

Management Board Membership

Introduction

The Articles of the Association state that EuroGeographics should have a Management Board comprising a President and a minimum of six members, who will be representatives of Full Members. The three countries whose subscription fees are individually the largest for the coming year, have a permanent seat on the Management Board. The others are elected at a General Assembly by secret ballot for a two year, renewable, term. The full Articles of Association are available [here](#).

The Management Board has agreed to a Board of nine in total.

Current Management Board Members

The following table shows the status of the **Current members of the Management Board as of 04 September 2020**

Role	Name	Elected	Term concludes	GA 2020 re-election?	Comment
Elected Members					
President	Colin Bray	Oct-19	Oct-21		
Vice-President	Kristian Moeller	Oct-18	Oct-20	Y	
Treasurer	Martin Salzmann	Oct-18	Oct-20	Y	
	Andreas Hadjiraftis	Oct-18	Oct-20	Y	
	Amalia Velasco	Oct-19	Oct-21		
	Sanja Zekusic	Oct-19	Oct-21		
Permanent Members					
Germany	Martin Lenk	Oct-18	Oct-20		Pier-Giorgio Zaccheddu from Oct 2020
France	Magali Stoll	Jun-20	Oct-20		Temporary replacement for Sylvain Latarget
Great Britain	Kenny Crawford	Jan-20	Dec-21		

Three members of the current Management Board come to the end of their two-year term in October 2020.

2020 General Assembly

The 2020 General Assembly was due to be hosted by the Federal Administration for Geodetic and Real Property Affairs in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and ongoing travel restrictions and continuing social distancing measures, it is not practical to hold a physical event in October. Therefore, the 2020 General Assembly will be held online and the face-to-face General Assembly in Sarajevo will be postponed until the spring 2021, and is to be held from the 16-18th May.

It is not possible to hold a secure on-line secret vote, or to conduct a postal ballot in secret. EuroGeographics does not have the resources to allow this to be done securely. Therefore, elections of Management Board members are not possible this year.

Therefore, either the terms of three of the Board members must be extended, or the Management Board will reduce to the minimum allowed by the Articles from October this year.

Future General Assemblies

Since its move to Brussels in 2012, EuroGeographics has conducted an Extraordinary General Assembly in Spring each year in order to agree the Accounts and Financial statements of the previous year, conducting its ordinary General Assembly in October each year. Following a change in the Belgian Law for not-for-profit organisations, to be implemented by 2023, EuroGeographics will be required to conduct a General Assembly before June 30th each year, and will therefore have to realign its annual General Assemblies to the Spring, rather than the Autumn as done previously. It is planned to make the change of this year's General Assembly to May next year a permanent one, and to conduct only one General Assembly each year in the Spring, and before the June 30th deadline, from 2021 onwards. This will have the added advantage of reducing costs of having to conduct two General Assemblies each year.

No change to the Articles of Association are required in order to implement this move.

As a consequence of such a move, it will be necessary to realign the two-year terms of all the Management Board members, in order to avoid a similar situation arising in October next year. Therefore, the General Assembly is asked to extend the term of the current Management Board members by 7 months, in order that:

- The three members whose current term are due to expire in October can continue until elections for renewal or replacement take place at the 2021 General Assembly in Sarajevo, planned for the 18 May 2021; and
- The terms of the remaining members of the Management Board, and President, align with the planned rescheduled General Assemblies in future.

Resolution to be voted on

Members can vote (remotely) on a resolution to extend all MB members to align with new General Assembly timing, which would allow for a shift from October 2021 to May 2022 as well. Members will therefore be asked to vote on this proposal during October. The following is the proposed resolution to be adopted, and on which the vote will be conducted:

The General Assembly approves the extension to Management Board member terms by up to 8 months in order to allow a secret ballot to take place according to the Article of Association during future rescheduled General Assemblies, which must take place before June 30th each year.

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