



## Invitation letter to all members of the Association 28<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Dear EUI Alumni,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association, I am happy to invite you to our General Assembly which will take place on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October, at 18h00 at the EUI Badia Fiesolana. The agenda can be found below.

The assembly will be held on the occasion of our annual Alumni Weekend. Considering the successful format of the past Alumni Weekends we decided to maintain the same format. This includes on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> the Alumni Career Event followed by a cocktail for registered participants. In the morning of Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October, the annual meeting of the Friends of the Historical Archives of the European Union will take place, followed in the early afternoon by a session on the History of the EUI with alumni of the first cohorts, before we meet at the General Assembly of the Alumni Association. This will be followed by a dinner for registered participants. On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, we invite you to attend the Alumni Conference on the past, present and future of the European Union in international affairs. On Sunday morning, 6<sup>th</sup> October, we will organise a cultural visit in the surroundings of Florence where your family and friends may join us.

At the General Assembly, we would like to have a general discussion about how alumni could give back to the EUI and contribute to its activities. Since one of the items on the agenda will be dedicated to Alumni Association Statute changes, any substantial suggestions to this discussion that imply a change of the Statute should be decided about at the assembly. **Please send us your suggestions per email to [alumni@eui.eu](mailto:alumni@eui.eu) by 2<sup>nd</sup> September.**

We would also like to remind you that thanks to the effort of the EUI and in particular of its new Communication Service, we now have an Alumni Directory ( <http://alumni.eui.eu/> ) which can be used by all Alumni Association members for communicating and exchanging information. I would personally like to thank President Marise Cremona for having recently increased the resources to enhance the effective use and development of this tool, which should become the main communication device between all EUI Alumni.

Looking forward to meeting you in Florence in October.

Sigfrido Ramírez Pérez

President of the EUI Alumni Association

### **EUI Alumni Association General Assembly 2013- Agenda for the meeting at Badia Fiesolana, EUI Florence, on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2013 at 18:00**

1. Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly of 2012
2. Annual report of the Executive Committee
3. Treasurer's Report (art. 22)
4. Discussion and decision on upgrading and amendments of the Statutes. Proposals for modifications by members of the association accepted until 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013
5. Any other business

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1. Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly of 2012 (annex 1).
  2. Annual report of the Executive Committee (EC) and future prospects for 2013-2014

2.1. **INTRODUCTION-** This report informs about the activities that the EUI AA developed during 2012-2013. It builds on the 2012 report and new changes, progress and pending issues. As soon as the new EC was reappointed in October 2012, it drafted in December a new working programme evaluating the points to be developed over the next two years. A number of them were discussed amongst the EC, and also at previous general assemblies since 2010. Some were implemented during 2012, while others are in continued development, with the support of different services of the EUI. This report informs of their progress, and invites the assembly to comment and/or join specific working groups to continue their development. For the General Assembly of 2013 we decided to carry a general reflection on the future activities of the association and to carry out the modification of the Statutes of the Association. For the first purpose we drafted a long strategy paper for the incoming two years. For the second task we hired the services of a EUI Alumna, Marinella Baschiera, lawyer specialised in Italian civil law of associations. This was necessary in order to make the legal statutory changes of decisions made in the past by the General Assembly and adapting them to the demands of the new law of Italian associations. The long-term strategy project which was handed to President Cremona is introduced at the beginning of the next section. As far as the proposed changes are concerned, they are outlined in annex 2. In order to clearly underline the continuity of issues in our agenda we then will take as basis the same structure of the 2012 report but with updates and questions which remain open for the future.

## **2.2. STRATEGIC PLAN - EUI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – JANUARY 2013**

- The EUI AA's strategic plan aims at upgrading the role of Alumni as fundamental element of the EUI Community. It has been articulated in three levels of objectives with activities that are to be developed if the EUI provides adequate support (one person).
- Short-term aim (2012-13): Consolidating the network
- Activity 1: Maintaining in Florence specific activities for Alumni with synergies with EUI activities: State of the Union (Cocktail on May 9th /dinner 9th quota 15 positions for AA/ WG Friends Historical Archives 10th-11th/ Chianti Walk), June Ball (14th June presence in Graduation Ceremony by concession of Alumni cards and presentation of activities), 1st year Welcome week, Alumni Weekend (3rd October Careers Day/ 4th EUI History and WG FHA-General Assembly AA-Dinner/ 5th Europe's Futures Conference)

- Activity 2: Consolidating contacts through profiles and who's who of current members in social Network. Challenge is now to feed it with data, events and making it a reference with Communications service and strengthening of this task.
- Mid-term (2013-14): Expanding the association and adapting it to new profiles
- Activity 1: Geographical enlargement: local chapters with funding to kick-off and transaction costs. From contacts to materialisation (Brussels and Warsaw plus New York, Paris, Luxembourg, Barcelona, Berlin, Nordic Chapter, Asian Chapter, Latin-American chapter). Activities will feed social network and autonomy of funding with legal status.
- Activity 2: Enlargement to former professors and staff. Contact for specific requests.
- Activity 3: Updating and modification of AA Statutes: General Assembly 2013.
- Long-term(2014-16): Community-building by services and role in EUI governance
- Service for Alumni: Access to buildings and forum/ E-resources from Library / Executive or summer courses (quota, rebate)/ career support/ Observatory status in High Council.
- Service by Alumni: Mentoring (1st) coaching (ph.ds) and donations (projects-structural).

### **2.3. WHO'S WHO AND DATABASE.**

2.3.1. The communication service delivered last year the EUI Alumni social network, which was presented during the Alumni weekend of 2012. The AA has about 500 members, and the academic service holds about 2500 postal addresses that presumably refer to the same individuals who regularly used to receive the EUI Review. The question is how to trace and reach the currently existing population of alumni, which amounts to approximately 4000, and persuade them to become members of the association and users of the directory. The AA EC has already noted the changing profile of the EUI and approved the amended membership criteria, so that now all post-docs can become regular members, and visiting scholars staying for at least 6 months can become associate members. In this sense the AA is following its commitment to be as inclusive as possible. Moreover, the EUI has started listing past professors, thesis defences, and other information on who has been at the EUI. We need to persuade alumni to help with this effort (for example by reconnecting with old classmates). The immediate objective for us was to make this Who's Who available to current EUI members and alumni association members. Many functions for the Who's Who may be envisioned, but the main one is to link alumni to the EUI and facilitate current EUI members to contact alumni. Periodically, there could be a report of

discussions or initiatives gathered within this common space of alumni within the newsletter of the EUI. Privacy as well as information and access control must thus be built-in features. In order to kick-starting the Directory, the EUI could assemble a taskforce that fill in the Directory with information already held by the EUI about members of the Alumni Association. In a second step, Alumni could be emailed and asked to fill in the rest and authorize the inclusion of their profile in the database. In a third step, the current fellows and researchers could be asked to join and provide their profile. Questions that may be debated are whether the database should be public or private, what is included on file, what are the access conditions and so on.

2.3.2. The evaluation we do in 2013 of this important tool is that it had a very limited success. In the meeting that Sigfrido Ramírez hold with President Cremona in January 2013 he requested again that the EUI would appoint one person in the Communications service to collect and fill in Alumni data, put contents, news, etc. in order to make the site full of relevant information (who's who) and attractive. It was clear from the very beginning that the EC would not be in position to make so time-consuming job as the EC is done by voluntary alumni who had not the time to dedicate to the site except for some announcements. Indeed we had committed and encouraged all members to make a regular use of it but we had not managed to make it a living instrument. President Cremona communicated to the EC in June that the EUI had decided to appoint a part-time person in order to fulfil these tasks opening the site also for non-members of the Alumni Association.

2.3.3. In the reply we made clear that the Association had never opposed to this but just put forward that if we wanted to proceed to the building of a who's who in a pro-active way it was important to have a minimum critical mass departing from the Alumni Association members who have explicitly expressed their consent to become member of the Association and be in touch with the EUI. This was also important if we wanted to pro-actively feed the site with contact data or careers information without infringing privacy. Of course to extend this service to non-members is ok we keep thinking that for us the priority is to serve our members who pay the fee and reminding that membership is open to any former researchers, professors and staff of the EUI. Therefore we need still to attempt to make of this site a who's who which could become, with the help of the communication service, a more proactive

environment for all potential users and make of it an instrument to encourage Alumni to join the association.

## **2.4. BENCHMARKING FOR RETHINKING THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.**

2.4.1. This on-going discussion deals with the way the AA should evolve and makes reference to alumni associations elsewhere. References to the US universities are of difficult application in Europe because in the US most education is paid on an individual basis with loans from undergraduate to postgraduate education, unlike our public graduate institute. It is also clear that European conditions are different but our Institution is also quite unique compared to other European universities like Oxbridge in Britain or Grand Ecoles in France because the EUI is not the place of selection and reproduction of national elites of centenary institutions. In our view some institutions with similarities to the EUI exist, like the College of Europe or the Central European University but there are also different attractive models of educative institutions with supranational scope and multinational staff and students, like those offered by international business schools.

2.4.2. We have reflected on which could be the possible objectives of the EUI AA, and what limitations or opportunities might result from doing things in a European way. It would be interesting to consider in detail how AA and alumni networks function at comparable institutions, what their benefits are, whether they raise money and so on. Now, a full-scale study is not possible without adequate funding, but we need to have a preliminary enquiry. It would also address the question of resources and funding for the AA and how it is provided by the EUI or derived from fees and donations.

2.4.3. Our proposal last year was that the AA and the EUI, together, develop a benchmark report for 2012-2013. In the meeting of January 2013 we requested the EUI to carry out a small report with a wish list among the different EUI stakeholders (researchers, professors, personnel) in order to appreciate what the EUI actually expect from us. The aim of such report requests a clear will of the EUI to devise and adopt a clear-cut strategy for Alumni, which could be later implemented in cooperation with the association. We had suggested carrying out a study in 2012-2013 in order to present a road map to the new President of the EUI for jointly defining a common strategy. The EUI had taken such initiative and the communications service has devised an enquiry among alumni to see what they expect from the Institute at the level of Alumni. The conclusions of this survey will be presented in the 2013 general assembly. Nevertheless the wish list elaborated at the EUI with all stakeholders is still pending and in our view this

structural strategy needs to be discussed with the new EUI President, Professor Joseph Weiler.

#### **2.4.4. COMMUNICATION STRATEGY THROUGH NETWORKS IN WEB 2.0**

2.4.4.1. In the past, the AA independently set up profiles on social network platforms and deployed its logo. We had looked at social network sites, their terms and conditions for 'corporate' membership, and found out how many EUI alumni can be found on each site. The EUI AA has established an institutional presence on social network sites: Facebook, LinkedIn, ResearchGATE, Xing. Developments on all four sites were monitored, followed by a decision on how to maintain this presence (or not). On the indicated four websites a search for 'European University Institute' delivered meaningful results.

2.4.4.2. We propose that we keep, together with the Communication Service a presence of the EUI AA in all possible social networks in order to be able in a second step to redirect all alumni to the new website directory. This could be a proactive strategy which would permit to existing informal social networks of EUI Alumni to converge in the new website directory little by little.

#### **2.5. ACCESS TO INTRANET, E-RESOURCES AND TO EUI BUILDINGS.**

2.5.1. The question of access by members of the Alumni Association to the buildings of the EUI on the same terms as current researchers and post-docs has not much progressed even when now it is possible to exit and enter from the Badia building. We keep defending that one of the benefits of being a member of the association was to have access to all EUI buildings at all hours as we had the EUI Alumni card which could be easily activated for various purposes. This is particularly important for those researchers who have formally finished their affiliation with the EUI, but are still in Florence. Finally, the EUI also has a large, important and unique collection of e-resources that is certainly of great interest to alumni and there is an increasing demand to make them available in an individualised manner and with a fee modulated in access to copy-right resources. Overall, we should not underestimate the impact of these policy changes on the idea that Alumni are still part of the EUI and not strangers of the institution.

2.5.2. We have not gone forward much in our request to the EUI to return to its previous policy of allowing access to buildings and provide intranet access in the same way as to current members. We have preferred to wait until the new President Weiler has started his term in office as the access to e-sources maybe a question which may have financial implications and renegotiations with the e-

sources providers and therefore it needs a strong will and support at the highest level. In any case, we will ask the EUI to check the feasibility - from a technical and legal viewpoint - of creating individualised access to e-resources from the EUI library for former alumni and their possible cost. We need to discuss again this objective with the EUI using the example of other universities in order to formalise this possibility. We invite alumni to send us reports about their personal experiences.

## **2.6. STRUCTURAL INCLUSION OF ALUMNI IN THE PRESENT AND FUTURE EUI.**

2.6.1. A major objective of the new executive committee is to help consolidate the EUI community with the integration of alumni in the governance of the EUI. It is useful to remember that the EUI community is not made up just of Phds but also all post-docs and former professors and other staff members. The last decade has seen a very important change in the nature and figures of all the people who had been affiliated with the EUI and this diversity is increasing as we reach the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the convention, which created the EUI (1972-2012). Interpersonal contacts are not sufficient to structure and maintain a network of around 4,000 members, and the EUI could send a clearer message that, as most of the institutional pioneers are retiring or about to do so, the EUI counts on them to help the Institution forwards and justify its outstanding record.

2.6.2. One way of doing this could be by associating them directly with the key-debates and questions discussed between the three authorities of the EUI (President, High Council, and Academic Council). There is no better way to create a community than by engaging in a structured and participative dialogue about the future of the EUI, including those who bet on it to follow their professional and intellectual careers instead of national institutions. We would like to set a road map with President Weiler for this purpose as this was not appropriate to do it during the provisional mandate of just one-year of Professor Cremona. Indeed this dialogue may take place both at a general but also departmental level in order to create contacts and cohesion between all alumni. This dialogue may serve to fill the gap between our institution and the real world. Our alumni are now present all over the world and they are a treasury of backgrounds and professional experiences not only in academia but also in public administration, businesses, etc. Such a strategy would request also a dialogue and support with the EUI authorities and the High Council.

2.6.3. In last year report, we suggested using the 2013 General Assembly a clear message to the EUI leadership in order to use some of the suggestions for its own brainstorming and aims in the internal and external debate with funding authorities and other stakeholders. We would like to build a working group in

charge of developing this initiative of “Which future role for the EUI?” using the new social network but maybe also through monthly chapter meetings of the President Weiler with our alumni in major cities. As we are holding our General Assembly this exercise had been launched with Professors and top official staff. At first we would like also to provide our input on this institutional brainstorming and see if we could later on be associated as observer members at the EUI High Council.

## **2.7. MOMENTS FOR COHESION: CONFERENCES AND ALUMNI WEEKEND**

- 2.7.1. In previous years, the association organised conferences where alumni working in different fields exposed their views on particular issues of contemporary salience. These were all successful and provided an opportunity for alumni to return to the EUI and renew their contacts with alumni from other parts of the world. Such a conference has been maintained and the topic and format defined in cooperation with the EUI in order to find the most adequate format to capitalise them for the EUI community.
- 2.7.2. The EUI AA henceforth organizes since 2011 an extended alumni weekend (Thursday to Sunday). It included a career event (fair), in collaboration with the EUI, in which alumni from various countries and institutions inform, coach and/or train current researchers and fellows. Re-union for alumni and their families: Dinner, Brunch, Walk in Chianti, Tour of Florence. Annual General Meeting of the Alumni Association and a conference-workshop on Europe’s Future.
- 2.7.3. As efforts had been limited due to the very small and restricted AA budget, in the past President Borrell supported the organisation of this conference on the basis that it would continue at the alumni level the reflections about the State of the Union (09 May 2011). It is desirable that this effort will lead to a regular forum for the discussion of the State of Europe open to the participation of all alumni willing to exchange views and professional experiences in a relaxed but informed manner with other alumni from all over Europe.
- 2.7.4. In 2011 the experience was extremely positive for participants who had a very intense exchange of views about the state and future of Europe. In 2012 we repeated the experience by bringing together various activities on the same weekend: Working group friends of the Historical archives of the EUI, debate on the commemoration of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention of the Institute and 35<sup>th</sup> of its opening. In 2013 the format has been maintained and confirms that this is the right format for the Annual Alumni Meeting, even when we have not managed yet to make it the central attention of the all EUI community. We should make efforts to improve the internal communication of the event and the presence of all EUI leadership which is what also could be expected by our



Alumni when they come to the Institute. This might require its inclusion in the EUI agenda and planning at the same level of other events like the Graduation Ceremony. The original intention of making it coincide with a prominent key/note speaker for the inauguration of the academic year could be a successful formula as this is normally quite light contrary to other large events like the Graduation or the 9<sup>th</sup> May.

## **2.8. LOCAL and NATIONAL BRANCHES: A NECESSARY DEVELOPMENT**

- 2.8.1. It is of strategic importance to encourage the creation of formal branches of the AA, which are contemplated in our Statutes, to allow a bottom-up development in the association and help alumni who are settling in the cities where we have already a branch, such as in Brussels. For the time being, we are aware of a series of initiatives and disposition of alumni in major cities (London, Berlin, Warsaw, Paris, Barcelona) to follow this path.
- 2.8.2. The AA and the EUI should encourage such a formal constitution by supporting them materially and symbolically. Indeed the best way to endeavour such a formalisation depends on a continued thrust from the part of the AA, in line with communication tools being developed.
- 2.8.3. In this line, it is of fundamental importance to give incentives to those willing to set up a local and national chapter and we need to allocate a specific amount of funding to cover the transaction costs of expenses of formal associations. The EC estimates that this may be from EUR 1,000 to 2,000 which could encourage the local chapter to meet and decide upon its own statutes after an official recognition acknowledged by the Executive Committee (and later General Assembly) of the AA. This funding would also allow the local chapter to fund a kick-off activity and the expenses associated with it (rent of a meeting room, drinks or dinner expenses, invited guests for a conference or workshop etc). We may also at some point modify the Statutes by suggesting that these formal associations contribute directly to the meetings of the Executive Committee and the General Assembly.
- 2.8.4. In 2011-2013 there was already a new experience with the Alumni Chapter of North America. The EUI AA organised a meeting of North-American alumni in Boston in November 2011 during the Meeting of the Association of European Studies. Professor Weiler organised in New York a meeting to this purpose mid October 2012 with the support of the EUI AA including a cocktail for Alumni. The EUI AA was represented in that meeting by Nanette Neuwahl which has been with Zoe Bray the initiators of the activities of such chapter. Zoe Bray and Nanette Neuwahl also organised in April and May two get-together activities in San Francisco and Baltimore at the moment of major international conferences

attended by EUI Alumni involved in the academic world. We consider this as a great record with a limited expense allows for a concrete presence and image, encouraging Alumni working in North America and elsewhere to adhere to the association.

2.8.5. We have received requests of support to create chapters in South East Asia (Macao and Japan), a Nordic Chapter (Denmark), Lisbon and Luxembourg. We may also have a potential for a Latin-American chapter based in Buenos Aires.

2.8.6. It is necessary to define when we support a chapter and which are the activities that we consider legitimate to fund. Our proposal is to use any initiative to support the formalisation and consolidation of a chapter with the written support (by email) of at least 10 members of the association living in the geographical area covered by it with activities, which should be open to any member of the association beforehand.

2.8.7. We will suggest this year that Professor Weiler supports with its presence and an opening speech the formal creation of these local chapters using the full support of the EUI staff currently working on Alumni Affairs.

## **2.9. NEW EUI AA SUB-COMMITTEE OF FRIENDS OF THE HISTORICAL ARCHIVES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION**

2.9.1. The Historical Archives of the European Union are an integral part of the EUI and many of the alumni who work on European Union issues find that it is necessary to help its development by putting its increasing potentialities at the service of the scholarly community and of European citizens at large. This can be done through concrete activities including the animation of research or the valorisation of its official and private record collections (oral and written) in different formats according to the spirit of the EUI Convention and the objectives of the AA Statutes.

2.9.2. As many of the most qualified scholars on European Union studies are also EUI alumni the creation of a sub-committee of the EUI AA was the first step towards the creation of a special relationship with the Archives. The brainstorming session organised during the Alumni weekend in 2013 concluded that this group should become a new autonomous Association from the AA in order to remain open not just to EUI current researchers and professors but as well as towards interested stakeholders who may not be alumni (for example retired officials from European institutions or eminent scholars from established institutions or projects).

2.9.3. For this reason, the EC organised the formal creation of the new association (incorporated under Italian law) Friends of the Historical Archives of the EU. Counting with the active and enthusiastic support of the archives we organised

the founding meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May, coinciding with the State of the Union events in such a way that the most synergies and attendance was guaranteed. The new association defined its own governance and members and will have to find its own sources of funding, to which the EUI AA should contribute still in 2014. It will need to present every year a report and its accounts to the General Assembly of the AA.

- 2.9.4. The past General Assembly approved the realisation of an initial workshop in 2012 on the History of the EUI on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signature of the convention of the Institution which was organised early October 2012. There was an interesting and enthusiastic response from the alumni who were invited among the cohort of those who were at the EUI at their creation. A regular activity about the EUI History will stay as a concrete linking of the EUI AA with the Friends of the Historical Archives. Therefore it is possible that a working group could take on this task with the additional aim of up-dating of the history of the EUI AA (whose archives are deposited there) with an eye to bringing together alumni and build through it a contribution to the history of the EUI.
- 2.9.5. On 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013 the new Association started its work with a seminar on the history of European Union transportation policies as an example of the kind of meetings that it organised bringing together historians and policy makers. The Friends demonstrated also its capacity of rising funding as this was co/organised with the HAEU and a FP7 project based at the Technical University Berlin which paid for most of the expenses associated with speakers (former civil servants of the EU, current members of the Economic and Social Committee) invited to discuss this topic.
- 2.9.6. For the Alumni Weekend of 2013 we have also exceptionally organised the Annual Conference (Europe's Futures) together with the new association Friends and the Historical archives which will also provide some funding for the activity. This year the focus is to use also the past to enlighten the future by taking on one of the subtopics discussed in the past sessions of the Alumni Conference: the past and future of external relations of the UE. This aims to be an exceptional event to give thrust to the new association, which is for the time being into the hands of EUI Alumni. For the future we would be back to the original format as we expect Friends to make its own event whenever they find this the most suitable but we will recommend also around the 9<sup>th</sup> of May or Alumni Weekend.
- 2.9.7. We suggest maintaining a similar funding to this event to that decided last year of 5,000 Euros. This is a good invested funding as a result of this cooperation we can also co/financed with the historical archives of the European

Union some of the expenses of the Alumni Weekend like the dinners of participants whereas the AA pays for the expenses for the invited alumni speakers. Indeed it should be clear that the vocation of the Friends is to become completely autonomous from the Alumni budget in two years time.

### **3. Treasurer's Report (art. 22- cf. Annex II).**

#### **Alumni Association budget 1/10/2012-30/9/2013**

##### **Revenues 1/10/2012 – 30/9/2013**

EUI contribution 2013	10.000,00 €
Alumni membership fees 1/10/2012 to 30/9/2013	18.482,05 €
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<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>28,482,05 €</b>

##### **Expenditures 1/10/2012 – 30/9/2013**

Expenditures have been effectuated from the permanent account (1-331010 and 41-331010) and from the account containing the membership fees (1-331004 and 41-331004).

##### **1/10/2012-31/12/2012**

Alumni Weekend 2012, 4-7 October

Travel cost reimbursement to speakers	3.474,02 €
Visit Villa Petraia, bus transfer	400,00 €
Catering costs	996,78 €
Registration of event on 5 October	309,60 €
Mission costs reimbursement to EC members	5.359,04 €

##### **1/1/2013-30/9/2013**

Alumni get-together San Francisco, 4 April 2013, reception and room rental costs	505,93 €
Alumni get-together Baltimore, 8 May 2013, reception	76,26€
State of the Union Conference, 10 May 2013, cocktail for alumni	320,10 €

Mission costs reimbursement EC members	2.119,99 €
Contribution to the Association of the Friends of the Historical Archives of the European Union	5.000,00 €
<b>Total Expenditures 1/10/2012 to 30/9/2013</b>	<b>18.561.72 €</b>

### Patrimonial situation

#### 1. Permanent account

TOTAL permanent AA account as of **1/10/2012**  
(1-331010, 41-331010): 15.751,12 €

**TOTAL permanent AA account as of 30/9/2013**  
**(1-331010, 41-331010) 16.500,00 €**

The funds of the permanent account have been partly committed as follows:

Account 41-331010

Mission costs reimbursement EC members committed 6.500 €, paid 2.119,99, left: 4.380,01 €

#### 2. Membership fee account

TOTAL membership fee account as of **1/10/2012**  
(1-331004, 41-331004) 30.044,37 €

**TOTAL membership fee account as of 30/9/2013**  
**(1-331004, 41-331004) 41.928,04 €**

The funds of the membership fee account have been partly committed as follows:

Account 41-331004

Alumni Weekend 2013 costs:  
Catering, speaker travel reimbursement, transport to Villa Poggio a Caiano, tourist guide, transport to Villa Salviati 7.170,00 €

Alumni Association Statute amendments  
Lawyers costs 2.116,80 €

## **ANNEX I - DRAFT MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2012**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2012 – 18.00 h – Sala del Capitolo, Badia Fiesolana

**Not having the quorum to start at 18:00, the Executive Council makes a second convocation starting at 19:00, having the quorum to deliver with the present alumni.**

1. Approval of the minutes of the General Assembly 2011.
2. Approval of the Annual Report of the Alumni Association. The debate turned around various questions:
  - 2.1.- Considering that in this assembly it was possible to vote, the question of membership was raised by Carlo Spagnolo and Stefano Bartolini. The question was whether alumni could automatically become members of the association and whether they could stay as members even when not paying the annual fee. In reply, it was stated that legally, there were no automatic affiliations to a voluntary association and that the payment of an annual fee and filling of the membership form is a continuous proof of adhesion. This question could be raised during the future changes of Statutes planned for next year, but in elections only those persons are entitled to vote and stand for election who fulfilled the conditions reflected in the Statutes (full membership) and who have paid their annual fees.
  - 2.2. Sigfrido Ramírez reported about the meeting of the association Friends of the Historical Archives of the EUI held in the morning in presence of Alumni, professors and EUI fellows. The GA had approved the EC request to fund the Friends with 5,000 euros in order to have the working group becoming an autonomous association which also receives initial financial support from the Historical Archives of the European Union. The HAEU had also kindly supported the kick-off meeting and had co-financed the association with 3,500 Euros on the condition that it became financially autonomous in the short term (two-three years). For the time being, the association Friends of the Historical Archives keeps this common funding in an account of the AA, but this co-financed fund will later be transferred to an autonomous account where the future association could also collect its own membership fees, including from non-alumni.
  - 2.3. There was a request to design specific activities at the EUI dedicated to Alumni which could serve to have them coming for short-stays in events related with continuous training which could combine study and holidays. There implies a general agreement on the importance of working on this, with the institute using the new researchers dwellings during the summer. This will serve also to build

links to current researchers and to enhance mutual help and knowledge.

3. Report sent by the sub-electoral committee (Thomas Burke) on the elections to the executive board of the Alumni Association. Like every two-years there are problems with the e-voting, with people complaining about their inability to use e-vote. The EC stated that this is not of the responsibility of the EC, the procedure being managed by the computing service of the EUI. Suggestions for alternative forms were made but these are within the remit of the sub-electoral committee as and when it is established.
4. Election of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association. The out-going EC presented a collective candidacy to continue another two years on the basis of having enough time, after having saved funding since two years, to be able to develop all the projects which it was aiming to develop (working groups, local chapters, consolidation alumni weekend, social network, etc). After the vote including those present, the final figures were the following: Svet Andreev (19 votes); Christ Armbruster- absence justified for this General Assembly- (14 votes); Zoe Bray (18 votes); Nanette Neuwahl (17 votes)-Sigfrido Ramírez (19 votes). The Executive Committee is therefore re-elected.

## **ANNEX 2: PROPOSALS FOR MODIFICATION OF STATUTES**

- A) LETTER SENT TO ALL EUI MEMBERS
- B) CURRENT STATUTES
- C) PROPOSALS FOR MODIFICATIONS

- A) LETTER SENT TO ALL EUI AA MEMBERS

Dear members,

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the EUI Alumni Association, I would like to invite you to our Alumni Weekend which was already advertised few months ago. Hope you already reserved the date in your agenda!. You will find the final programme from next Monday in our webpage. I would like to thank those who accepted to be with us and those who will not be with us but tried until the last minute to find the time to participate as speakers in our various events. I hope that many of you would find attractive enough to attend it.

As we announced in our past mail our General Assembly this year will be focus on the question of the reform of the Statutes of our association. This a due task considering past changes in Italian laws of associations, but also provide us an opportunity to question ourselves about the functioning and long-term objectives of the Alumni Association. This is also important as we do not have this year any election of new Executive Committee and this debate may open a good debate for next year general assembly and derive some conclusions in statutory and substantial terms. As such these suggestions are not definitive as it is only the General Assembly where these suggestions will be discussed, approved or rejected. You will find in attachment the suggestions that were drafted in cooperation with Alumna Marinella Baschiera who assisted us as lawyer specialised in Italian private law. We would like to thank her for having accepted this task with enthusiasm and commitment.

Opening such a debate on the EUI Alumni Association is of utmost importance also as we will also

have one of our Alumni becoming in October President of the EUI, Alumnus Joseph Weiler. We would like to publicly congratulate him for this appointment and hope that this will serve to improve even more the good relations of the AA had with past presidents.

As the participation of all Alumni in this debate is most than needed and we are aware that it is impossible for many of you to attend such a meeting, we would like to invite you to carry this debate in the new social network-directorate devised by the Communication Service of the EUI. <http://alumni.eui.eu/> where a working group will be open this Monday to discuss about the Statutory changes during this month. We would like to encourage you to use this new tool as means of communication. If by any reason you cannot do so, we will report and put your contribution verbatim from the emails that we will receive on this to our common email: [alumni.ec@eui.eu](mailto:alumni.ec@eui.eu).

Last but not least, we will have also the first meeting of the General Assembly of the new Association Friends of Historical Archives of the EUI that the Alumni Association has put its efforts to create since last May. This has been done with the cooperation of the Historical archives of the EU. The subsequent conference on the role of the EU in the world scheduled in our Alumni weekend aims to tackle the interaction between Alumni research derived from historical archives and the on-going practice of external relations of some of our brightest alumni working in EU institutions. We hope that this debate is fertile and engaging for all participants as it has been the case in the past Europe's Future(s) debates for the last two years. Those of you who expressed their interest to participate in this meeting will also receive today the Statutes approved at that moment in order to make proposals or modifications in the meeting which is also taken place the same day as the GA of the AA (Friday 4th October). If some other Alumni wish to receive this information and be involved in the meeting you can also express your interest by writing to [sigfrido.ramirez@eui.eu](mailto:sigfrido.ramirez@eui.eu).

Hoping to see you in Florence,

Best regards,

Sigfrido Ramírez Pérez  
President of the EUI Alumni Association

## B) CURRENT STATUTES

<p>3.1. STATUTE OF THE ASSOCIATION 3.2. "FRIENDS OF THE HISTORICAL ARCHIVES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION"</p>
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### UNOFFICIAL WORKING TRANSLATION

#### **Art. 1. – Name, duration and official seat.**

It is established the association "FRIENDS OF THE HISTORICAL ARCHIVES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION" as an independent, non political non profit-making association, with illimited duration, pursuant and subject to the provisions of Title I Chap.III, artt.36 ffw. Italian Civil Code and to the present Statute.

The official seat of the association is in Villa Salviati, Via Bolognese 152, Florence, Italy and in any case in the venue of the "*Historical Archives of the European Union*".

#### **Art. 2. – Mission and Aims.**

The Association purports the achievement of the following aims:

a) support and expand the knowledge, availability and access to the institution "*Historical Archives of the European Union*" (Villa Salviati, Florence, Italy) to scholars, end-users and citizens: through this, the association shall contribute to the wider dissemination of historical knowledge about European institutions and also about national and international actors of the European integration and cooperation process.



The association shall thus participate in a decisive way to the development of European civil society at large, as well as to the strengthening of the European public sphere and to the conservation of European history and memory;

b) disseminate the information about the "*Historical Archives of the European Union*", its different types of records and propose them as the ideal place for preserving shared Collective Memory of European integration and construction and a precious historical heritage of the Member States;

c) foster cooperation and dialogue between different academic communities, civil society and political actors, associations, national and European institutions, with the aim of moving towards open and cooperative models of participation;

d) advocate and actively support the process of enrichment of the resident collections of the "*Historical Archives of the European Union*", facilitating contacts and cooperation between public and private depositors and the Archives.

### **Art. 3. – Activities.**

The association "FRIENDS OF THE HISTORICAL ARCHIVES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION" for the achievement of its purposes, without excluding activities not specifically named herein albeit included in article 2, shall engage in:

**promotion activities:** dissemination of information concerning the "*Historical Archives of the European Union*", promotion of agreements and memoranda of understanding with former officials of European administrations, organizations, public or private institutions, private citizens, actors of the political scene or European civil society, in order to acquire collections, preserve, make available and enlarge the documental heritage of the Archives related to the past and ongoing process of European integration and cooperation;

**publishing activities:** publication of selected documental collections, scientific journals, conferences and seminars proceedings, as well as studies and research papers investigating the European integration, institutions, policies and / or the collection of the "*Historical Archives of the European Union*".

**training activities:** seminars, workshops and scientific competitions relating to the process of European integration, its institutions, policies and any other related subject having significance in connection to the resident collections of the "*Historical Archives of the European Union*"; courses directed to schools, educational entities, researchers, academics, politicians, representatives of civil society and associations; master courses in political and social sciences; practical and economic support to groups of study and research, as well as to individual researchers.

### **Art. 4. – Membership: types and annual fee.**

The association "FRIENDS OF THE HISTORICAL ARCHIVES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION" is open to all those interested in the achievement of institutional goals, share the spirit and ideals.

a. **Ordinary Members:** people or entities who agree to pay the annual fee for the entire stay of the associative link;

b. **Honorary Members:** people, organizations or institutions that have contributed in a decisive manner, through their work or their ideal or financial support to the establishment of the association, to the establishment, maintenance and / or promotion of the Historical Archives of the Union European or other European institutions; members of the international academic

community of great renown. Honorary members do not have voting rights and are not obliged to pay the annual dues.

c. **Promoters:** persons or entities that wish to promote the growth of the 'ideal association providing active support and / or economic. The promoting members, who do not have voting rights, are required to comply with the obligations promised, but not to the payment of the annual fee.

Membership fee shall not be transferable except for transfers due to death and are not subject to revaluation.

#### **Art. 5. – Admission**

The admission of ordinary members is decided by the Board at the written and motivated request of the applicant. Refusal of admission will be motivated by the Executive Board. Refusal of admission is subject to appeal within 30 days, to be filed in written form to the Board of arbitrators. The decision of the board of arbitrators must be substantiated.

The admission of honorary members and promoting members is decided by the Executive Board, on a reasoned written proposal presented by at least five ordinary members. Refusal of admission will be substantiated. Refusal of admission is subject to appeal within 30 days to be filed in written form to the Board of Arbitrators. The decision of the board of arbitrators must be substantiated.

#### **Art. 6. – Disciplinary sanctions and expulsion.**

Ordinary, honorary members and promoters are required to comply with the rules laid down in the founding act, in this Statute and the regulations, as well as in Memoranda of Understanding with third parties that the Association shall agree upon and in full herein recalled.

In case of unlawful conduct that is seriously detrimental to the image of the Association or which is prejudicial to the purposes and the assets of the Association the Executive Board should intervene and impose the following sanctions: warning, expulsion of the Association.

In the matter of disciplinary sanctions and expulsion the Executive Board shall decide by majority vote. The resolution must state explicitly the facts alleged, as well as the profiles of conduct reputed in contrast or unlawful or harmful to the goals, ideals or interests of the association.

The members expelled, without prejudice to the right to refer the matter to the courts, may appeal against the decision, in a written form within 30 days to the Board of Arbitrators. The Board's decision must be substantiated.

#### **Art. 7. – Right to vote.**

All ordinary members are entitled to vote for the approval and amendment of the statutes and regulations and for the appointment of officers of the association.

The right to vote cannot be suspended.

#### **Art. 8. – Economic resources.**

The economic resources of the association shall consist of:

- a. goods, real properties, intellectual property rights;
- b. contributions and fees;
- c. donations and bequests;
- d. founds and reimbursements;
- e. marginal commercial and productive activities;
- f. other types of revenue.

The annual membership fees shall be established by the Executive Board; any extraordinary contributions shall be established by the Assembly, which also determines the amount and destination.

The cash donations, donations and bequests are approved by the Executive Board, which decides on their destination and use, pursuant to statutory purposes of the Association, and they are accepted by the legal representative of the association.

The Board shall inform the Assembly of all donations, gifts and bequests received.

It is forbidden to distribute, even indirectly, profits or surplus funds, reserves or capital during the life of the Association, unless the use or distribution is required by law.

#### **Art. 9. – Financial year.**

The financial year begins on 1 January and ends on 31 December of each year.

The Executive Board shall draw up the provisional budget and the final account.

The provisional budget and final accounts must be approved by the ordinary assembly every year, by the month of May.

A copy of the balance sheets and budget must be deposited at the registered office of the Association and otherwise made available to association members, including via e-mail or through communication networks, in electronic format within 15 days prior to the session to be consulted by any member.

#### **Art. 10. – Organs of the Association.**

The necessary organs of the Association are:

- a. the Assembly;
- b. The Executive Board;
- c. The President;
- d. The Vice President;
- e. The Board of Arbitrators.

#### **Art.. 11. – Assembly**

The members' meeting is the key moment of dialogue, which would ensure the proper management of the Association: the assembly is composed by ordinary members, each of whom has one vote. It is summoned at least once a year in ordinary session, and in extraordinary session when necessary or would be necessary or requested by the Board or by at least one-tenth of present members.

On first call the ordinary assembly is shall be validly set with the presence of majority of the members and shall decide by majority vote. In the second call, the validity is independent of the number of members present.

Members who are unable to be present are entitled to participate in video conferencing, provided a written request, including by email or fax, to the Board at least 15 days before the date set for the meeting.

The extraordinary assembly, on first call, shall be validly set with the presence of a qualified majority of three-quarters (3/4) of the members and shall decide by the same majority. In the second call, the validity is independent of the number of members present.

The summoning must be made via email and / or fax call with at least two months before (60 days) of the date of the meeting.

All decisions are to be made available to the members through dissemination of a report in an electronic format via email, fax or through communication networks.

#### **Art. 12. – Assembly: tasks.**

The ordinary members' meeting has the following tasks:

- a. elect the President and the Vice President of the Association;
- b. elect the Executive Board and the Board of Arbitrators;
- c. approve provisional budget and final accounts;
- d. approve internal regulation.

The extraordinary Assembly decides on amendments to the Statute and the eventual dissolution of the Association.

At the opening of each session, the Assembly shall elect a chairman and a secretary who shall sign the session report.

#### **Art. 13. – Executive Board: composition and revocation.**

The Executive Board is composed of 5 up to 9 members, elected by the Assembly from among its members. The Executive Board shall have all the powers of ordinary and extraordinary administration.

Among its elected members the Executive Board shall elect a Secretary and a Treasurer shall also ensure the division of the duties among its members.

The Executive Board shall be validly constituted when the majority of members is present and decide by a majority of those present.

The members of the Executive board carry out their activities free of charge and shall hold office for 3 years, open to one renewal.

The executive Board may be revoked by the Assembly by a majority of two thirds (2/3) of the members.

#### **Art. 14. – Executive Board: summoning procedures and tasks.**

The Executive Board is the executive body of the Association. It meets at least 2 times a year and is summoned by:

- a. the president of the Association;
- b. at least 3 of its members, upon motivated request;
- c. motivated and written request by at least 30% of the members.

The members of the Executive Board who are unable to be present are entitled to participate in a videoconference, by writing to the Governing Council at least 15 days before the date set for the meeting.

Prolonged inactivity and /or prolonged and unjustified absence from the meetings for at least 3 sessions shall be considered justified cause of revocation of the charge by the Assembly.

In the ordinary course of its tasks are:

- a. prepare the documents to be submitted to assembly for approval;
- b. report on the activities carried out by the association, including information about the agreements signed with institutions political, academic, scientific and civil society for the realization of the purposes of the association;
- c. present proposals for the management of the Association;
- d. present the final accounts, which must contain the individual items of expenditure and revenue for the period of one year;
- e. present the provisional budget, which must contain, divided into individual items, the estimates of expenditure and revenue relating to the exercise next year;
- f. establish the amount of the annual fees for each type of members;

Minutes of each meeting shall be drawn up and made available and / or sent by mail to the ordinary members.

#### **Art. 15. – President e Vicepresident of the Association.**

The President and Vice President are elected by the Assembly and appointed for three years.

The legal representation of the association is attributed to the Chairman and the Vice-President who exert it jointly as well as separately. The Executive Board have the power to delegate the right of representation to one or more members of the Board for specific types of business.

The President shall summon and chair the Executive Board, sign all the administrative acts of the Association; Vice President assists the President in the exercise of functions conferred by statute.

The President or the Vice-President can open and close bank accounts and post office and accept foundings, and these activities may also be assigned by the latter to Secretary or to the Treasurer.

The President or the Vice president may confer special power of attorney to selected association members for the management of various activities, with the previous approval of the Executive Board.

#### **Art. 16. – Board of arbitrators**

The Arbitration Board consists of three members elected by the Assembly. The Board remains in office for three years.

Unquestionably decide within thirty days from the filing of appeal on decisions on expulsion or denial of admission.

#### **Art.17. – Prohibition of re-election**

All office are allowed to be renewed only one time.

#### **Art. 18. – Amendments to the Statute of Association**

This statute can be amended on a proposal of the Executive Board or at least 10% of the members. The proposed amendments, together with the request to summon the Extraordinary General Assembly, must be brought to the attention of all the ordinary members at least 15 days before the date of the meeting.

The resolution on amendments will be adopted by the Assembly under article 11 of this Statute.

Any modification or addition shall not be inconsistent with the purposes of the company or with the Italian law.

#### **Art. 19. – Dissolution of the Association**

The dissolution of the Association is approved by the Extraordinary validly constituted and with the majorities indicated in art. 11 of this Statute.

The meeting that decides on the dissolution of the Association shall appoint one or more liquidators and shall also provide for the allocation of funds remaining from the settlement itself.

The remaining assets of the entity must be donated to "Historical Archives of the European Union" or, in case of failure and / or inability to "EUI Alumni Association" or to other entities with aims similar to those of the Association or for public purposes, heard the control body in art. 3, paragraph 190 of the Act 23.12.96, no. 662.

#### **Art. 20. – Gratuity of the elective offices**

All elected positions are free, except for reimbursement of expenditure properly documented.

#### **Art. 21. – Applicable law**

For matters not covered by this statute and in any case the Italian law is declared applicable.

#### **Final and interim provisions:**

**Art.I.** The first General Meeting elects the Executive Board among present member who express their own candidacy.

**Art.II.** The Executive Board will prepare, within six months after the first election, a draft memorandum of understanding between the Historical Archives of the European Union and the Association as well as Memorandum of Understanding between the EUI Alumni Association and the Association.

To this end, the Executive Board shall have full powers of negotiation with the entities involved.

**Art III.** The Executive Board will prepare within six months after the election of a draft rules of procedure of the Council. The Executive Board will also prepare a draft Regulation of the assembly.

The draft regulations will be presented to the members' meeting for approval.

**Art.IV** In order to facilitate the approval of the resolutions referred to in the preceding articles, the Executive Board will summon a second members' meeting within six months from the day of his election.

**Art. V.** For the year 2013, the annual fee is set as follows: € 20 for students and researchers, € 40 for ordinary members and € 200 for honorary members

#### **C) PROPOSALS FOR MODIFICATION**

##### **Amendments' proposals**

##### **[ underscored in yellow ]**

##### **- Current Provision**

*The analysis of the Objectives of the AA set in art. 4 revealed that some activities which could have been might have reputed desirable by the General Assembly/ Executive Committee (namely the possibility of cooperation with European Institutions other than EUI) were not expressis verbis contemplated in the provision.*

*The amendment proposal aims at fostering discussion and further reflections on the possibility and lines of development of future activities of the AA.*

#### **Article 4 Objectives**

1. The objectives of the Association are:

a. To promote and reinforce contacts, mutual assistance and information exchange between its Members in the spirit of the Convention setting up the European University Institute:

b. To maintain close links to the European University Institute in the furtherance of the above objectives and to participate, when appropriate, in the activities of this Institute.

2. The Association does not aim at gaining economic profit.

3. In furtherance of the aims mentioned above, the Association may cooperate with institutions and associations which have the same objectives.

### **Proposed Amendment**

#### **Article 4 Objectives**

1. The objectives of the Association are:

a. To promote and reinforce **contacts, mutual assistance** between its Members in the spirit of the Convention setting up the European University Institute:

b. To maintain close links to the European University Institute and its researchers as well as with **other European Institutions or Organizations**

**In** the furtherance of the above objectives Members **shall propose, stimulate and** participate, when appropriate, in the activities of this Institute.

**Modalities of cooperation with EUI and its departments shall be set in ad hoc memorandum of understanding.**

2. The Association does not aim at gaining economic profit.

3. In furtherance of the aims mentioned above, the Association may cooperate with institutions and associations which have the same objectives.

#### **- Current provision**

#### **Article 5 Membership**

1. Full membership of the Association shall be open to all research students and to post-doctoral fellows who have been enrolled at the European University Institute for at least one academic year through the normal Institute selection procedure.

2. Associate membership of the Association shall be open to persons who for at least one academic year

a. belonged to the teaching and research staff of the European University Institute;

b. belonged to the library and administration staff of the European University Institute;

c. have been attached to the European University Institute as Jean Monnet Fellows.

3. Honorary membership of the Association may be extended to such persons as the General Assembly may from time to time decide on proposal of the Executive Committee.

4. Membership is ended

a. by decease of

b. by withdrawal of the Member. This has to be notified in writing.

c. by exclusion

Exclusion is deliberated with unquestionable decision of the Executive Committee for unlawful conduct contrary to the interest of the Association.

### **Proposed amendment**

*Requirements for membership of the AA have been an issue subject to discussion since the very foundation of the Association (see “ Noi si mura” EUI Publication, 2006, pag. 13). At the very beginning of the association life membership was restricted to researchers, but also at that time the issue of the status of Jean Monnet Fellows constituted a source of debate.*

*Later on the debate gained new momentum and in 2005 General Assembly approved the proposed amendments opening full membership of the Association to post-doctoral fellows. The opening had been reputed consistent with the increasing numbers of post-doctoral fellowships granted by the Institute on a yearly basis.*

*In its ongoing engagement in networking and bringing together EUI Alumni’s past and present experiences, the Executive Committee also noted that Jean Monnet Fellows [and Marie Curie Fellows ]’s contribution to EUI academic life and spirit has also grown in importance and significance and risk to be underestimated and under-represented within the Association.*

*Therefore, the Executive Committee submits for approval by the 2013 General Assembly a statute revision endorsing full-membership status for Jean Monnet fellows [and Marie Curie fellows’] full membership.*

*This would contribute to enhance the profile of the AA as a community, conferring it a higher degree of cohesion and adherence to the reality of the role that Jean Monnet and Marie Curie fellows play within social and academic profile of EUI.*

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

***As far the expulsion process is concerned, the legal text of the Statute (in Italian) differs from the English working translation published on EUI Alumni website.***

***Therefore the Executive committee draws the assembly attention on the original formulation of the provision and submits specification of the due process of expulsion already provided for in art. 5 currently in force.***

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2. Associate membership of the Association shall be open to persons who for at least one academic year

a. belonged to the teaching and research staff of the European University Institute;

b. belonged to the library and administration staff of the European University Institute;

c. research fellows who have been enrolled at the European University Institute for at least three months during the same academic year;

3. Honorary membership of the Association may be extended to such persons as the General Assembly may from time to time decide on proposal of the Executive Committee.

4. Membership is ended

a. by decease of

b. by withdrawal of the Member. This has to be notified in writing at the seat of the Association.

c. by exclusion for unlawful conduct and non compliance of art.7.

In case of breach of art. 7 or in case of unlawful conduct that is seriously detrimental to the image of the Association or which is prejudicial to the purposes and the assets of the Association the Executive Committee should intervene and impose the following sanctions: warning, expulsion of the Association.

In the matter of disciplinary sanctions and expulsion the Executive Committee shall decide by majority vote. The resolution must state explicitly the facts alleged, as well as the profiles of conduct reputed in contrast or unlawful or harmful to the goals, ideals or interests of the association

### **-Current provision**

#### **Article 7 Duties of Members**

1. Membership of the Association is independent and voluntary, but the Members are bound to respect the Statute, the decisions taken by the executive bodies following the competencies given by this Statute, and the Italian law.

### **Proposed Amendment**

*The Executive Committee submits a proposal of amendment allowing the exclusion of non- active members from the Association (if read in conjunction with art. 5)*

#### **Article 7 Duties of Members**

1. Membership of the Association is independent and voluntary, but the Members are bound to respect the Statute, the decisions taken by the executive bodies following the competencies given by this Statute, and the Italian law.

2. Members of the Association must comply with payment of the annual fee .

### **Current Provision**

**PLEASE NOTE that working translation of the statute available on the AA website does not correspond to the legal text in Italian. Missing provision is added and underscore in blue**

### **Article 12 The Executive Committee**

1. The Association shall be administered by an Executive Committee consisting of the five Full Members who are elected by the General Assembly for a period of two years in accordance with the procedure given in art. 17.

2. The members of the Executive Committee are re-eligible.

Members of the Executive Committee may be excluded in case of unjustified absence to the Executive Committee reunions; the assembly deliberates on the exclusion from the Executive Committee due to unlawful conduct and conduct contrary to the purposes and fundamental principles of the Statute.

3. The Executive Committee is accountable to the General Assembly.

4. The Executive Committee shall name from among them the President, the Vice-president, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.

5. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year on request of the President, in his absence of the Vice-president. Three members shall form a quorum; decisions shall be taken by simple majority of the votes cast.

### **Proposed Amendment**

*The first Amendment proposed aims at rendering the process of exclusion more transparent and democratic, in accordance to latest Italian case law on the matter.*

*The second Amendment concerns the possibility to open executive committee meetings to notified representative of Local Chapters of EUIAA. Local Chapters' reps shall not be granted with the right to vote.*

*The third Amendment is a sort of "constitutionalization" of the current function of the Committee, building up in the experiences of past Executive Committees ( also reported in "Noi si mura" pag. 16.)*

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b. The resolution must state explicitly the facts alleged, as well as the profiles of conduct reputed in contrast or unlawful or harmful to the goals, ideals or interests of the association.

3. The Executive Committee is accountable to the General Assembly.

4. The Executive Committee shall name from among them the President, the Vice-president, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.

5. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once a year on request of the President, in his absence of the Vice-president. Three members shall form a quorum; decisions shall be taken by simple majority of the votes cast.

6. The Executive Committee meetings are open to representatives of Local Chapters of the Association set in accordance to art.22 of the Statute: for this purpose the Executive Committee shall extend invitation to its meetings to notified representatives of local branches of the AA.

a. Representatives of Local Chapters shall not granted right to vote.

### **Current Provision**

**PLEASE NOTE that working translation of the provision differs from the legal text in Italian.**

**The following provision is not to be found in the Italian Statute sealed by the notary in 1995.**

### **Article 21 Debts**

The Association may not engage in loans to finance its activities.

### **Article 19 Revenue**

1. The revenue of the Association may include:
  - a. subscriptions by its Members;
  - b. subsidies and grants;
  - c. interest from the assets and other income.
2. The use of the revenue is dedicated to the objectives of the Association

### **Amendment proposal**

*The proposal aims at increase the level of transparency in found rising and administration of the AA's patrimonial resources, as well as maintaing the content of art.21 , now part of art. 19.*

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  - b. subsidies and grants;
  - c. interest from the assets and other income.
2. The use of the revenue is dedicated to the objectives of the Association
3. Annual membership fees shall be established by the Executive Committee; any extraordinary contributions shall be established by the Assembly, which also determines the amount and destination.
4. Cash donations, donations and bequests are approved by the Executive Committee, which decides on their destination and use, pursuant to statutory purposes of the Association, and they are accepted by the legal representative of the association.
5. The Executive Committee shall inform the Assembly of all donations, gifts and bequests received.
6. The Association may not engage in loans to finance its activities

Annex 4: Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting of December 2012

#### MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE EUI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 2 DECEMBER 2012 20:00- SKYPE CONFERENCE

*Present: Zoe Bray (Vice-President), Sigfrido Ramírez (President), Svet Andreev (Treasurer) Nanette Neuwahl (member). Absent: Chris Armbruster.*

*Clarification-As the EC was reappointed it had been decided by majority vote before the meeting, to maintain the same responsibilities as in the previous term in office.)*

#### AGENDA

- 1- General Assembly and Alumni Weekend

- a. Minutes- Since Chris Armbruster was absent, Sigfrido asked Nanette to take notes.
- b. Sigfrido and Zoe had drafted a report for the new EUI newsletter on the conclusions of the event and the results of the General Assembly.
- c. As the General Report was approved with unanimity, we could post it readily on the AA webpage.
- d. Alumni weekend- The balance was deemed every positive and the Executive committee confirmed that the Alumni Weekend from Thursday to Sunday at the beginning of the Academic Year is a format that needed to be repeated. The next Alumni Weekend was established to be from Thursday 3rd to 6th October 2013 and it was decided to announce this early on.

## 2- Local Sections

- a. It was agreed that Alumni willing to create local chapters would be encouraged to do so by putting at their availability up to 2,000 euros to cover various expenses, pon previous approval of a suitable plan.
- b. The necessary transparency and general conditions of what are eligible expenses will be ensured on a case-by-case basis, but typically they could include costs of registration of an association, payment of a lawyer to assess this registration, opening a bank account, paying the reservation of a room or hotel for a reception or lunch-dinner, organization of a workshop or seminar, invitation of key-note speaker, other administrative costs, etc.
- c. North American Chapter- It is agreed to create a working group on the online social network site where all potential members of the chapter will be invited to join.
- d. International Studies Association Conference 2013 in San Francisco- The organization of a reception is approved within the limits of the expenses of the NA chapter.
- e. Alumna Sigrid Stroux (resident in Genova) expressed her interest in working towards the creation of an Italian chapter and we agreed to provide her support for an activity for its kick-off.
- f. On the basis of information received so far, there are currently 12 potential local sections, which may apply for funding (Berlin, Warsaw, Paris, North America, Luxembourg, Brussels, Lisbon, Barcelona, Nordic Chapter, Asian Chapter, Latin-American Chapter, Italian chapter).
- g. We will create working groups on the social network site to propose activities by the local chapters to be coordinated by those Alumni willing to be active and take on chapter responsibilities. They will be supported in their activities by at least two members of the Alumni EC, who will report to the EC.
- h. We also agreed that the next General Assembly should include among its objectives the approval of an increase in association fees in order to transfer a part of the increase to local chapters. Such an agreement will require that either a bank account be set up for each chapter where this transfer may be done, or a separate account within the EUI bank account be created for the local chapters.

## 3- Friends of the Historical Archives of the EU (HAEU):

- a. Sigfrido reports about his agreement with the director of the Historical Archives of the European Union, by which the Alumni Association will dedicate 5,000 euros for the creation of an autonomous association bringing together Alumni, but also other users of the archives. The amount dedicated by the AA has been approved. The HAEU is prepared to contribute with 3,500 euro to this project.

- b. Sigfrido will contact an Italian lawyer to help draft the Statutes and will go to Florence in January to complete all details of the association with the lawyer and participate in a conference of the HAEU.
- 4- Online Social Network:
- a. It is acknowledged that the online social network concerns not just researchers but also former professors and employees of the Institute. Therefore some adjustments should be made to the files presented on the website so as to host this diversity accordingly. We contacted Bob Danzinger, from the Trade Union of the EUI, and suggest him to become administrator of the social network in the same way that Chris and Sigfrido.
  - b. It is assumed that the executive committee should take the lead in the animation of the network during 2013 after the tool has been put at our availability, early December.
  - c. An email should be sent to all non-members of the Association informing of the online social network and asking them to adhere to the association in order to benefit from this new service and be easily contacted by the administration via their EUI account.
- 5- Approved calendar of Activities for 2013:
- a. 9th May Thursday. It is approved that in the framework of Europa's Day, the association will offer a cocktail.
  - b. 10th May: Friday. Friends of the historical archives will organize a conference and in the evening a dinner to the Alumni who came for the 9th and 10th.
  - c. 11th May: Saturday. It is approved to organize a Chianti Walk on Saturday for those Alumni and researchers who wish to participate.
  - d. June Ball: We will request a presence in the Graduation ceremony. Before and after the ceremony, we will have a stand with information about the EUI AA and how to register as members. Public concession of their cards and the public acknowledgment of two Honorary Alumni (one male and other female). These Honorary Alumni will receive a symbolic reward by the AA in a way that can be discussed and fixed by the AA.
- 6- Any other business:
- a. Online library resources. Sigfrido will enquire during his stay in January how to progress on this front.
  - b. AAStatutes update. It is also approved that we will hire a lawyer to report on the state of the Statutes and the changes that should legally be done. All expenses associated with this will be made on the basis of a budget previously submitted by the lawyer.
  - c. Financial situation. The situation is sound with around a positive balance of 43,000 Euros which should serve to fully support all the forecast expenses

Next meeting of the EC: As Sigfrido plans to go to the EUI on mission for the week of the 21st January 2013, it is suggested that the next meeting takes place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>.