

Draft Resolution No. 1 submitted by the Long Range Planning Committee Europe to the European Council at the Europa Forum Bordeaux 2024

Subject:

With reference to the Articles 4.2.3.4 and 10.2 of the LEF Manual/Constitution, the Long Range Planning Committee Europe submits hereby a draft Resolution to the European Council to adopt amendments (changes, additions and completions) to the LEF Manual, comprised in the document enclosed herewith.

Explanation:

Since the entering into force of the new LEF Manual (after the adjournment of the Klagenfurt Europa Forum 2023), certain changes, additions and completions have become necessary.

Financial impact:

None

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Proposed changes/amendments to the CONSTITUTION

4.2.2 Supervisory Committee

Its primary objective is to oversee the logistics, administration, any financial matters, and the content of the **concrete** forum **it is responsible for**.

7. Web Portal

To allow the Members and Lions of Europe to receive adequate information, a Web Portal is created under www.lions-europe.eu and under www.lions-europaforum.org ; a sub portal is operated for each EF by the Host Committee.

9.6. Europa Forum is not for profit, therefore any surplus realized by any Europa Forum – above all voluntary contribution – **shall** **must** be donated for a humanitarian project, at the discretion of the organizing ~~Member Country~~ **Host Committee**. The surplus from a Forum using voluntary contribution – up to a maximum of the amount received – shall be transferred back to the central account to be used for future Forums.

Proposed changes/amendments to the By-Laws:

4.2.2 Supervisory Committee

The Supervisory Committee consists of the following members:

- Forum President
- Forum Vice-President
- Forum Treasurer
- Designated ID (who will be the Chairperson of the Committee)
- 2* Host Program Directors (current and forthcoming)
- Advisor and Archivist
- Financial Controller

The Supervisory Committee organizes its work at its own discretion and timetable; however, it shall organize one formal **- in person -** meeting in March/April, **at the Europa Forum venue**. All costs (travel, accommodation, and food) of the Supervisory Committee **members only** will be borne by the Host Committee. Additional participants can be invited as appropriate (i.e., The Thomas Kuti Contest Chair, etc.), at no cost to the Host Committee or the Forum. If any member of the Supervisory Committee considers it necessary, further virtual meetings can be arranged with the Forum President and selected Committee Members. The Supervisory Committee may also decide to conduct meetings at the Forum venue, prior to and after the Forum.

4.2.3 Long-Range Planning Committee Europe (LRPCE)

4.2.3.1 Membership

The LRPCE consists of the following members:

- The most recent Past International President of Europe shall be the Chairperson of the LRPCE, if the chairperson cannot participate at the meeting, the LRPCE shall elect a Vice Chairperson, with the same prerogatives/rights as the Chairperson, from among the committee members present.
- The designated ID for the next year Europa forum.
- The current Second Year International Directors from the Constitutional area IV Europe.
- The immediate Past International Directors from Constitutional area IV Europe.
- First year directors are invited to attend the meeting as non-voting observers without any budgetary implications.
- The representatives of those Lions Euro-Regions that are not represented by the International or Past International Directors (the A&A must ensure that the Lions Euro-Regions choose these representatives before the upcoming Europa Forum). The representatives of those Lions Euro-Groups that are not represented by the International or Past International Directors shall be the most recent English-speaking Past International Directors of the Euro-Groups concerned. Their term will last until a new Second Year Director from their Euro-Group replaces them on the LRPCE. In case there would exceptionally be 2 PIDs from the same Euro-Group having served on the Board the same years, both will be representatives of their Euro-Group on LRPCE until a new PID from the Euro-Group concerned replaces them on the LRPCE.
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- The Europa Forum President and the Europa Forum Vice-President if they are not one of the International Directors, Past International Directors and/or representatives of the Lions Euro-regions Euro-Groups.
- The appointed representatives shall be English-speaking Past International Directors. Their term will last until a new Second Year Director from their area replaces them on the LRPCE.

The voting members of the LRPCE shall be the current Second Year International Directors, the designated ID for the next year Europa Forum, the Immediate Past International Directors, and the representatives of the Lions Euro-Regions Euro-Groups. The Chairperson has a non-voting position; in the event of an equal vote, they have a casting vote.

- The President, Vice-Presidents, and all PIPs of Europe, in a non-voting position ex officio.
- The A&A, as secretary of the LRPCE, in a non-voting position. If the

A&A is a voting member of the LRPCE, they shall have no voting rights.

- The Financial Controller in a non-voting position. If the Financial Controller is a voting member of the LRPCE, they shall have no voting rights.
- The Host Program Director for two successive years, initially as the forthcoming Program Director and then as the Forum Program Director, as a consequence, there would be 2 Program Directors in attendance, both in a non-voting position.

The Lions Euro-Regions considered for the purpose of the LRPCE, based on cultural consideration, are as follows:

- **Region 1:** 101, 104, 106, 107, 109
- **Region 2:** 102, 110, 114
- **Region 3:** 111
- **Region 4:** 103, 112, 113
- **Region 5:** 105, 133
- **Region 6:** 108
- **Region 7:** 115, 116, 117, 118, 128
- **Region 8:** 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 126, 129, 130, 131, 132, + undistracted areas.

The Lions Euro-Groups considered for the purpose of the LRPCE, similarly to the grouping of the ID Rotation Plan, are as follows:

- Euro-Group 1:** 101, 104, 106, 107, 109
- Euro-Group 2:** 102, 110, 114, 105, 133
- Euro-Group 3:** 111
- Euro-Group 4:** 103, 112, 118
- Euro-Group 5:** 108, 115, 116, 117
- Euro-Group 6:** 113, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 126, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 134, 135 + undistricted areas.

- 4.2.3.2 The LRPCE will assume the responsibility of overseeing the Europa Forum program content, under the direction of the appointed ID and A&A. The Program Director designated by the Host Committee for the forthcoming Europa Forum will submit a mid-year report (latest June 30th), which will be overseen by the LRPCE. who The LRPCE will invite comments from the three most recent Europa Forum Program Directors, these comments will be collated to ensure continuity and quality, enabling thus advice, through the LRPCE, to the Program Director.
- 4.2.3.3 The Committee holds one annual meeting during the Europa Forum. The Chairperson may summon additional meetings when required and if appropriate. The costs of this Committee are no burden to the Forum budget. They will be met by the member country of the Committee members when appropriate. The Committee may commission

Taskforces to work on specific topics advancing the execution of its mission.

5.2.3. Financial Controller:

- Handover process: The handing over/taking over should take place latest 1 month after the election of the new **A&A Financial Controller**. All relevant information and updated documents shall be handed over, in particular.....
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9.1 Voluntary contribution may be requested by Host Countries.

9.2 Member countries can be asked by the Europa Forum **(Financial Controller) Archivist @ Advisor** to pay a voluntary contribution of Euro 0,50 – 1,00 annually per each European Lion member as of December 31 of the previous year. The funds shall be collected in a central account designated and managed by the EF Financial Controller and would be used specifically to offset the Registration fee to a maximum of EUR 300,00 for the 1st 1.000 registrants. **Details of this account will be specified in the forementioned request to pay Voluntary Contributions sent by the A&A.**

9.3 The contribution from the European Lions will be requested by the Forum President from the Europa Forum Financial Controller, copying the designated ID, the A&A.

9.4 The contributions will be paid to a central bank account under the authority of the Financial Controller. Details of this account will be delivered to each Member country before the end of December of the year before the Forum.

9.4. Based on the agreed upon financial needs from the Host Committee (Budget), the Forum President can request funds from the Financial Controller until the end of the month of August of the year of the Forum. **This cash-flow subsidy from the Voluntary Contributions may be requested by those Host Committees only whose MD/SD previously made a Voluntary Contribution to the Central Account.** The A&A needs to approve the amount to be transferred. Any increased requirements thereafter must be approved by the Supervisory Committee.

9.5 Unused amounts will remain on the central bank account for potential use in future Forums.

9.6 By the end of March following the Forum, the Forum President and Treasurer will prepare the final issue of the Forum's financial report, including the contributions, social events, as well as all other income and expenditure.

9.7 The Forum accounts and the financial report must be audited by a local certified accountant, and the Report thereof will be sent to the Financial Controller for review **and to be presented afterwards** to the European Council at the following Forum.

9.8 In the event of uncertainty or lack of clarity with host country accounts submitted to the Europa Forum Financial Controller, the Financial Controller shall request LRPCE enlist the support of Lions Clubs International to implement an investigation, if appropriate.

9.9 It is mandatory that the surplus from a Forum using voluntary contribution – up to the maximum amount received – **shall** be transferred back to the central account. Any further surplus must be given to a European humanitarian project according to the **(Council's) Host Committee's** decision.

Proposals/amendments to Appendix B:

The previous year	December 31st	The A&A to contact the MDs of the Scandinavian countries asking them to renounce of the simultaneous translation in a Scandinavian language at sessions where it would otherwise be required.
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The previous year	December 31st	The Program Director shall request the Member Countries in writing to submit their requests/input (sessions, etc) to the forthcoming EF program until end of February latest.
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Forum Year	February 28th	All proposals for Workshops and Presentations during the EF have to be submitted to the Program Director by the end of February for review and consideration by the Supervisory Committee.
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Forum year	July 31st	The final agendas for all the meetings at the Forum (compiled on the basis of the decisions taken at the February March/April meeting of the Supervisory Committee and completed with additional proposals to the Council) shall be published by this date
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Proposals/amendments to APPENDIX C-1:

1.1. Welcome – Get Together

1.5-hour max. One drink, no food, included in the registration fee, max one short speech, to be held in connection with the Opening Ceremony. The idea is to give the participants a

chance to get to know the locality and to socialize. Hereby give the local Lions a chance to promote the local area. **Hosting** **Host** Committee to arrange advertising and a discount encouragement for **visiting European Lions.** **European Lions participating at the Forum.**
