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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH MEETING

September 23, 2020

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**Meeting date: 23 September 2020, from 18:00 to 19:00 CET - via Zoom**

**Meeting agenda:**

1. Update on alumni page on EUI website
2. “AA’s Book of the month”
3. Ongoing revision of the Statute and preparation of the GA
4. Discussion about the AA’s Grants
5. AOB

**Participants**

Elie Michel	President of the ExCo
Hanna Schebesta	Vice-President of the ExCo
Diego Garzia	Treasurer of the ExCo
Alessandra Chirico	Secretary of the ExCo
Filippo Vergara Caffarelli	Member of the ExCo

**1. Update on alumni page on EUI website**

Elie Michel chaired the meeting as President of the Executive Committee (ExCo) of the Alumni Association and welcomed the other members of the ExCo.

Elie Michel reported about his work on the initiative for the personal pages/map of alumni on the EUI website, liaising with the EUI webmaster. The AA’s proposal aims at generating



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an “Alumni section” on the EUI website. Despite its practical feasibility, such a proposal has not been accepted so far by the EUI.

The ExCo unanimously agreed to keep on discussing with the EUI responsible staff on this issue and to ask the EUI for a meeting before the end of the year, to have an open discussion. In view of such a meeting, Hanna Schebesta proposed to put the ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID) issue on the agenda, as to discuss this other point of interest to many alumni with the EUI and the EUI Library.

All ExCo members approved unanimously this proposal as well.

#### **2. “AA’s Book of the month”**

Elie Michel reported about the discussions had with Alessandra Chirico and Hanna Schebesta concerning a new initiative of the AA, i.e. the “Book of the month”. This initiative would give the opportunity to alumni to present their recent publications/books/achievements in a short video (2-3 minutes) to be then circulated on AA’s social media. AA’s website together with Facebook and Twitter’s pages of the AA could represent a useful platform to gain visibility and reach out to the public.

These videos will be released monthly, starting from October. There should be a “test phase” with three videos until the end of the year. Then, the success of the initiative will be assessed and decisions whether to continue or not will be taken by the ExCo.

Filippo Vergara Caffarelli proposed to have a Scientific Committee to select the most interesting publications. This committee could also have a role in selecting panelists for SoU/conferences.

Alessandra Chirico, Hanna Schebesta and Elie Michel were not in favor of the establishment of such a committee, as it would represent an extra burden, slowing the entire process.

As a result, Filippo Vergara Caffarelli’s proposal has not been approved.

All ExCo members approved unanimously Elie Michel’s proposal.

#### **3. Ongoing revision of the Statute and preparation of the GA**

The ExCo discussed about the revision of the Statute and the preparation of the GA, as the two issues are closely interconnected.

The ExCo aims at:

- (i) finalising the work of the sub-committee on the revision of the Statute (chaired by Filippo Vergara Caffarelli);
- (ii) holding the GA in Spring 2021, ideally online (under the assumption that COVID-19 situation, by that time, will still represent an issue for physical meetings).



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Alessandra Chirico will verify with the notary (and eventually with Prefettura) the legal requirements and conditions currently applicable to online General Assemblies under Italian law in Covid-19 emergency.

As for point under (i), Filippo Vergara Caffarelli and Elie Michel will liaise with School of Transnational Governance (STGEU) to discuss about the inclusion of STGEU graduates in the Alumni's general community. This would imply a statutory change, notably under Title III Members, Article 5 – Membership.

Both proposals were unanimously approved by the members of the ExCo.

#### 4. Discussion about the AA's Grants

The ExCo decided unanimously to report a thorough discussion about AA's Grants to next meeting. It entrusted the Treasurer, Diego Garzia, to assess the practical feasibility of the idea, with specific regard to its financial sustainability and ask him to revert to ExCo with a detailed proposal.

#### 5. AOB

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 19:00 pm.

The ExCo agreed to meet again at the end of October 2020.

Brussels, 25 September 2020

Read and approved,

Elie Michel

(President)

Alessandra Chirico

(Secretary)