

LEDA PARTENARIAT (LDnet) ASSOCIATION

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Rue de la Loi 38, Brussels, 12 October 2016 at 18:00.

Present: Bert Verbrugghe, Eileen Humphreys, Haris Martinos, Jean-Pierre Pellegrin, Toby Johnson, Urszula Budzich-Tabor, Alistair Adma-Hernandez, Ersin Bicer, Pedro Brosei, Peter Toth, Eamonn O' Neachtain

Gave proxy: Rosalba La Grotteria, Anastasia Chatzinikolaou, Filippo Strati, Katalin Kolosy, Fernando Berreiro

Sent apologies: Robert Lukesch, Peter Ramsden, Anne Kavanagh, Daniele Borrelli, Hartmut Siemon, Maria Joao Rauch, Michael Dower, Martine Theneniaut, Yves Champetier, Marta Marczis

MINUTES

1. Agenda, Proxies, Apologies

The draft agenda was adopted. Members' proxies and apologies received were reported by the secretary of the association, Haris Martinos.

2. Annual Report (attached)

The report was presented by the president of the association, Eileen Humphreys, and was discussed.

3. Financial Resources

The treasurer of the association, Jean-Pierre Pellegrin, reported that reimbursement of speakers' travel expenses and the costs of the website are the main types of expenditure.

He also reported that €7,400 remain available but there are still some claims for reimbursement expected.

4. Priorities for Work Plan 2016-2017

The **new LDnet website** was launched on the eve of the general assembly and was generally welcome as a significant improvement. It makes it easier for members and friends to contribute and offers new opportunities. A key priority is to make greater use of it for enhancing and sharing knowledge on local development.

The possibility of **organising a winter/spring workshop** in addition to the annual workshop which in recent years took place in the framework of Open Days is to be explored further. The approach could be to host such as workshop as a "side event" to an existing local development network meeting in Brussels (e.g., ENRD) or other location.

The **thematic priorities** should include:

- 'Urban CLLD'

- ‘Measurement’ of local development
- Critical reviews of CLLD in practice
- Different development models in local development, taking into account characteristics of areas (rural, urban, intermediate) and drawing on concepts community resilience and social capital
- Extended local development bibliography

Cooperation with other organisations should accorded priority, especially with universities/research institutes, and it could include joint research projects, students’ traineeships/placements and other forms of cooperation (e.g., as a partner in Horizon 2020 proposals with LDnet offering access to a network of practitioners).

Cooperation with urban LAGs and national/regional NGO associations covering local development should also be explored.

Finally, **project development and network management** should be pursued with a view to securing new financial resources to support the activities of the association.