



**E.R.I.C. – European Rotaract Information Centre**

## **Minutes**

### **Board & Country Representatives Meeting**

REM Athens, Greece  
08.10.2016



## Meeting Minutes

### Rotaract European Meeting, Autumn 2016

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

#### Agenda

##### FIRST SESSION

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| 09:20 – 09:25 | Anthems of Greece, Rotary & Europe |  |
| 09:25 – 09:30 | Welcome & Introduction             | Jens Christian Steenvinkel Pedersen, President |
| 09:30 – 09:35 | Country call, proxies and agenda   | Fatima Sultygova, Secretary                    |

##### SECOND SESSION

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| 09:35 – 09:40 | Update from the board | Jens Christian Steenvinkel Pedersen, President |
| 09:40 – 09:45 | Vice-President        | Eugenie Syx, Vice-President                    |
| 09:45 – 09:50 | Secretary             | Fatima Sultygova, Secretary                    |
| 09:40 – 09:55 | Treasurer             | Thierry Prost, Treasurer                       |
| 09:55 – 10:00 | Social Committee      | Alex Storck, Social Officer                    |
| 10:00 – 10:05 | Marketing Committee   | Sanja Šain, Marketing Officer                  |
| 10:05 – 10:10 | IT Committee          | Bariscan Tunali, IT Officer                    |

##### THIRD SESSION

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| 10:10 – 10:25 | Update on REM Bratislava 2017    |
| 10:25 – 10:55 | Presentations of REM Autumn 2017 |
| 10:55 – 11:10 | Country call                     |
| 10:55 – 11:10 | Voting for REM Autumn 2017       |

*11.10 - 11.30 Coffee Break*

##### FOURTH SESSION

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| 11:30 – 11:35 | Voting for REM Autumn 2017. 2 <sup>nd</sup> round of votes |
| 11:40 – 11:50 | Presentation of EUCO Warsaw 2017                           |
| 11:50 – 11:55 | Voting for EUCO 2017                                       |

##### FIFTH SESSION

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| 12:00 – 12:10 | Pricing issue presentation |
| 12:00 – 12:55 | Voting on Pricing Policy   |
| 13:00         | End of Meeting             |



## FIRST SESSION

### **09:20 – 09:25 Anthems of Greece, Rotary & Europe**

### **09:25 – 09:30 Welcome & Introduction and agenda**

President Jens Christian Steenvinkel Pedersen welcomes everyone to the first of the three conferences of the year 2016-2017, expresses his happiness that so many CRs present despite all the troubles with the strike and names the agenda for today

### **09:30 – 09:35 Country call, proxies**

The Secretary Fatima Sultygova does the country call and checks the presence of Country Representatives (in the following shortened to CRs) and the previously declared proxies for absent CRs.

The presence list can be seen in the table at the end of the minutes. 33 CRs or their proxies are present, representing 85 district votes.

## SECOND SESSION

### **09:35 – 10:10 Update from the Board (President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social, Marketing, IT Officers)**

#### **President**

Jens tells CRs about the Strategic Weekend that the Board had in France for networking and forming the goals of the year; thanks Board and CRs for the work done so far; speaks about CR involvement this year and that now the work is divided by 50, not 10 people and therefore will hopefully be done more efficiently

#### **Vice-President**

Eugenie tells about the idea to promote the workshops at events better than before to show that events are not solely for parties. So far all the workshops of REM Athens are booked out, and she hopes that people don't have to catch the flights later this afternoon to be able to attend the meetings. She already has some ideas for future workshops but she inspires everyone to give their ideas. Eugenie also announces the coming CR training and what to wait from it and what will be done by her during the year explaining its importance: Rotaract directory, event manual and bylaws change, white-books of the Board positions.

#### **Secretary**

Fatima gives an overview on recent developments concerning the approval documents collection and inspires everyone to keep on working on it. Working groups is a great opportunity that everyone should use and take advantage of. One group has already finished its work (Pricing) and the results will be voted on later today. Board and CR Skype meetings are scheduled for the rest of the year, and the minutes are published in the special section of the website so that any CR has an access to it any time. For the next few months, work in groups on event manual and event manual will be continued.

#### **Treasurer**

Thierry presents the final budget of the last year and explains that the income part is a bit less than expected because EuCo Milan gathered the 5eur ERIC fee only from the people who had packages with accommodation. He continues with presenting the current year budget project and discusses



the issue with collecting 3eur and 5eur ERIC fees at the events suggesting that he will open an NGO for ERIC in Luxembourg.

*Question* from CR Netherlands regarding the 900eur for the Strategic Weekend - that didn't happen before. Thierry answers that it was the common decision of the Board to cover some of the travel expenses for this meeting.

**Voting for the project of the Budget of year 2016-2017 was done by raising hands: 100% of CRs present in the room approves it.**

#### Social Committee

Alexander presented his team and gave an overview on the work done by the Committee so far. He starts with the explanation on Buy One More project, flyers about which were distributed among CRs. Alex also explains about the procedure of BESP and TCA voting and tells about social projects during the events. He also announces the 3 webinars that will take place throughout the year. Social Committee say they have already started their white-book, and announce some key dates for the year not to miss.

*Question* from CR Cyprus about the evaluation tool for BESP and TCA. Alexander answered that he is still thinking about it but as any other officer, he is trying to improve the way it was done before. Probably a Google form will be used

#### Marketing Committee

Sanja talked about merchandise giving thanks to Maria Jose for the design of the hoodies and polos. After she thanked the Marketing workgroup for helping her with the magazine since most of the articles came after the deadline and they still managed to put it together nicely. For the next issue of the magazine she asks everyone to respect the deadline and send articles as soon as something happens, and not in last moment to avoid the hassle. It is planned to print magazines for REM Bratislava. Please send high resolution photos + MS Word document with checked spelling. Regarding promotion of the events Sanja suggests everyone to put the events on the ERIC webpage and share bigger ones after, giving a link to the ERIC calendar, not any other page adding a country and name of the person who've published it.

#### IT Committee

Bariscan presented the results of his work for the past 3 months: website updates, minutes and Buy One More pages, ERIC map visualization, REM Poznan and REM St.Petersburg infographics.



## THIRD SESSION

### 10:10 – 10:20 Update on REM Bratislava 2017 by Martin Kmety

After seeing the number of people in REM Athens, HOC Bratislava booked a third hotel to increase the possible number of participants. All the 3 hotels are in walking distance from each other and ready to accommodate up to 600 participants

Gala venue has a capacity of 700 people but HOC plans to keep it to 600 participants top to have some dancefloor.

ERIC Agenda was presented as well.

Thursday: check in, CR dinner in a nice restaurant (5min walk), welcome party

Friday: CR city tour, optional events, Country Booths (at the hotel), Opening ceremony (at the hotel), Opening party (5min walk)

Saturday: Conference, Workshops, Gala at a refinery gallery

Sunday: check-out and post-REMs

Prices are made according to the Bylaws, payments are possible through Bank cards, PayPal and bank transfer

Optional activities, airports proximity, Pre-REM Budapest (10-12 January) and 2 post-REMs (15-17 January, 40 and 16 ppl) are presented, webpage ([www.rembratislava.eu](http://www.rembratislava.eu)) is released. October, 17<sup>th</sup> 8pm is the planned opening of registration.

*Question* from Thierry if HOC can accept the 3eur ERIC fee together with the package prices. Martin says that until there's an NGO open for ERIC, it's impossible.

### 10:30 – 11:00 Presentations of REM Autumn 2017 – Q&A

#### VARNA, Bulgaria

Historical city, by the sea, Bulgarian dance on fire, long night party, uncommon destination, 2017 European youth capital -> support from the municipality.

Key data in presentation:

Dates: 21-24<sup>th</sup> September 2017

2 clubs and 14 persons in HOC,

International airport, affordable prices

5\*\*\*\*\* and 4\*\*\*\*\* hotels in Golden Sands, 2 ERIC meeting and workshops halls are booked

400 participants, 3 waves, bank transfer payments

Packages:

- 4 days package - 158eur
- 3 days in 5\*\*\*\*\* hotel package – 165eur
- 3 days in 4\*\*\*\*\* hotel package - 145eur
- 4 days without accommodation – 95eur
- 3 days without accommodation – 85eur



- Gala dinner + 1 night stay – 65eur
- Gala dinner without accommodation – 50eur

Extra activities: wine tasting, sailing, oldest golden treasury, SPA

Social project “Next step”: help to low-income families’ teenagers

Pre-REM: Veliko tarnovo

Post-REM: sailing

Support: Rotary District Governor, Country Representative and District Rotaract Representative, Varna Municipality, Rotary Clubs of Varna

Welcome video was shown in the end.

#### *Questions:*

##### **Is it Varna or Golden Sands?**

It’s Varna, but hotels are located in Golden Sands since only there we can accommodate so many people at once

##### **How far away are the hotels from the city center?**

13km from the city and 26km from the airport

##### **How to travel to the city?**

15min by bus, 7-8min by cab

#### **LJUBLJANA, Slovenia**

Welcome video is shown

Dates: 5-8<sup>th</sup> October 2017

3 clubs in HOC, Support from District and Mayor of Ljubljana

Green capital of Europe, central-European connection, transport availability, international airport

4\*\*\*\* hotels in city center. Conference will be in one of the hotels. Gala dinner - in the second one.

Walking distance to all locations.

Packages:

- 4 days – 165/195eur
- 3 days – 130/165eur
- 4 days without accommodation – 110eur
- Gala dinner – 70eur

Extra activities: Explore mix: culinary workshops, Bled lake, cave visits, SPA, chocolate making, waterfall

Pre-REM Maribor (2<sup>nd</sup> biggest city), Winery

Post-REM Land and Time Express (Soca valley)

Social Project: cleaning the historical land fields



## CHISINAU, Moldova

Welcome video with Valeriu inviting everyone is shown

Radisson Blu hotel in city center, conference in the hotel, Gala dinner in a castle, a night in a museum

Extra activities: wine making, wine tasting, oldest wine cellar visit, rock climbing

Transportation: international airport

Packages:

- 4 days – 165/195eur
- 3 days – 125/160eur
- 4 days without accommodation – 99/119eur
- 3 days without accommodation – 89/105eur
- Gala dinner – 65/80eur

Pre-REM – 20-30 ppl in Brasov (Bran castle)

Post-REM – Kyiv

Teaser video is shown in the end of presentation

### 11:10 Voting for REM Autumn 2017

The candidacies of Autumn REM 2017 in Athens are put to a vote. The result of the voting is listed below:

Total number of votes	REM Varna	REM Ljubljana	REM Chisinau
1 <sup>st</sup> round, district votes			
85	No 2/3 majority for any of the options		
2 <sup>nd</sup> round, country votes			
33	No 50%+1 majority for any of the options, Varna and Ljubljana are going to the next round		
3 <sup>rd</sup> round, country votes			
31	< 50% votes	> 50%+1 votes	

The Autumn REM 2017 will therefore be held in Ljubljana, Slovenia.



## FOURTH SESSION

### 11:40 Presentation of EUCO 2017

#### WARSAW, Poland

Dates: May, 3-7<sup>th</sup>

Plan to host 870 people

2 hotels booked: 4\*\*\*\* hotel with 650 places and 220 in 2\*\* hotels

Prices:

- 5 days full package with 4\*\*\*\* hotel: 235/282eur
- 5 days full package with 2\*\* hotel: 187/224eur
- 5 days without accommodation: 110/132eur
- 3 days package with 4\*\*\*\* hotel: 150/180eur
- 3 days package with 2\*\* hotel: 115/138eur
- 3 days without accommodation: 90/110eur
- Gala only: 60/72eur

2 meals per day are included

5 conference rooms in 4\*\*\*\* hotel are booked

Gala venue accommodates up to 2000 people

Payment system: bank transfer or bank card payments, no additional charges from HOC side

Pre-EUCO: Tri-City (Gdansk, Sopot, Gdynia)

Post-EUCO: Krakow

### 11:50 Voting for EUCO 2017

The result of the voting is: **2/3 majority of all district votes present** in the room by the time of voting is **FOR** EUCO 2017 Warsaw

**The EUCO 2017 therefore will take place in Warsaw**





## FIFTH SESSION

### ERIC Events Pricing

#### 12:00 Pricing proposals presentation

All the HOCs who used to organize an event were saying that current prices are too low.

Workgroup consisting of Board members and CRs has worked out 5 proposals and 2 amendments on how to improve the situation.

The proposals are:

- Proposal 1a: Free pricing with auditing officer from Board
- Proposal 1b: Free pricing with 100% budget transparency
- Proposal 2: Fixed price for package, no obligations for accommodation.
- Proposal 3: Fixed price for package, obligations to provide accommodation.
- Proposal 4: Tier 1 & tier 2 countries
- Proposal 5: Raise current prices by €30/night.
- Remaining current pricing policy

*The document with all the proposals and their details was sent in email to all CRs prior to the meeting.*

Some of the proposals need additional adaption of the amendments on package requirements, and therefore could enter into force only starting from the event following the adaption, i.e. if we adopt the required amendments at REM Winter 2017, the Price system will start working since EUCO 2018.

Amendments to be voted for are:

- "For CR's, board, assistants, workshop-facilitators and other guest speakers, the current price limitations stay into force."

Half of the CRs according to the survey done before don't receive any financial support from their districts/countries and they have to be at all the events and work there

- "HOC candidates will be elected two years in advance. This amendment only enters into force, after establishing a transitory regime."

For HOCs to better prepare for the event, get more sponsors etc.

Eugenie has additionally mentioned that before REM Bratislava a workgroup for event manual will be working on deciding the new rules for the event organization.



## 12:35 Voting on Pricing Policy: Proposals and Amendments

Proposals	Round 1 - District votes	Round 2 - Country votes	Round 3 - Country votes
Proposal 1a: Free pricing with auditing officer	No 2/3 majority for any of the options is reached	Most votes are given to <b>Proposals 3 and 4</b>	-
Proposal 1b: Free pricing with 100% budget transparency			-
Proposal 2: Fixed price for package, no accommodation			-
Proposal 3: Fixed price for package, accommodation booked			<50% votes
Proposal 4: Tier 1 & tier 2 countries			>50% votes
Proposal 5: Raise current prices by €30/night			-
Remaining current pricing policy			-
Amendment 1: current price level for ERIC	Voted <b>YES</b> with 2/3 of votes	-	-
Amendment 2: HOC election 2 years in advance	No 2/3 majority reached on neither YES nor NO decisions	Voted <b>NO</b> with >50% votes	-
<b>Total number of votes</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>26</b>

Therefore, the Tier 1 and Tier 2 countries Pricing system will be included in the Bylaws and will enter into force since January, 1st 2017.

Details of the Proposal can be viewed in Annex to these Minutes.

Additionally, prices for ERIC Board and CRs will remain at the current level.

HOCs will continue to be elected 1 year prior to the event.

13:00 End of Meeting



## ANNEX

### Annex 1. CR Presence at the ERIC Meeting of REM Athens

Country Representatives				Presence CRs/ Proxies during Meetings [Present: 1, Not Present: 0]				
Country	CR 2016/2016	Proxy declared	Country Votes	District Votes	9:00	11:30	11:50	12:45
Albania	Nermina Bakalovic	Juliana Allaj	0	0				
Andorra & France	Thomas Lamy	Marius	12	12	1		1	1
Armenia	-	-	0	0				
Austria	Claudia Fallmann	-	2	2	1	1	1	1
Azerbaijan	-	-	0	0				
Belarus	Daria Savich	-	0	0				
Belgium	Ben Pintens	-	3	3	1	1	1	1
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Vojislav Gligic	-	0	0				
Bulgaria	Vyara Moskova	-	1	1	1	1	1	1
Croatia	Sandro Sertić	-	1	1	1	1	1	1
Cyprus	Justin Hadjilambiris	-	1	1	1	1	1	1
Czech Republic & Slovakia	Eva Harapesová	-	1	1	1	1	1	1
Denmark	Louise Dahlerup Sørensen	-	4	4	1	1	1	1
Estonia	-	-	0	0				
Finland	Tina Lehti	Linnea Lundblad	4	4	1	1	1	1
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	Nikola Marinovski	Sandro Sertić	0	0				
Georgia	-	-	0	0				
Germany	Christian Püschel	-	15	15	1	1	1	1
Greece	Sebastian Grieskamp	-	8	8	1	1	1	1
Great Britain	Ekaterina Petkova	-	1	1	1	1	1	1
Greece	Ekaterina Petkova	-	2	2	1	1	1	1
Hungary	Asimenia Anthi	-	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hungary	Adam Majoros	-	1	1	1	1	1	1
Ireland	Laëtia Girot de Langlade	Emma O'Sullivan	1	1	1	1	1	1
Italy	Lucky Dalena	-	13	13	1	1	1	1
Latvia	Janis Kundzins	-	0	0				
Lithuania	Marius Krasauskas	Ana Kisovar	1	1	1	1	1	1
Luxembourg	Maria Jose Rodriguez	Thierry Prost	0	0				
Malta	Jonathan Agius	Sebastian Grieskamp	0	0				
Moldova	Victoria Sirbu	-	0	0				
Monaco	-	-	0	0				
Montenegro	Aleksandra Dragoslavic	-	1	1	1	1	1	1
Norway	Maria Elise Stigar	-	1	1	1	1	1	1
Poland	Marcel Trzak	-	1	1	1	1	1	1
Portugal	Susana Silva	-	2	2	1	1	1	1
Romania	Raul Lupas	-	1	1	1	1	1	1
Russia	Karina Episkoposyan	-	1	1	1	1	1	1
San Marino	Carolina Mazza	Lucky Dalena	0	0				
Serbia	Simona Zimonjic	-	0	0				
Slovenia	Ana Kisovar	-	1	1	1	1	1	1
Spain	Maria Puy Guillén	-	3	3	1	1	1	1
Sweden	Linnea Lundblad	-	4	4	1	1	1	1
Switzerland & Liechtenstein	Natascha Hort	-	3	3	1	1	1	1
The Netherlands	Hanna Tynke Visser	-	7	7	1	1	1	1
Turkey	Olgü Özdemir	Aleksandra Dragoslavich	3	3	1	1	1	1
Ukraine	Olena Vorobiova	-	0	0				
1 Missing Proxies				98 District Votes	39 Country Votes	85	77	84
						87%	79%	86%
						33	31	28
						85%	79%	72%
								79
								81%
								26
								67%



## Annex 2. Chosen ERIC Events Pricing Proposal to be added to the Bylaws.

### Proposal #4: tier 1 & tier 2 countries

The original plan of having different prices per countries is too difficult to keep track of and to update. We decide to split countries into tier 1 & tier 2 according to a set of parameters. To the countries of tier 1, the current prices apply, for the countries of tier 2, the prices are raised. To avoid competition between countries of tier 1 and tier 2, REM's and EUCO's are alternated.

#### Proposed amendment

##### **"Countries of tier 1 are:**

***Belarus, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Turkey, Kosovo, Albania, Latvia, Romania, Poland, F.Y.R.O.M. (Macedonia), Bulgaria, Montenegro, Armenia, Georgia, Moldova, Serbia, Estonia, Lithuania, Andorra, Slovakia, Croatia, Azerbaijan, Czech Republic***

##### **Countries of tier 2 are:**

***Greece, Slovenia, Hungary, Cyprus, Portugal, Germany, Malta, Belgium, Spain, Austria, Finland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Ireland, Sweden, Norway, Italy, France, UK, Monaco, Denmark, Iceland, Switzerland, Russia***

##### **The pricing scheme for tier 1 is:**

Rotary year	REM 2 nights	Upper price	REM 3 nights	Upper price
2017-2018	€130	€165	€165	€195
2018-2019	€132	€168	€168	€198
2019-2020	€134	€171	€171	€201
2020-2021	€136	€174	€174	€204

Rotary year	EUCO price	Upper price
2017-2018	€205	€255
2018-2019	€209	€259
2019-2020	€213	€263
2020-2021	€217	€267

##### **The pricing scheme for tier 2 is:**

Rotary year	REM 2 nights	Upper price	REM 3 nights	Upper price
2017-2018	€230	€265	€265	€295
2018-2019	€232	€268	€268	€298
2019-2020	€234	€271	€271	€301
2020-2021	€236	€274	€274	€304

Rotary year	EUCO price	Upper price
2017-2018	€280	€330
2018-2019	€284	€334
2019-2020	€288	€338
2020-2021	€292	€342



***The following calendar has to be respected.***

Winter REM 2018	Tier 1
Autumn REM 2018	Tier 2
Winter REM 2019	Tier 2
Autumn REM 2019	Tier 1
Winter REM 2020	Tier 1
Autumn REM 2020	Tier 2

***In case there is no candidacy from the tier who's turn it is, two months before the event where the next HOC will be elected, every country can apply. The next REM follows the scheduled tier.***

EUCO 2018	Tier 2
EUCO 2019	Tier 1
EUCO 2020	Tier 2
EUCO 2021	Tier 1
EUCO 2022	Tier 2
EUCO 2023	Tier 1

***In case there is no candidacy from the tier who's turn it is, two months before the event where the next HOC will be elected, every country can apply.***

***When HOC's or candidate HOC's have problems achieving the imposed prices, CR's can in all cases vote to allow for deviations. Carte blanche however is not possible, and the request for deviation has to be motivated and documented.***

***Entrance into force: 1st of January 2018.***" (These prices apply starting REM winter 2018.)