

Skype meeting February, 12th

Participants

Board: Jens (President), Eugenie (Vice-President), Thierry (Treasurer), Alex (Social Officer), Kate (Social Assistant), Sanja (Marketing officer)

CRs: Belgium (Ben), Cyprus (Justin), Czech Republic (Eva), Denmark (Louise), Finland (Tiina), Germany (Christian), Hungary (Adam), Ireland (Laetitia), Italy (Lucky), Lithuania (Marius), Luxembourg (Maria), Moldova (Victoria), Montenegro (Aleksandra), Portugal (Susana), Romania (Raul), Slovenia (Ana), Spain (Maria), Sweden (Linnea), Switzerland (Natascha), The Netherlands (Hanna), Turkey (Olgu), UK (Katy)

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Details

Board updates

- President and Secretary
 - WhitePaper work has started, and going really well. Next year CRs already will be able to use it
 - The handover to the Board will start as soon as the Board is elected
 - The Board applications are open. CRs are encouraged to invite fellow rotaractors to apply
 - Minutes from REM Bratislava are coming asap
 - Application for EUCO 2018 are opened as well, so please share the info and invite the clubs in your countries to apply
 - Those who are missing some votes during meetings, here is the reminder for you to collect the rest of the approval papers from your DRRs and Governors
- Social Office
 - BEBP and TCA application period is open, and your help in promotion is really needed! For now, there are 2 applications in total, 1 in each nomination.
 - Website has some updates on application and evaluation process (resources section of the website), together with the evaluation committee (all the people are from outside Europe, and their names are on the website to make the process even more open and fair)
 - Buy One More. On the website there are some promotional materials and information, as well as a flyer draft. Promotion is highly needed!
 - Webinar on twinning will happen next Sunday. Please share information about this. You were already added to a Facebook event, and you will also receive an email
 - Social project during EUCO. We figured out a new idea: cooking class for 50 people. We will cook a food and give it in lunchboxes to homeless people. Could be that there will be another project as well.

Lucky suggested to make weekly reminders on all activities. Marketing Workgroup can help.

Lucky asked if the BOM made outside the Rotaract week can count.

Alex answered that since there are many questions like that, and it is not in Rotaract spirit to say “your effort doesn’t count because made in different time”, such clubs can of course fill in the form, submitting their results of BOM and indicating the date when it was made. The figures of all BOM applications will be counted, but those made during the week will be counted separately as well. Our aim is to encourage as many people as possible to make the project during the week and boost the recognition of the World Rotaract Week by using hashtags etc. There is no final solution however within the Board on how to manage BOMs made outside the Week, but once we decide, it will be communicated to you. Also, if you have some nice ideas, you are welcome to share it with us.

- Treasurer
 - We tried our best to keep our costs low
 - We still have a lot of goods to sell, and I hope to sell all the polos and hoodies by the end of the year. With pins it’s fine since they can be sold next years.
 - Thierry will make sure that after the EUCO all the things that have to be moved physically, will be transferred properly. I hope there won’t be much to move and we sell most of the leftovers, and I also hope that you all help me sell it.
 - Thierry is now waiting for the ERIC fee to be transferred from Bratislava.
 - Thierry will close the accounts and send it to you so that you can look at it and give your comments
 - You know that our accounts are in Luxembourg, so for my successor it won’t be too easy to take over, but I will help from here.

Justin asked if we can post the merchandise items on Facebook to help sell it?

Thierry: Facebook won’t hurt. It’s a good idea because in Athens we were in basement and didn’t have enough exposure, so maybe not many people could see it. Most of polos and hoodies could be sold with better communication. Thierry will talk to Justin about setting this up.

REM Bratislava Survey

Justin have shared the results of the survey. The survey was made and sent out after the REM.

Unfortunately, only 96 people answered it, and even from countries like Belgium, Italy and Germany with big participation rate, there are not too many answers.

This time (comparing to after Athens), more people know about ERIC, more people are aware about magazine, less people know about merchandise, but we didn’t sell anything as well.

As for the workshops: more people knew about them, and those who have participated them, left positive feedback, said, they are likely to recommend it to friends and come back themselves. People ask for more dialogue if possible, therefore maybe we can implement it in future.

About the event itself: it was a pretty good event. People were satisfied with most of the things mentioned in the survey. A good idea would be for CRs to go through the survey themselves, and think of other questions, which are maybe less on surface, so that we can get answers that are more interesting. The results will be shared with EUCO Warsaw now, so that the events continue to get better and better.

REM Bratislava Feedback

Question 1

Justin: Is it possible to let somebody be in our room and enforce time limit when someone is speaking and also someone to control the room? Last time we had many people who had side discussions, which created a lot of delay.

Jens: I think it would be a good idea when there are people who can tell people be silent when someone is speaking. It could actually be CRs themselves, and then we won't have a problem. Regarding the timing, it should be me to control it better, and cut people off when they cross the limit.

Question 2

Maria: I think we should be faster with the voting. Can we do it online?

Lucky: We can use a UN system (1min max) for comments and online application for voting

Justin: UN system will be good there were some guests in the room who were expressing themselves in such a lengthy way that some CRs who had questions already didn't have time for it.

Jens: voting online cannot work until we change the bylaws. But some points simply can't be voted online. We can discuss this during the EUCO, but I am not totally sure it's a good idea. I agree with you regarding the timing. Are there any other suggestions apart from what Lucky suggested? Maybe a moderator would be good to remind people to stay on course of the topic and not exceed the time. We can see how it works and then decide, if it works.

Raul: maybe we can have 5-10 min for each topic discussion, and a moderator who will see that during this time everyone can speak up.

Eugenie: there are apps where moderator can collect comments/questions. When there's a discussion, and there's an audience listening, they may have questions or comments. They send it to the app, and then moderator sees, what is interesting, what is less interesting etc. I'll take a look at an appstore, if I see something like this.

Question 3

Maria: some people also were disrespectful when Turkey was presenting.

Jens: yes, but sitting in front we cannot always hear or impact what is happening in the middle of the room. So it's rather the job of people who is sitting next to them, meaning CRs.

Question 4

Victoria: in the opening ceremony they did not mention all the countries...and that was a bit offending. We need to remind HOCs to check the list of countries not to miss any country during official ceremonies. **Justin** promised to communicate it to Matthieu.

Question 5

Raul: Gala sitting of CRs, shouldn't we sit together? – We hope, that CRs will sit together but there is no regulation on that

Question 6

Justin: It was a bit confusing that Bratislava HOC did not give us an email list of all participants. It made some inconvenience regarding sending out the survey.

Jens answered that actually, they should send it, but it's not the first time the Board is not receiving a participant data. Eugenie added that we tried to enforce the obligation in bylaws but unfortunately, we do not have enforcement mechanisms.

Question 3

Nikola: can we make ERIC Meetings “closed”? or make it as a round table?

Jens said that if it's only to make people quiet, there could be better solutions than closing the meeting. We need new people to come in and see what we are doing. In Bratislava we had couple of people speaking for a long time, but I still think it's a good idea to let people attend, listen and give comments.

Other CRs hesitate, there are different opinions.

Workshops and Plenary at EUCO Warsaw

For now only 1 workshops confirmed – from a Danish rotaractor about public speaking.

There is a list of presenters and ideas, which have to be confirmed, scheduled, divided to workshops, and plenary.

- We have to decide, whether Christian and Friederike are making their communication game which was cancelled in Bratislava
- We also have an idea to have Laura speaking about Rotary
- We are also about to have open discussions, but not decided, whether to do it as a workshop or a part of plenary.
- There is a message from Samuel from Bratislava suggesting to make a workshop about internet marketing.

“Doing good” challenge

Christian Püschel is telling about a German Social project with sending school kids to trips

German Rotaractors are convincing school kids to make social projects. Each team is going through registration and sending in results of the project later. Winning teams get a prize – a trip to a European country. Earlier we asked you if you can organize a country roundtrip for 5-7 days in October, during school vacations.

We will know the winners in the end of June, so we will be able to know when exactly each of the groups have vacations, so that hosting countries have around 3 months to organize a trip.

We need you to organize program, accommodation and transportation. We have local sponsors from Germany who will take care of the fees, the trip, basic food etc.

We can discuss it in Facebook later. In our Facebook group you can find all the info:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/525329484317550/615629265287571/?hc_location=ufi

Miscellaneous

Marius has asked about Club Promotion in ERIC events: some clubs want to bring club posters to ERIC events to promote their club/project on European level, but ERIC events look more like country-level events. Jens said that if HOC is fine with that, he does not see any problems. All the projects being showed is rather a good thing.

Hanna suggests to add an advice to event manual about not signing big contracts on personal names when making an event since it's a big risk and a personal liability.

Olgu tells about a project from Turkey for WomensDay. They expect to get videos from all over the world telling what it is to be a woman. Then people can share it adding a hashtag #womanis