review of Action Points & Conferences

1. Working Groups: Each working group will have at least 1 Board member and 3 others as appropriate. **ACTION:** Each group needs to work out the group's actions. Each group will add

“experts” according to their area of expertise. AGM Planning group: **ACTION**: Set dates as soon as possible for the AGM. The AGM 2020 will be held in Brussels: **ACTION**: look at weeks 43 or 44 as possibilities

2. Funding: **ACTION** Camille and John to ask about directing some of the funding for Smart Villages to Smart Islands as a subsection of the main program.
Europe for Citizens may be reopening funding for 2020: could look into twinning of Islands projects Proposed: Pia to speak with Kim Smedlundt (Finland) about the process of application.
3. Plastics & Waste: **ACTION** Camille to liaise with Lise as Scotland is planning a webinar on marine plastics and wants to include as many examples as possible.
4. Letter to MEPs: **ACTION**: Update the letter using the Croatian Presidency as the back-drop. To be completed by Camille and John.
5. SEARICA contacts: **ACTION** JW will speak with Irish MEP Billy Kellegher about joining

4. Chair Update

John and Camille attended the Smart Villages meeting in Brussels : reported on the meeting, especially with regard to Smart Islands

Horizon 2020 project: AGREED to support the work of Mairtin OMealoid on this energy project. JW to attend a review meeting in a years’ time. **ACTION** JW to send information on this project to the members of the Board.

4. AOB

- Camille has asked that a new email address be used to contact her:
camille.d.t21@btinternet.com
- **NEXT MEETING: 17th February 2020, 9am Irish time AGREED: meetings to be held on the third Monday of the month.**

6. Calendar

17 June 2020 Marseille : meeting on Island groupings on an international level (CD)