

ERRIN Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

13 DECEMBER 2018

MEETING CALLED BY	ERRIN Chair and Director
TYPE OF MEETING	Annual General Meeting (Winter)
DATE/TIME	13 December 2018, 13:30-18:00
VENUE	Cities Northern Netherlands, Rue de Trêves 59, 1000 Brussels
CHAIR BY	Lars Holte Nielsen, Central Denmark, Management Board Chair
NOTE TAKER	Anna Tranberg, ERRIN Secretariat
ATTENDEES	See Annex 1. for full list of attendees.

14:00 – 14:15	WELCOME	CHAIR PIETER FABER, CITIES NORTHERN NETHERLANDS (HOST)
DISCUSSION		
The Chair and the host of the meeting welcomed all members and gave a brief introduction to the meeting.		

14:15 – 15:00	KEYNOTE	PATRICK CHILD DEPUTY DIRECTOR-GENERAL, DG RTD
DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Horizon Europe will be centred around three keywords: excellence, openness, and impact. International collaboration will continue to be a natural part of the programme.• The new programme is also a move away from silos to a more systemic approach. The Commission is also getting more and more committed to a place-based approach to R&I.• Missions will work to communicate the relevance of R&I to citizens, and here the role of local authorities is very important.• The European Innovation Council will help companies and research communities to commercialise their ideas. The ambition is to have a shorter time to grant period than other parts of the programme.• Negotiations on Horizon Europe: on the 21 November the ITRE committee adopted the two reports by MEP Dan Nice and MEP Christian Ehler. There is a strong mandate for trilogues that will start in the beginning of 2019. The Council reached a Partial General Approach on the 30 November for the main legal text and agreed on a progress report for the Specific Programme. <p>Some issues remain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The overall budget (MFF)○ The number of missions and areas as well as how the missions relate to the rest of the programme		

- Governance
- Partnerships
- EIC, there is general support for the concept, but questions remain regarding the transition from the SME instrument
- How to use Horizon Europe to support the ERA as a whole? Including both excellence and widening.
- **Cooperation with stakeholders is crucial moving forward.** When we talk about R&I transforming societies, for example the effect decarbonisation will have on urban and rural communities, it is important to have a place-based awareness to ensure social cohesion and sustainable solutions with buy-in from citizens. ERRIN, bringing together local and regional actors from across Europe, is important to bring this forward. DG RTD values the collaborative approach they have had with ERRIN and look forward to ERRIN’s and its members’ input in particular to the strategic programming.
- **Q&A**
 - When asked about the time constraints with the European Parliament elections and the new Commission, Mr Child underlined the sense of urgency from the Commission’s side to get everything ready in time to start the programme on the 1 January 2021.
 - Mr Child indicated that there would be a consultation regarding missions in the first months of 2019.

15:00 – 15:05	APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES	CHAIR
DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The agenda for this AGM and the minutes from the last AGM held on the 18 June 2018 were approved. 		

15:05 – 15:25	PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIRS	ALL
DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The new members on the Management Board were presented. They are Bogdan Chelariu (ADR Nord-Est, Romania), Krista Taipale (Helsinki-Uusimaa Region, Finland), Pieter Faber (Cities Northern Netherlands, the Netherlands), and Stig Marthinsen (South Norway European Office, Norway). Hortense Lutz Hermellin (Auvergne Rhône-Alpes, France) was re-elected onto the board. ● At the first Management Board meeting proceeding the elections, the board nominated one Chair and two Vice-Chairs for the next year ahead. Lars Holte Nielsen (Central Denmark) was nominated for the position of Chair and Sarah English and Hortense Lutz Hermellin for Vice-Chairs. The AGM approved the nomination of both Chair and Vice-Chairs. 		

15:25 – 16:00	ERRIN STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT	MANAGEMENT BOARD STRATEGY GROUP ERRIN DIRECTOR
DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah English from the Management Board Strategy Group presented the thinking and process behind the development of a new ERRIN strategy. The ERRIN Director presented how the strategy will streamline how ERRIN works on policy and projects. Please see the presentation attached for more details on the strategy. • Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many questions from the audience focused on the process ERRIN applies when evaluating which projects the organisation should enter or support. ○ One question touched upon the balance between policy and project development, and how the Secretariat see this moving forward. Seeing where we are in the process for the next programming period, it has been natural for ERRIN to focus more heavily on policy this year. This does not however mean that project development is of less importance, and we see this continuing to be part of the core activities of the network. ○ How will the clustering of the Working Groups work in practice? At the end of November/beginning of December the Secretariat invited all Working Group leaders to a strategy meeting in the clusters. This was a first step to start working more in the different clusters and to find synergies. We will develop the thinking over the course of 2019, also looking at how the clusters in Horizon Europe will develop. 		
CONCLUSIONS		
<p>During the Q&A there were many questions on the process ERRIN uses when entering projects. To address these questions the Secretariat will organise an information meeting that all members can attend in early 2019.</p>		

16:00-16:40	KEY ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2018 AND OUTLOOK FOR 2019	ERRIN DIRECTOR ERRIN WORKING GROUP LEADERS ERRIN SECRETARIAT
DISCUSSION		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes in the ERRIN Secretariat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As of the 1 October – Viviane Dewerse, Administration and Financial Officer ○ Veronica Cornacchione left her position as Communication Officer on the 7 December 2018. Recruitment for her replacement will start in the beginning of 2019 ○ New Outreach and Project Manager will start on the 28 January 2019 • Key achievements in 2018 – the overall network <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creating policy dialogue with the EU institutions ○ Creating partnerships between members with our partnering events over the year and the new S3 Partnership for Safe and Sustainable Mobility to name some examples. ○ Connecting with other organisations (EUROCITIES, POLIS etc.) ○ Members representing ERRIN at different meetings and events ○ Communication – the newsletter is back! • Key achievements in 2018 – the Working Groups and ERRIN projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Each Working Group presented a couple of highlights from 2018 and ideas for 2019. The Secretariat presented what the different projects have done over the year and some upcoming meetings organised 		

by the projects. ERRIN is currently a partner in UNaLab, Pilots4U, MIREU, inDemand, WE4AHA, AM-Motion, ESPON, and INNOVACT.

16:40-16:50 **PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET FOR 2019** **CHAIR**

DISCUSSION

- The treasurer, Jan Urlings, could not be present and was replaced by the Management Board Chair.
- The budget for 2018 is in line with the estimate, the depreciation is a bit lower than expected.
- Budget for 2019: The budget line for salaries/HR is higher because of two new full-time positions: the administrative and financial officer post and the Outreach Manager post, which used to be a half-time one held by Richard Tuffs. The increase in staff also means that the Secretariat costs have increased (IT, office furniture). The deficit has been planned for 2019 to ensure that the Secretariat is well staffed, and that tasks and responsibilities are realistically assigned to ensure good working conditions. The considerable surplus created over the past years allows for some flexibility in the budget making the deficit possible in 2019.
- There is a budget line for Working Groups (€10.000 in total for all 13 Working Groups to share), which each Working Group can use for lunch at meetings or to cover costs for speakers etc.

CONCLUSIONS

The budget for 2019 was approved.

16:50 **CLOSING REMARKS** **CHAIR**

DISCUSSION

The Chair summarised the main points, invited all members to join the networking cocktail, and closed the meeting.

ANNEX 1. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

	Last Name	First name	Organisation
1	Abbott	Charles	Scotland Europa
2	Allioux	Emmeline	Provence Alpes Côtes d'Azur
3	Azarloza	Ainhoa	Basque Government
4	Bastarolo	Federico	Regione del Veneto
5	Busch Sevaldsen	Maja	Stavanger Region European Office
6	Buyle-Bodin	Zoé	Normandy Region
7	Casinge	Robert	Region Västra Götaland
8	Cavell	Katie	Cornwall EU Office
9	Chassot	Olivia	Ile-de-France Europe
10	Chelariu	Bogdan	ADR Nord-Est
11	Comerma Calatayud	Laia	Catalan Agency of Competitiveness
12	Damberg	Elin	ERRIN
13	Davies	Berwyn	Welsh Higher Education Brussels
14	de Jong	Pieter	WaterCampus Leeuwaden
15	De Kinderen	Wim	Brainport Eindhoven
16	Decramer	Ariane	Flux50
17	Dishnica	Viorika	ASTER S. Cons. p. A.
18	Doite	Rodolphe	Region Centre Val de Loire
19	Drazek	Anna	Pomorskie Regional EU Office
20	English	Sarah	Scotland Europa
21	Faber	Pieter	Cities Northern Netherlands
22	Faruga	Katarzyna	Lower Silesia Regional Office in Brussels
23	Fenner	David	Saxony-Anhalt
24	Fessler	Melanie	EU-Representation Office of Carinthia
25	Fontenas	Stéphanie	Centre-Val de Loire Region, Brussels Office
26	Frödin	Melissa	Region Vastra Gotaland
27	Funk	Alexandra	Hanse Office
28	Gomez	Carlos	Aragon
29	Gómez	Nela	Fundación Universitat Jaume I-Empresa
30	Göpfert	Marcus	Stuttgart Region European Office
31	Guaspere	Françoise	Ile-de-France Europe
32	Guizán Roca	Raquel	Galician Innovation Agency (GAIN)
33	Hilger	Martina	Free Hanseatic City of Bremen
34	Hindermann	Philomena	Hanse Office
35	Holte Nielsen	Lars	Central Denmark
36	Hoseth	Randi	Mid-Norway European Office
37	Huertas	Lucía	Region of Murcia
38	Irala	Beatriz	Government of Navarra
39	Irujo Amezaga	Mikel	Navarra
40	Jakobsen	Heidi Krisitna	Stavanger Region European Office
41	Johnsson	Michael	Skåne European Office
42	Karlsson	Bror Martin	Mid Sweden European Office

43	Kortelainen	Petra	Tampere Region EU Office
44	Kroon	Jakob	Skåne European Office
45	Lagundzija	Andrea	Region Västra Götaland
46	Lindholm	Pirita	ERRIN
47	Lunde-Tellefsen	Kristine	South Norway European Office
48	Lutz	Hortense	Auvergne Rhône-Alpes
49	Łyżwińska	Małgorzata	Marshal's Office of Lodzkie Region
50	Martinsson	Elin	ERRIN
51	Marza	Maria Jose	Fundación Comunitat Valenciana-Regió Europea
52	Medel	Marta	CeiA3
53	Merino	Ana	ICE / Castilla y León
54	Merino	Fanny	Catalan Agency of Competitiveness
55	Mudry	Robin	Nouvelle-Aquitaine
56	Mydland	Olav	Stavangerregionens Europakontor
57	Nogueira	Marcos	Irradiare
58	Novackova	Vendula	South Moravian Region
59	Orobitg	Maria	Delegation to the European Union
60	Orozco	Gustavo	Catalan Agency of Competitiveness
61	Pacholska	Magdalena	Turkish Research and Business Organisations
62	Pinna	Valentina	Lombardy Region
63	Räisänen	Sointu	East & North Finland
64	Rodrigues	Bernardo	London's European Office
65	Rossetto	Chiara	Regione del Veneto
66	Ruzanov	Anett	ERRIN
67	Rynningen Bie-Lorentzen	Sjur	Oslo Region European Office
68	Schmiemann	Helen	Hanse Office
69	Sharples	James	Liverpool City Region
70	Skodje	Jorunn	West Norway Office
71	Smit	Arnout	Arnhem Nijmegen City Region
72	Spechtenhauser	Anna	Stuttgart Region European Office
73	Steenhuis	Eelko	Cities Northern Netherlands
74	Strohm	Susanne	Vienna Business Agency
75	Sygletou	Eirini	Region of Crete
76	Topp	Sebastian	Joint Representation of the Free and Hanseatic City of Hamburg and the State of Schleswig-Holstein to the European Union
77	Tranberg	Anna	ERRIN
78	Treinen	Wolfgang	Berlin Partner for Business and Technology GmbH
79	Ujejska	Magdalena	Marshal Office of the Małopolska Region
80	Urbanska	Weronika	University of Wolverhampton
81	Uusivirta	Janne	East & North Finland
82	van de Ven	Anthony	City of Eindhoven
83	Vasankari	Aino	Tampere Region EU Office
84	Vaugeois	Marie	Occitanie Europe

85	Vaughan	Eleanor	Welsh Higher Education Brussels
86	Videau	Antoine	Region Nouvelle-Aquitaine
87	Vio	Teresa	ERRIN
88	Ylimaunu	Konsta	Helsinki EU Office