



**Minutes of the European Regional Division Committee meeting,
Tuesday 9th January 2024, online**

Present:

EURDC Members:

Ertuğrul Çimen, Chair
Marcie Hopkins, Vice-Chair
Kateryna Aleksieienko
Steen Bording Andersen
Dagnija Baltaņa
Nick Boxem
Giorgios Glossiotis
Ágnes Hajdu Barát
Catharina Isberg
Hella Klauser
Julia Konopka-Żołnierczuk
Pavel Kuzmin
Stefano Parise
Mojca Rupar Korošec
Pascal Sanz
Alicia Sellés Carot
Maia Simonishvili

Guests:

Stephen Wyber (IFLA HQ)

Apologies:

Almuth Gastinger
Jasmina Ninkov
Antti Sauli

1. Welcome and Chair's Update
2. Approval of the previous meeting minutes
3. Regional Council Meeting Update
4. IFLA CPDWL cooperation meeting report
5. EURDC 2024 mid-term meeting discussion
6. Action Plan updates
 - 1) Demonstrating the impact of library advocacy initiatives
 - 2) Cooperation with European library partners
 - 3) Evaluation of needs for library professional development
 - 4) Democracy and European libraries

7. AOB

1. Welcome and Chair's Update

Ertuğrul Çimen (EC) welcomed EURDC members to the fourth meeting of the Europe Regional Division Committee for years 2023-2025.

2. Approval of the previous meeting minutes

EC asked if anyone has comments to the last two meeting's minutes sent by Julia Konopka-Żołnierczuk (JKZ). No corrections or comments were made to the minutes.

3. Regional Council Meeting Update

EC informed about the Regional Council in-person meeting which has been held in The Hague in December 2023. The main items of the meeting were collaboration, partnership, and emerging leaders. The other topics concerned the WLIC in 2025, getting new members and action plans of all RD. Hella Klauser asked (HK) whether all IFLA official documents will be translated to all IFLA's official languages. EC confirmed. Nick Boxem (NB) asked about their translation to Hindi. EC replied that IFLA wants to review its language policy.

EC also informed about the online meeting concerning the communication of all regional divisions. This was also attended by JKZ. It was agreed that each region should use all communication tools responsibly, according to the needs of each region.

4. IFLA CPDWL cooperation meeting report

EC informed that CPDWL approached EURDC about possible cooperation and invited for a meeting online. EC said that he has asked HK to represent the EURDC with him. The meeting has been held on January 3 and Giorgios Glossiotis (GG) stepped in for HK. The main items of the meeting were possible ways of future collaboration.

On January 24 CPDWL will organize a webinar "Employers and Employees: Key Players in Continuing Professional Development". One of the speakers will be Catharina Isberg (CI). NEXT CPDWL webinars will be held in March and August.

Marcie Hopkins (MH) informed about the vice-chairs' meeting which was held online to discuss a framework for evaluating the work of regional division committees. An evaluation has to be undertaken once every 5 years, and an EURDC evaluation is not due before 2026. The group will work on a consistent framework across all RDCs. MH asked everyone to think on information and topics that need to be taken into consideration while working on this.

5. EURDC 2024 mid-term meeting discussion

EC informed that based on the information gathered among committee's members before this meeting two ideas for the mid-term in person meeting seem to be most popular:

- 1) on July 1-2, before LIBER meeting in Cyprus, in cooperation with MENA RDC,
- 2) in October in Barcelona, at the same time as other IFLA groups.

He also informed that, according to IFLA guidelines, no meetings should be held during the Presidential Meeting (i.e. September 29-October 2) and 2 weeks before and after it.

A discussion has been held. EC stressed that he will check the possibility of a joint meeting with MENA RDC chair. The committee's decision will be subject to this reply.

6. Action Plan updates

a) Demonstrating the impact of library advocacy initiatives

Pascal Sanz (PS) informed that the group's first meeting is yet to be held. The group has received from MLAS their documentation on library advocacy evaluation which will be the base for future works.

b) Cooperation with European library partners

HK informed that the group's first meeting will be held on January 12. The plan for the meeting is to agree on most important items and choosing European partners to work with. It was agreed that this group should focus on the cooperation outside IFLA rather than within IFLA.

c) Evaluation of needs for library professional development

Maia Simonishvili (MS) informed that she is working on several surveys. A concern was raised whether any amendments should be made to the topic of this action, seeing that no other committee member than MS seems to be willing to contribute to it. EC stressed that he, MH and JKZ can help MS in organising this group's work.

d) Democracy and European libraries

EC informed that the group's first meeting is yet to be held. Group will focus on democracy, advocacy and intellectual freedom in libraries.

7. Any Other Business

No AOB have been raised.

EC thanked everyone for their attendance.