

# EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (AA)

## Executive Committee (ExCo) of the EUI AA

Minutes of the Fourth meeting (2017-2018) held on Friday 11 May 2018 at 4 p.m. CET in Palazzo Vecchio, Florence, in preparation of the General Assembly (GA) of 12 May 2018

### Attendees:

ARMBRUSTER, Chris (CA)

BINDI, Federiga (FB)

CHIRICO, Alessandra (AC)

DI QUIRICO, Roberto (RQ)

### CHAIR

FB, President of the ExCo of the EUI AA, chaired the meeting.

### WELCOME

The Chair welcomed CA, AC e RQ to the meeting.

#### **M4-1 Preliminary discussion of the President's Report drafted for the GA of 12 May 2018**

FB underlined the need to discuss, at the GA, the changing relationship between the EUI AA and the European University Institute, as highlighted in the President's Report to be submitted at the GA. Of crucial importance, the definition of the benefits and services attached to AA membership for Alumni (e.g. access to the Library, email, photocopying service, invitation to conferences and events like SOU, career development service, networking opportunities, etc).

The ExCo identified another topic for the agenda of the GA, i.e. the opportunity of keeping or not the traditional financial contribution by the EUI to the AA.

#### **M4-2 Database and transfer of data from the EUI to the AA**

The ExCo committed itself to work towards the establishment of an Alumni database. The ExCo already started negotiations and will keep on discussing the matter with the EUI Director of Communications, Dr. Marco Incerti. The ExCo also considered using social media (such as Facebook and LinkedIn) to build the database.

The ExCo unanimously decided to seek a Data Protection lawyer's legal opinion about data ownership, transfer and management, before engaging in a final negotiation with the EUI, to make sure the AA complies with relevant applicable legislation.

#### **M4-3 New EUI AA's website**

The ExCo unanimously approved to set up the building of a new customised multifunctional autonomous website and a new email's domain, tailored to the needs of the AA (also as defined with the input of Alumni during the GA and by means of subsequent discussions on social media). RQ was asked to take the lead in the implementation of the website's project.

**M4-4      Need to get input and suggestions from GA's participants on the future of the AA**

The ExCo unanimously acknowledged the need to get input and suggestions from GA's participants and Alumni, more in general, to define the future of the AA on a common ground. FB underlined that it is up to the Alumni to decide on which role we want the AA to operate in the future, both vis-à-vis its members and the EUI. There seems to be a consensus on its institutional role in promoting networking activities, advocacy and information sharing. It is the ExCo's intention to broaden the discussion on social media – eventually with an on-line poll – to get additional input from Alumni.

**M4-5      Future initiatives, events and activities of the AA**

The ExCo endeavours to reach out to EUI Alumni in international conferences and events that its members can attend. The ExCo members will aim to organise different Alumni networking events: (i) a couple of events in Brussels, (ii) one in Frankfurt, and (iii) a couple in Washington. The ExCo members will provide a list of the events that they are attending to make the necessary arrangements. Events will be covered by the AA's finances, as follows: 5.000 EUR to be assigned in 2018. 10.000 EUR in 2019.

**M4-6      New financial procedures for travel expenses**

Being the AA a separate legal entity with legal personality (therefore no longer subject to the financial procedures established by the EUI), the ExCo approved new financial procedures to authorise travel expenses. The new procedures are tailored on the European Commission's Policy on the reimbursement of travel expenses.

**M4-7      Sources of future income**

The ExCo identified the sources of future income for the A in: (i) membership fees; (ii) funds deriving from successful Jean Monnet Grant's applications; (iii) e-commerce of AA's gadgets on the new website's platform; (iv) possible financial contribution by the EUI.

**M4-8      ExCo statements**

The ExCo will consider making public statements on issues that are of interest and/or affect EUI alumni, including but not limited to different aspects of the future of the EU. A privileged channel, especially before the new website will become operational, will be that of social media (Facebook or LinkedIn).

**M4-9      General Assembly**

Given the fluidity on the future steps of the AA vis-à-vis the EUI, the ExCo agreed to postpone the announcement of the General Assembly 2019. Input from Alumni are welcome.

**M4-10 Next meeting**

The next meeting of the ExCo is scheduled for 4 June 2018 on Zoom.

**M4-11 Any other business**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. CET.

Confirmed on this \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 2018

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Chair