3rd LIVE EC MEETING

6-7 August/ Batumi, Georgia

Present: Kiki, Fatima, Sophia, Panina, Niki, Ozge, Sopho
Excused: /

Moderation: Niki, Fatima
Minutes: Kiki, Niki
To-Do Extraction: Fatima

0. Presentation of the agenda, expectations, personal updates and Sophia's involvement in the EC

EC members go through the agenda and express their expectations for the meeting. EC members are giving personal updates.

0.1. Sophia's involvement in the EC

EC discusses Sophia's involvement in the EC in previous months. For few months Sophia went missing without notifying the rest of the EC and wasn't involved in daily EC life or organising and conducting activities. Sophia wrote and email to the EC approaching her progress on tasks and responsibilities from the beginning of the mandate prior to the live ECM. Sophia is stating that she had personal reasons for being inactive in the EC and that she will do her best to be more active but can't promise. The rest of the EC evaluates which activities and processes suffered due to Sophia's disappearing.

decision: Sophia and the rest of the EC make a mutual decision that Sophia:
- will be fully involved in organising and conducting Green Ukraine activity
- will make a strategy and work on revitalization of the RUMB WG
- will be present in daily EC life and will notify the rest of the EC if she is about to be absent for more than 5 days.

In case if Sophia goes missing again, EC will proceed with co-opting a new member to the EC.

1. Current activities
1.1. "Urban steps for resilient future"

EC evaluates second phase of the project after all 4 of the regional trainings are conducted. EC discusses each of four trainings separately (Albania, Belarus, Serbia, Georgia) and points out lessons learnt.

1.1. Albania RT
Prep team did great job, content was good and nice ideas for local actions were developed. Lesson learnt is to rethink the ways we are promoting the call for participants and to make sure that the local prep team understands its role and responsibilities fully.

1.2. Belarus RT
Prep team was inexperienced but did really good job, there was lack of participants applications coming from MOs. There was no EC member present and the Secretariat representative did not speak the language of the training (Russian) which is the practice we should avoid. Coordination Team was supporting the regional prep team.

1.3. Serbia RT
Some participants cancelled in the last minute. Local prep team in the end consisted of only one person. Overall the activity was good. Lesson learnt it that in activities where the Office member doesn't know the local language, it is good to have EC member who knows it.

1.4. Georgia RT
Participants were really good. Minor problem was that the local prep team didn't get the chance to go and see the venue (in another city) prior to event.

1.2. Green Politics Training

Prep team had a meeting in July in Belgrade. Ozge updates the EC on how the preparation of the GPT go. EC decides on the venue. The training will take place in Sremski Karlovci, Serbia.

1.3. Study visit to Montenegro

Ozge and Niki went to Montenegro for a Study visit in May. They've visited 13 organisations and are still working on report. Plan is to invite people from these organisations to Green Politics training.

1.4. Study visit to Albania

Sopho and Kiki went to Albania for a Study visit in June. It was a one day SV and they've visited several organisations and are still working on report.
1.5. Study visit to Ukraine

Sopho and Sophia did study visit in Ukraine in July. Due to lack of capacities the preparation of the SV was not good and they've visited only few organisations. However, it was useful for getting a more comprehensive insight on the state of civil society.

2. Upcoming activities

2.1. Study Session "Glass Ceiling Is Not Your Limit"

SS is organised together with FYEG. Ozge coordinates the team, Kiki is in the prep team on behalf of the EC. Kiki gives update on the selection of the prep team members and first live prep team meeting that will happened in the beginning of September.

2.2. "Green Ukraine"

EC chooses the prep team for the event and discusses expectations and fears as well as the importance of this event for revitalizing the RUMB WG.

2.3. GA 2019

EC and Secretariat note down all the dates when the calls for the GA should be put online according to the IRPs.

2.4. Future project application

2.4.1. 1st of Oct deadline
EC discusses ideas for the upcoming deadline for applying for EYF’s grants.
EC decides to support digital [x] WG in re-applying for the Annual Work Plan and gives ideas on what could be improved in the application. Panina and Kiki communicate with teh WG and Sopho helps from the Secretariat side.
EC decides to apply for Study session on female empowerment. Provisional idea for aims and objectives of the project is set.


Team that works on writing new Strategy plan (Sopho, Panina, Niki, Fatima) presents the progress to the rest
of the EC. Overall skeleton of the new Strategy plan is made. The team will continue on developing it and send it to MOs and POs in November for feedback. After that, the team will continue with polishing the Plan for the GA where it will be voted on.

4. Regional cooperation and MOs

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5. Working groups

Each EC member gives evaluation of the work of the WG they are responsible for coordination.

5.1. Alternative urbanisation
Most of the members are focused on the "Urban steps for resilient future" project as they are part of the Coordination Team. WG will meet in Prague in September to evaluate the meeting and discuss the future activities.

5.2. digital [x]
Members are mostly focused on developing project idea for the Annual Work Plan they are re-applying for.

5.3. RUMB
Currently not active. Sophia is developing strategy.

5.4. Migration
Currently not active. Panina will reach people for the event on migration in September.

5.5. Gender
Currently not active, but people are gathered around fb group. Kiki will work on revitalizing the WG after the Study session in Budapest.

5.6. Green Education Initiative
Fatima will develop strategy for the WG.

6. External partners

Sophia has withdrawn from the position of contact person for FYEG.

7. Social Media, Communication and Visibility:

We plan to have summer edition of the newsletter published in September. Niki will prepare the report from the second phase of the Annual Work Plan.
8. Any other business

8.1. Sopho's contract

EC decides to prolong Sopho's contract for 2019 as well.