



## **MINUTES**

Board Meeting, No.63: 14 Feb 2024 10am Dublin time via Zoom

### **Participants:**

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| Sten-Åke Persson        | National Association for the Swedish Archipelago |
| Camille Dressler        | Scottish Islands Federation                      |
| Anetté Larm Johansson   | National Association for the Swedish Archipelago |
| Lise Thilleman Sørensen | Danish Small Islands Association                 |
| Aisling Moran           | Comhdháil Oileáin na hÉireann, Ireland           |
| Pia Prost               | FOSS: Assoc. of Finnish Islands                  |
| Agneta Wackstrom        | Företagsam Skärgård, Åland                       |
| Ivan Matić              | Island Movement, Croatia                         |
| Cathy Gill              | Comhdháil Oileáin na hÉireann, Ireland           |

### **Host & Secretary:**

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| Rhoda Twombly | Comhdháil Oileáin na hÉireann , Ireland |
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### **Attending:**

### **Apologies:**

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| John Wrede | Företagsam Skärgård, Åland |
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1. Attendance, Chair and agenda all approved:
  - Minutes 9 Jan 2024 approved
  - Matters Arising:
    - Rhoda to send draft AGM 2023 minutes to Lise
    - Rhoda to send note to Riina thanking her for her contribution to ESIN during her time as Estonian representative.
    - Camille to enquire as to a replacement for Denis Bredin.
2. Financial report
  - Anetté has sent out invoices for membership fees, 2024
  - Profit & Loss sheet in drive: see below



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### Profit and Loss 2024

|                                 | Period          | Balanced        |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>OPERATING INCOME</b>         |                 |                 |
| Membership fees                 | 1 200,00        | 1 200,00        |
| Sum of operating income         | <b>1 200,00</b> | <b>1 200,00</b> |
| <b>COSTS</b>                    |                 |                 |
| Travel, expenses, accommodation | 0               | 0               |
| Indirect costs                  | 0               |                 |
| Banking costs                   | - 155,91        | - 155,91        |
| Other expenses                  | 0               | 0               |
| Currency difference             | 0               | 0               |
| Sum of costs                    | <b>- 155,91</b> | <b>- 155,91</b> |
| Profit for the year             | <b>1 044,09</b> | <b>1 044,09</b> |

- Discussion on membership in Fedarene: Leaving would not necessarily hurt ESIN but there are positives to belonging esp with regard to the Island College. While the fee is relatively lower, the Board needs more discussion on this and a meeting with Christian Galletta before paying the membership fee. **ACTION**: Letter to be sent to organise a meeting with them.
- RT to send AGM23 minutes to Anetté
- €10,7000 in the bank

### 3. Strategic Plan

- **ACTION**: Ivan to incorporate all comments received relating to the strategic plan and send the revised copy to the Board.
- Interreg habitability project: date – March call which is open for 3 ½ months  
-Ivan and Pia to meet to discuss details

### 4. CE4EU Islands Report / CPMR meeting

- CE4EU Islands meeting in May: Pantelleria, Italy, on 14-15 May 2024. Forum theme: "The power of islands: building resilience through renewables."
- Workshop to be held during forum: Aisling and/or Tuuli to attend – will be discussed with Camille 27 March (ie West Cork Islands and Inishbofin)
- There is also to be a meeting of the Danish group of participants
- Also noted: (Alexis) what does ESIN hope to gain from this forum?
- CPMR AGM : Ponta Delgada, Azores, on the afternoon of April 23 and continuing through the morning of April 24.  
-Cathy Gill to check on dates, etc to see if she can go

- Ivan may be able to attend
- Sten-Åke notes the importance of Council Regulation (EEC) No 3577/92 of 7 December 1992 applying the principle of freedom to provide services to maritime transport within Member States (maritime cabotage) <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A31992R3577> and the fact that it up to the member countries whether or not to implement green policies.

## 5. Working Groups

- Energy: Working group to discuss CE4EU Islands workshops as well as budget issues.  
: need a discussion on the working groups in general: what is happening with these? Are they useful? Or are they temporarily “on the back burner?”
- Camille to send Rhoda sign-in link for platforms which will be passed on to the Board  
-Note: AGM24 to have a presentation on ESIN platforms
- **ACTION**: Everyone to please fill out survey:  
<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/HorizonEuropeIslands>

**Next Board meeting**: 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds of the month: next meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024.