

First meeting of the European Council

Lions Europa Forum 2015 Augsburg

Minutes:

Friday, 9 October 2015	14:30	Dialog Hall
Chairperson	PID Dr. Manfred Westhoff	MD 111 Germany
IP Delegate	ID Svein Berntsen	MD 104 Norway
Vice chairperson	PID Phil Nathan	MD 105 British Isles & Ireland
Vice chairperson	PDG Petar Malamov	MD 130 Bulgaria
Archivist and consultant	ID Jouko Ruissalo	MD 107 Finland
International director	ID Pierre H. Chatel	MD 105 France
International director	ID George Th. Papas	MD 117 Greece & Cyprus
International director	ID Helmut Marhauer	MD 111 Germany
International director	ID Gabriele Sabatosanti Scarpelli	MD 108 Italy
Auditor	PCC Peter Brandenburg	MD 110 Netherlands
General secretary	PDG Prof. Dr. Klaus Letzgus	MD 111 Germany

Language: Simultaneous interpretation into/from all forum languages

Participants: Representatives of all member countries with one vote each, all Lions with no voting or speaking rights

1. PID Dr. Manfred Westhoff, chairman of the Forum, welcomes all participants and briefly outlines the rules of procedure of the council meeting, especially the standing orders in appendix A of the Rules of Procedure.
2. PID Dr. Manfred Westhoff hands over to general secretary PDG Prof. Dr. Klaus Letzgus to chair the meeting. Prof. Dr. Klaus Letzgus notes that 27 of the 39 members of the Europa Forum with voting rights are present and that the quorum has thus been reached.
3. Speech of the delegate of the international president, ID Svein Berntsen.
4. DG Waltraud Bauer, district governor of the hosting district 111 BS (Bavaria South) welcomes the participants and informs them of the structure, nature and sights of her beautiful district.
5. PID Phil Nathan, chairman of the Europa Forum 2014, asks for the voting members to adopt the minutes of the Europa Forum 2014 held in Birmingham. The minutes are adopted unanimously.
6. Auditor PCC Peter Brandenburg presents the financial reports of the Europa Forum 2014 in Birmingham and proposed their adoption. The financial reports are approved unanimously.
7. PDG Prof. Dr. Letzgus informs the meeting that Zone Chairperson (2006-2011) Grigore Hincu has sent an e-mail to the chairman of the Forum on 28 June 2015 to request that the undistricted Lions Clubs in Moldova are accepted as members to the Europa Forum. Zone Chairperson Vlad Pusca subsequently withdrew this request in an e-mail on the 27 July 2015. PDG Prof. Dr. Letzgus asks whether there are any representatives from Moldova present so that this issue might be clarified. As this is not the case, the secretary declares the matter closed.

8. PID Kenneth Persson explains the motion of MD 101 regarding the addition of appendix 1 of the Rules of Procedure regarding the vice chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee.
9. PID Kalle Elster proposes to hold the Europa Forum 2019 in district D120 Estonia, outlining the facilities and attractions of the city of Tallinn.
10. PDG Petar Malamov, chairman of the Europa Forum 2016 in Sofia explains the motion of D130 Bulgaria regarding the voluntary financial contribution of 0.20 EUR per member according to article VII no. 3 of the Rules of Procedure.
11. A motion has been received from MD 105 British Isles & Ireland concerning the bundling of all rules and regulations regarding the "Young Ambassador" activity in a single document, but this motion was received by the secretary after the deadline in September 2015. PID Phil Nathan explains that this was due to a failure of the postal services and asks whether this item could still be added to the agenda. The motion is adopted unanimously.
12. PDG Prof. Dr. Letzgus reminds the participants of the Council Discussion of the 10 October 2015 at 14:30 o'clock where all items brought up at the first meeting of the European Council will be discussed, as members will vote on the proposals at the second council meeting on 11 October 2015 at 10:45.
13. PID Dr. Westhoff closes the meeting at 15:45 and thanks all present for their contributions.

PDG Prof.Dr. Klaus Letzgus
General secretary of Europa Forum 2015