

EUI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY 29.7.2017 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT -PROF. FEDERIGA BINDI

ELECTION RESULTS

As per the email of the EUI Alumni Mail Account dated 24 February 2017, the results of the Alumni Association Executive Committee (ExCo) elections held in February 2017 were as follows:

Elected EC members:

Federiga Bindi 84 votes
Alessandra Chirico 77 votes
Sandra Marco Colino 70 votes
Roberto Di Quirico 61 votes
Chris Armbruster 59 votes
Total votes cast: 148 votes

In absolute terms is the vote with most participation, still, it is a modest number given that the potential community (see below).

ALLOCATION OF EXCO ROLES

The newly elected ExCo members agreed to allocate roles as follows:

President	FB
Vice-President	AC
Secretary	SM
Treasurer	CA
Member	RQ

MEMBERS

Regular members (ie Alumni that have paid the fees): 839
Associate members (ie Associate Alumni that have paid the fees): 31

PhD, LLM, Mrs, others of which the EUI has a contact: 3812
Fellows of which the EUI has a contact: 1150
Visitors/short term of which the EUI has a contact: 911

MEETINGS

Since March 2017, the ExCo meet 9 times, out of which two in person and the rest via Zoom in videoconference. The ExCo as a whole met in person with the EUI management in May. In addition, Federiga meet with the EUI in March and again in July with Roberto.

AA LEGAL PERSONALITY

The ExCo agreed on the need to apply for legal personality for the AA in order to better clarify the legal and administrative position of the association vis-à-vis the EUI, with the two-folded aim of gaining financial autonomy and being entitled to apply for wider funding possibilities with the EU and other potential sponsors. Alessandra took the main lead on this project, together with Roberto and Federiga. In order to be able to obtain legal personality, slight changes will be needed in the Statutes (see below), which anyway need to be formally re-approved to be notarized. In addition, the ExCo will need to be entrusted with a formal mandate to proceed accordingly from the General Assembly.

CHANGES TO THE STATUTES

The changes to the Statute (in its amended version dated 2013) affect few provisions deemed not to be compatible with the acquisition of legal personality. Another rationale behind the proposed changes is that of broadening the membership of the AA, while enabling it to apply for broader funding opportunities.

Below is the list of the proposed amendments:

Article 4 Objectives

ADD: c –To promote, more in particular, the development of research in the field of European Union integration's studies by its members

Article 5 Membership

ADD: 4. Affiliated membership of the Association shall be granted to all the members mentioned in the above paragraph 2, if they have been enrolled at the EUI for a period of less than one year

Article 6 Rights of Members

MODIFY AS FOLLOWING: 2. Associate Members, Honorary Members and Affiliated Members may participate in and shall be kept informed of all activities of the Association. They have no right to vote in the General Assembly nor to serve on the Executive Committee nor to chair any sub-committee.

Article 21 Treasurer's Report; Scrutiny

MODIFY AS FOLLOWING: "Once a year the Treasurer shall prepare detailed accounts of the Association's financial transactions during the previous year and submits it to the General Assembly for approval".

EVENTS

The ExCo decided to work on relaunching local chapters across the world, also organizing side events, international conferences and events that its members can attend.

Events were held in Miami during the European Union Studies Association (EUSA) Conference (May 2017, over 70 people attending), at The State of the Union (some 50 people attended) and at a Hong Kong event about the 60th anniversary of the EU conference (May 2017).

Forthcoming events will include

- Brussels (where the Association is lively and has already met several times)
- Frankfurt
- Washington DC
- US West Coast
- Australia

STATEMENTS

Central European University

The ExCo expressed concerns about the possible closure of the Central European University (CEU) in Hungary with a statement in support of CEU and academic freedom. The ExCo also expressed its support on social media.

March for Europe - 60th EU Anniversary

The ExCo issued a statement of support to the continuation and the strengthening of the European integration process in relation to the March for Europe held on 25 March 2017, on the occasion of the 60th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome. The ExCo also published a public statement of support for the website of March for Europe in partnership with the Movement of the European Federalists. Finally, Roberto participated to the March in Rome on behalf of the AA.

COOPERATION W/ EUI SERVICES AND OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Workshop on academic skills and professional development

The ExCo offered financial support for the organization of a workshop held on 2-3 May on academic skills and professional development, at the request of Veerle Deckmyn, EUI Director of the Academic Service. The ExCo members also gave their contribution with the planning of the workshop and offered their support for the organization of similar career development events in the future.

Friends of the Archives

The Executive Committee of the EUI AA has decided to reboost the close relationship between the two said associations, as set forth in the MoU signed in 2014; the EC also confirmed the financial contributions towards FoA (€2,000).

Robert Schuman Alumni

The EC is in touch with the RSA with the aim of developing joint activities. Roberto attended the RSA meeting in June.

Marie Curies Alumni

The EC is in touch with the MCA with the aim of developing joint activities. Chris attended the MCA meeting in June.

European Movement

The ExCo also published a public statement of support for the website of March for Europe in partnership with the Movement of the European Federalists and Roberto participated to the March in Rome on behalf of the AA alongside the Alumni of the College d'Europe.