



European University Institute Alumni Association

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH MEETING

April 7, 2020

Meeting date: 7 April 2020, from 14:30 to 15:30 – via Skype

Meeting agenda:

- 1. AA's response to COVID-19 outbreak**
- 2. AOB**

Participants

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

1. AA's response to COVID-19 outbreak

Elie Michel chaired the meeting and welcomed the other participants.

The Executive Committee of the EUI AA met to decide upon and approve the initiatives of the Association in response to the current situation caused by the pandemic crisis.

- (i) The scheduled panel of the AA at the EUI State of the Union is to be postponed to next year – as the rest of the conference. The panel featuring Prof. Marina Aksenova (IE University of Madrid), Prof. Lorenzo De Sio (LUISS University of Rome), Dr. Johannes Karremans (University of



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- Salzburg), and Dr. Monika Sus (Hertie School) will be then meet in 2021 to join the State of the Union conference.
- (ii) It is expected that the EUI conferring ceremony (to which the AA was associated) and the General Assembly of the AA will not be held physically in Badia Fiesolana on June 18-19. The Executive Committee decided to release a communication with the details of the organization of the General Assembly at a later stage. Most likely, the GA will be held online.
 - (iii) The organization of the above events (State of the Union AA's panel, EUI conferring ceremony and General Assembly) implied a financial commitment for the EUI AA of about 2,000 EUR. Given that the AA will no longer incur these costs, the Executive Committee has unanimously agreed to donate the earmarked amount. In view of how hard the crisis has hit Italy and the ties of the EUI community to Florence, the EUI Alumni Association will donate 2000 EUR to the Croce Rossa Firenze. The decision on the beneficiary and the amount was taken unanimously by the ExCo's members.
 - (iv) In view of the General Assembly, the Executive Committee members unanimously decided to promote a wider discussion among the Alumni about any further action to be taken together under the umbrella of the AA.
 - (v) Additionally, all members of the EUI AA Executive Committee have decided to sign the 'Voice for Europe' petition. The petition was initiated by the researchers of the University of Siena, and calls for European solidarity and a collective response in the current crisis. Here ia a link to the petition:
<https://voiceforeurope.weebly.com/>.

2. AOB

More than ever, the Executive Committee members declared their interest in getting members' input and suggestions for further calls, events, or actions the EUI AA may be willing to promote or support. To this aim, open channels of communications will be kept open and promoted through social media (Facebook's pages and Twitter).

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 15:30.



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The ExCo agreed to meet again in May via Skype.

Brussels, 23 April 2020

Read and approved,

Elie Michel

(President)

Alessandra Chirico

(Secretary)