

Skype meeting August, 28th

Participants

Board: Jens (President), Eugenie (Vice-president), Fatima (Secretary), Thierry (Treasurer), Bariscan (IT officer), Alex (Social Officer), Chris (Social Assistant), Kate (Social Assistant)

CRs: Austria (Claudia), Belgium (Ben), Croatia (Sandro), Cyprus (Justin), Denmark (Louise), Germany (Christian and Sebastian), Greece (Asimena), Italy (Lucky), Lithuania (Marius), Luxembourg (Maria Jose), Macedonia (Nikola), Montenegro (Aleksandra), Poland (Marcel), Portugal (Susana), Romania (Raul), Russia (Karina), San Marino (Sara for Carolina), Serbia (Simona), Spain (Maria), The Netherlands (Hanna)

Guests: Laura Verdegaal, Antonios Oikonomidis

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Details

Intro from the Board: what we've been doing

President

Jens has **welcomed** everyone into new year and their first meeting.

After he shortly updated everyone on **goals for the year** that were discussed during the strategic weekend: focus on workshops, transparency, more involvement of CRs in all activities, bringing changes into awards processes, taking more care of budget, making surveys after events, better communication of events and information, more continuity in the board. More info you can find in the [Minutes from the Weekend](#)

Also, Jens has promised to record and upload his first video very soon

Vice-president

Eugenie said that we will have 3 Workshops in Athens, and we will film and broadcast them giving a start to creation of ERIC centralized content and knowledge database

She has also called out for ideas of the future workshops

Treasurer

Thierry said that he is looking into changing bank accounts

Social Committee

Social Committee has told us about their plans of creating a project library, collecting project plans from BESP and TCA and about an all-ERIC-countries social project they are planning to make this year during the Rotaract week. They also said, they will support HOCs with their Social Projects.

REM Athens update

It's going to be a huge REM, over **600ppl**

Several people still didn't get official **confirmations** of their bookings because there was a server fall

Issue with **City Tour**: since guiding needs license, there won't be much guiding in city tours organized. Also, with making the tour available for everyone could be problems, therefore Athens plan to make city tours only for ERIC and past CRs, and maybe 1-2 groups more. Louise suggested to make something like a Polio Walk as it was in Nice instead – to at least see the city even if without much guiding.

Issue with **optional activities**: not many people are booking optional activities which puts it at risk of not happening at all. October is still a high season in Athens, so they are worried that we won't have guides available later -> there's a need to promote optional activities in ERIC countries

Theme parties: maybe only Gala or Opening will be a theme party. The rest is without special dress-code.

Gala seating: for now, it is planned to seat everyone except for ERIC and people with special dietary restrictions by countries. Several CRs are against because ERIC events are meant to make people meet.

The idea is to have special cards besides vegetarians so that they don't need a separate seating.

On the other hand, free seating as it was made until REM Istanbul create chaos and won't make it possible to put country flags on tables etc. Ben and Karina agree.

Kate suggests that people should be seated at first, and that people can change themselves during the event. Antonios agrees adding that after eating everyone anyway mixes up at the dancefloor. Aleksandra and Simona agree.

Jens suggests to make a poll at CRs Facebook group if Antonios wants to, so that CRs can vote, but after all, the decision will be made by the HOC of REM Athens anyway.

Thierry has asked about the **WiFi connection** because of the needs of broadcasting, but Antonios doesn't know the speed. But since it's a 4*** hotel, there shouldn't be any problem with the speed.

REM Bratislava update

Hotels: up to 600 beds are reserved

Welcome Party & Opening ceremony premises: RESERVED

Gala Venue Location: RESERVED

Catering services for all events ORGANISED

For Workshops and Presentations 3 Rooms will be available, for both of the days (Friday & Saturday), that makes up to 6 Workshops and Presentations events during REM Bratislava.

Webpage Content and Structure DONE. It will go live at mid/end of September with OFFICIAL RELEASE IN REM ATHENS

Registration starts End of October, exact date and hour will be announced on Facebook Webpage

Pre & Post REMs with side Events will be starting October Promoted on FB Webpage. Possibility to buy them with start of Registration

As requested number of Ski Post Rem Places will be tripled to 12 =)

Antonios is asking for the promo-videos of Bratislava and Warsaw to be sent to him to show in Athens

Athens Agenda and CR training VS Contry presentations in Athens voting

- Board presentations
- HOCs updates
- Candidates presentations (REM autumn 2017)
- Voting on REM autumn 2017
- Presentation of Pricing issue by Working group
- Voting for Pricing
- CR training

It was suggested, to choose, whether we should have a CR training or Country Presentations included in the meeting.

Majority voted for the Training. Not clear yet who is making it though. Should be some of former CRs

Eugenie proposed that instead of country presentations every CR prepares something to share on ERIC Facebook page. Like short videos or other format like infographics. No one is against.

Louise asked, when CRs will get all the info for the voting? -> 2 weeks prior to inform the DRRs and get their votes.

Working groups

The idea of working groups appeared because there are things to be done, and it's easier to decide in groups of 5-10ppl than 40-50. Additionally, it makes CRs be more active during the year.

The list of Working groups:

- Workshops (Eugenie)
 - Bring in ideas for future workshops
 - Find people who is good at giving workshops
- Resource documents (Thierry and Alex)
 - We should provide some content for people showing why ERIC is there (not just to party and have fun)
 - Make the website of ERIC the place for ppl to go – put there materials/documents that value for people/clubs/DRRs (i.e. templates for ppt, promo materials, manuals, videos)
 - Create and upload quality content for Rotaracters at the website
- Pricing issue (Eugenie and Fatima)
 - Settle the issue with pricing of ERIC events packages.
 - We want to have proposals ready within next couple of weeks to vote on it already in Athens
 - 1st step: what has to be in the package
 - 2nd step: how do we price that, what freedom do we give to HOCs
 - 3rd step: make ready-to-vote-on proposals
- Event Manual and Bylaws change according to Event Manual (Fatima)
 - Event Manual is not a part of bylaws but just recommendations on how to make ERIC events, and it still has a lot of “holes”
 - Last year the work was started by Tanguy and former CRs on changing the manual ([Skype recording](#))
 - We will have to review what was made before, and bring it to voting.
 - After changes in the event manual are voted upon, we are to propose changes to the bylaws accordingly, and vote for those.
- CR Whitebook (Jens)

- Create a Whitebook for new CRs to get insights in a role of a CR – a CR training basically but on paper
- Broadcasting (Thierry and Bariscan)
 - Idea is to broadcast the ERIC meetings and the Workshops so that people who couldn't come, can see what's going on
 - The group will be working at the events only
 - The Group needs people to be cameramen, working with Thierry's laptop and an app
 - It takes a bit of technical skills to stream it in a good way
 - 6 people who can basically be in other groups at the same time since the work won't overlap
- Marketing and Communication (Sanja)
 - People interested in marketing and communication
 - Guide the process of country presentations on ERIC page (see [TODO list](#))

Working Groups Members							
Working Groups	Marketing & communication	Workshops	Resource & Content	Pricing	Event Manual	CR Whitebook	Broadcasting
Responsible 1	Sanja Š.	Eugenie S.	Thierry P.	Eugenie S.	Fatima S.	Jens P.	Thierry P.
Responsible 2	Friederike S.		Alexander S.	Fatima S.			Bariscan T.
Members	Aleksandra Dragoslavic Ana Kisovar Asimena Anthi Ben Pintens Hanna Visser Justin Hadjilambris Lucky Dalena Maria Jose Rodriguez Mike Ziedins Simona Zimonjic Susana Silva	Ana Kisovar Christian Mielert Justin Hadjilambris Lucky Dalena Viara Moskova	Ekaterina Mihailova Justin Hadjilambris Maria Jose Rodriguez Victoria Sirbu	Ben Pintens Hanna Visser Justin Hadjilambris Marius Krasauskas	Justin Hadjilambris Karina Episkposyan Sandro Sertić Viara Moskova	Justin Hadjilambris Marius Krasauskas Raul Lupas Viara Moskova Victoria Sirbu	Christian Mielert Justin Hadjilambris Olgu Özdemir

Questions and Answers

Nikola Marinovski: I would like to ask about polos, shirts and pins... is there are any infos about that?

Thierry:

- the pins were made last year - Susana will bring it from Portugal.
- We will have polos and hoodies – Fatima and Kate are taking care of the production, it's being done and will be shipped from Russia. Those who've ordered hoodies and polos through the doodle form will get it, for the rest will work the system first come-first served. We can't guarantee that everyone who wants will get a polo or a hoodie, but we are making again around the same number of hoodies and polos as last year – and there have been some leftovers.

- As for the Rotaract glasses, we are thinking of making blue ones for ERIC and sell them at REM Bratislava.
- And then we will see what to offer you in Warsaw

Susana Silva: Can we change the facebook cover of ERIC page? now there is one about rotaract week

Jens: yes, we will. If you have special suggestions, talk to Marketing

Marcel: I gotta question, about the education part of ERIC. The point is if we can educate DRRs elect? To organize some seminaries for DRRs Elects

Jens: that's basically an idea for a workshop, so you can talk to Eugenie or join the workshop group

Ben Pintens: Any update on new EUCO/REM bids for after EUCO Warsaw?

Several answers: The Netherlands, Ljubljana and Varna are running for REM 2017; Belgium is running for Euco 2018

TODO List

Jens - to record and upload his first video; to decide when are we going to have a CR dinner in Athens

CRs - to promote optional activities of REM Athens in their countries

Antonios – make a poll regarding seating at Gala (optional)

HOCs Bratislava and Warsaw – send Antonios your promo-videos

Marketing and Communication WG – make a template/guideline for Country presentations on facebook, make a scheme, which country sends in the info when etc, set the deadlines.