

Europe  
**Rotaract**



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
EUROPEAN ROTARACT INFORMATION CENTRE  
DATED 11 DECEMBER 2023 AT 20:00 CET

## ATTENDANCE LIST

Country	Number of Rotaract Districts	CR 2023/2024	Attending
Albania	1	Geri Emiri	YES
Andorra	0	Pauline Lacan (proxy: Heloise Kersuady)	YES
Armenia	0	Anna Gordienko	YES
Austria	2	Judith Leitner	YES
Azerbaijan	0	Orkhan Chobanov	NO
Belgium	4	Mathias Van Cauwenberghe	NO
Belarus	0	Not elected CR	NO
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	Tamara Gojkovic	YES
Bulgaria	1	Yoan Boychev	YES
Croatia	1	Lovro Rusak	YES
Cyprus	1	Nicolas Lambrou	YES
Czech Republic	1	Jakub Machovec	YES
Denmark	5	Malene Nissen Gad	YES
Estonia	1	Ove Leisovnieks	YES
Finland	5	Miisa Korvenaho	YES
France	18	Pauline Lacan (proxy: Heloise Kursuady)	YES
Georgia	0	Anna Gordienko	YES
Germany	15	Leander Rumps & Entela Safaj	YES (Entela Safaj)
Greece	1	John Koutroumpris	YES
Hungary	1	Blanka Bakai	YES
Iceland	1	Ásthildur Ómarsdóttir	NO
Ireland	0	Chris Mitchell (proxy: Michael Mordecai)	YES
Italy	14	Marcello Andria	YES
Latvia	1	Henriks Miesnieks	NO
Lithuania	1	Agnius Stulpinas	YES
Liechtenstein	0	Lara Rufenchat	YES
Luxembourg	0	Armando Coviello	YES
Monaco	0	Pauline Lacan (proxy: Heloise Kursuady)	YES
Montenegro	0	Jovana Nikčević	NO
Moldova	0	Dan Zagnat	YES
North Macedonia	0	Marko Paloski	YES
Norway	1	Maria Waldenkratz	YES
Poland	1	Iga Koprowska	YES

Portugal	2	Henrique Sousa	YES
Romania	1	Georgia Rafaela Vusdea	YES
Russia	1	Alina Dvornik	YES
San Marino	0	Nicolas Rossini	YES
Serbia	1	Dragana Dojčinović	YES
Slovakia	0	Monika Petrášová	YES
Slovenia	1	Monika Kern	YES
Spain	3	Wasima Cherif El Morabiti	YES
Sweden	6	Elin Nyberg	YES
Switzerland	3	Lara Rufenacht	YES
The Netherlands	7	Moreno Weilenmann	YES
Turkey	3	Orçun Güleç	NO
Ukraine	1	Tetiana Bilous	YES
United Kingdom	14	Chris Mitchell (proxy: Michael Mordecai)	YES
Total	117		
president		Veronika Botsova	YES
Vice-president		Katharina Weingärtner	NO
secretary		Adrianna Kończak	YES
treasurer		Stephanie Bramsell	NO
IT officer		Aron Pammer	YES
Social officer		Matteo Facchetti	YES
Marketing officer		Michel Jacques Verheyen	YES

Additional participants: Anna Grzywacz, Michelle Bonati (member of the events committee of ERIC Europe), Antonio De Cataldo, (head of HOC REM Luxembourg), Natalia Sordyl (member of the legal committee).

## AGENDA:

### 1. Country Call

The country call was run by Adrianna.

### 2. VOTING TOPICS.

#### a) Election of host of REM Autumn 2024.

- o Armando presented presentation of REM Luxembourg. He said that Luxembourg is full of castles, the Luxembourg is a sustainable city and the transportation is free of charge in the city.
- o With addition to Armando presentation, Antonio explained that the workshops of the events will be mostly focused on sustainability. The organizers will sponsor two tickets to the youngest participants.
- o Extra activities: visit to Court of Justice of the European Union is planned, as well as vine tasting.
- o After the presentation, Adrianna added that together with voting on REM, the CRs will be voted on the acceptance of exceeding maximum limits of the packages exceeded by REM Luxembourg (as per bylaws maximum is 350 EUR and Luxembourg proposed 370 EUR).
- o Q&A session:
  - a) Iga asked if there is a change that the price of packages will be decreased, because in presentation is written that the prices can change due to inflation. Antonio answered that they don't know how the situation will change in one year, so it is impossible to anticipate the final price. Antonio added that as for now it is not planned to increase the actual price for the packages.
  - b) The buffer in the budget is envisaged for price fluctuations and it was confirmed with events committee.
  - c) Matteo clarified that philosophy of the team was to present to "worst case scenario" pricing.
  - d) Michael asked if the organizer can increase the tickets number up to 400. Antonio said that currently they think of having 250 people.
  - e) Wasima asked until which hour free transportation is ensured in Luxembourg. Answer: until 1 AM, however as per gala the transportation will be provided.
  - f) Lara asked if there is possible to add more hostel packages. Answer: The amount of available packages for the hostel was calculated based on previous events.

#### b) Voting on Kosovo joining Rotaract Europe

- o Era Demiri (proposed CR of Kosovo) described briefly the history of Kosovo and how Rotary/Rotaract was a catalyst of positive changes in Kosovo. DRR of District 2485 thanked everyone for helping Kosovo to apply to join Rotaract Europe.

- o Q&A: Dragana stated that Kosovo is legally part of Serbia and told everyone about a project "End Polio Now" which was conducted in 1997 in Serbia & Kosovo.
- o Iga asked what the motivation of Kosovo is to join Rotaract Europe. Answer: Kosovo is young in Rotaract, Kosovo is consolidated enough to join Rotaract, it would help a lot Rotaract in Kosovo;
- o Marcello thanked for the presentation and Italy is very happy of application of Kosovo and that Albania was part of Italian district until 2010 and Italy has a positive opinion of this application.
- o Entela added that she participated in projects of Kosovo and she is amazed by the values of Kosovo and thanked Kosovo for inspiring others.

### c) Voting on the Rotaract Europe Social Project 203-2024

- o Matteo emphasized that we will vote on the European Social Project and we do not vote on any prize, the theme of the year is mental health and this is a very important topic. He added that we are going to have four presentation on the most important projects, it is very important to know if the project is easily replicable in each country, all the projects will be published in ERIC Project Directory.

#### □ First Project: Non-Formal Education Camp

- o Stefania from Rotaract Club Baia Mare presented the project. She said that her club loves doing project connected with education. This is her main goal of being in Rotaract. The club had idea how to bring children and put them with professionals. The project is directed to children living in rural areas .
- o The club started project a by gathering contacts and preparing budget. Then, the tasks were assigned.
- o The projects exist for more 20 years, every year a project is connected to different areas and schools.
- o The workshops were provided by career counsels and Rotarians. Each participant of the camp was doing test to see its strong sides.
- o Time frame of the project: during school holidays, not in August because it is hot, and lot of people are on holidays.
- o Location: remote from the cities to engage pupils and they will not get distracted.

### □ October – Mental Health Month with Rotaract Kraków-Wawel

- o The project was created by Weronika and her friend Bartek.
- o The project consists of spreading awareness about important of mental health and mental issues by publishing posts.
- o The posts were published both in Polish and English but each club may prepare its own language version.
- o The club reached more than 700 interactions.
- o Every posts provides information about crisis centre in Cracow

### □ Creative Art Therapy organized by Rotaract Kharkiv Shpak

- o The project was presented by Julia living in Kharkiv. She emphasized that her city suffered a lot because of Russian occupation and the children lives in constant stress because of the situation.
- o Creative Art Therapy is a project for the children suffering from Russian occupation.
- o Their mission is to offer children the possibility to expand their horizons, find ease in this difficult situation and express their feelings through art or music.
- o Art therapy: every children has mentors with whom may speak about its problems.
- o Another goal of the organizing club is to help build a European awareness and strong Ukrainian society.

### □ Fix you organized by Rotaract Club Lecce

- o The project was presented by Xenia.
- o Fix you is a title of Coldplay song. The title was chosen because of the lyrics of the songs and phrase "lights that lead you home". Sometimes we are in dark moments in our life and it is important to find a light (e.g. doctor) which will hel you in a healing process.
- o The aim of the projects consists of purchasing of recreational equipment to be installed in the Psychiatric Diagnosis and Care Serviceward(s) of Vito Fazzi Hospitalin Lecce (e.g., treadmill, exercisebike, ping-pong or foosball table) in order to make hospitalization period more joyful and positive and stimulate interpersonal relationships.

- o Xenia presented a video promoting a project to the music of Coldplay "Fix You".

#### Q&A sessions:

- o Elin (CR of Sweden). asked if organizers of Creative Art Therapy organized a project one or it is a cyclic event and if the club had professionals with them. Answer: The projects is divided into weeks. Each sessions lasts 1.5h-2h and it is run by professionals. After sessions, the club members prepare food for children because they don't often eats sweets, lemonade and juices...
- o Tetiana (CR of Ukraine) added how the project can be implemented in another countries. Everywhere in the world children are victims of harassment so you can find children having problems like this and organize a therapy for them.

#### Voting:

- o Aron explained a voting process and Adrianna answered to the CRs questions and that first we are going to vote by districts.

Below please find the results of the voting:

#### Voting topic 1:

Do you accept the organisation of REM Autumn 2024 in Luxembourg?		
Total number of votes: 117		
Answer	Votes	%
Yes	90	76.923077
No	5	4.273504
Abstain	22	18.803419
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As per voting result the REM Autumn 2024 will take place in Luxembourg.

#### Voting topic 2

### Do you accept Kosovo joining Rotaract Europe?

Total number of votes: 117

Answer	Votes	%
Yes	92	78.632479
No	3	2.564103
Abstain	22	18.803419

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As voting topic 2 received 2/3 majority of the voting districts, Kosovo was accepted a new member of Rotaract Europe.

### Voting topic 3

Please choose the ERIC Social Project 2023-24 you vote on:

Total number of votes: 117

Answer	Votes	%
Non-Formal Education Camp	17	14.529915
October – Mental Health Month with Rotaract Kraków – Wawel	16	13.675214
Creative Art Therapy	30	25.641026
Fix You	35	29.914530
Abstain	19	16.239316

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As none of the project reached the 2/3 majority of voting district, the second-round voting by countries was announced by Veronika.

Please find below the results of country votes:



Please choose the ERIC Social Project 2023-24 you vote on:

Total number of votes: 43

Answer	Votes	%
Creative Art Therapy	15	34.883721
Fix You	11	25.581395
Abstain	17	39.534884

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The elected projected was "Creative Art Therapy".

#### OPEN MIC SESSION:

- a) Veronika presented the event of World Health Organization in which she participated. Moreno, CR of the Netherlands also participated in the event. Rotaract Europe had a presentation about "End Polio Now: and project in India run by Dutch Rotaract and Rotary. Veronika had a opportunity to meet with Malene, CR of Denmark in the evening. World Health Organization is very keen on cooperating with us. If you have any ideas how to cooperate with World Health Organization please reach to the board.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE COUNTRIES

- a) Spain
  - Wasima, CR of Spain explained that in Spain there are 3 (three) districts and that she has assistant. She showed the map of Rotary/Rotaract in Spain. Wasima works on communication with all the districts in her country.
  - Each district has annual conference and annual assembly.
  - One of the projects same for the districts "run for end polio now".
  - She also presented clubs projects of which she is most proud, the details you may find in the presentation prepared by Wasima.
  - She emphasized that Spanish rotaractors participate both events of Rotaract Europe and Rotaract Mediterrean.

#### b) Portugal

- Henrique, CR of Portugal said that there are 42 clubs in Portugal and around 350 rotaractors, the clubs are concentrated around Porto and Lisbon;
- In Porto region are 15 clubs, Henrique club this year has celebrated 40 years of its existence;
- Henrique invited people to participate in their district conference open for international guest (1970).

#### c) Bulgaria

- Yoan, CR of Bulgaria said it is his second year as CR,
- District 2482 (Bulgaria) has around 160 rotaractors in 28 clubs, first club was established in 1995 named "Rotaract club of Sofia";
- There are three official district events: PETS, district conference and general assembly when they gathered between 150 people, rotarians are always invited to participate in Rotaract events and vice versa;
- Each year clubs in Bulgaria votes for national projects which will be pursued by each club; one of the projects was organized at the end of March, in exchange of donation you could buy flowers for a special women and the money went to foundation " I want to have a baby";
- Joining Stem cell registry is one of key projects in Bulgaria;
- Other popular project is blood donation.

After the countries' presentation, Matteo encouraged everyone to share the projects in Project directory and apply for social awards. So far two projects were submitted (one from United Kingdom and one from Milan). He said he had a call with organization supporting Africa and what they need the most is laptops and the projects submitted by Milan regards donating laptops to people in need.

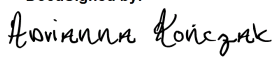
After the announcement of voting results (the results are indicated above), Antonio (head of HOC Rem Luxembourg) thanked everyone and added that he wants to make happy all participants of REM, Egzon, DRR of District Albania & Kosovo said he is very happy and all

Rotaractors in Kosovo will be delighted to hear the news.


Veronika congratulated everyone and apologized for late hours and technical problems occurred during voting.

With that the General Assembly was closed.

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