



Report of the ExCo

Decision of the Steering Committee during its XII meeting in Bratislava, December 2010

Election of the members:

Alvina Avagyan (Armenia)

Merja Veteläinen (Finland)

Silvia Strajeru (Romania)

Fernando Latorre (Spain)

Gert Kleijer (Switzerland)

Lorenzo Maggioni (ECPGR Secretariat – *ex officio*)

First meeting ExCo December 12 Bratislava



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Activities 2011:

- Finalization of the document Objectives ECPGR
- Terms of Reference for the ExCo
- Letter to the countries with outstanding contributions (13)
- Chairing preparatory meeting Plant Gene Access proposal
Maccarese (ExCo chair)
- Regular contacts with the Secretariat
- Regular contacts amongst the ExCo members
- 2nd meeting of the ExCo (Options paper)

- Silvia Strajeru has been replaced by Zofia Bulinska-Radomska
Poland



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Activities 2012:

Jens Weibull was elected by the Steering Committee to replace Merja Veteläinen

New composition ExCo:

Alvina Avagyan, Armenia

Zofia Bulińska, Poland

Gert Kleijer, Switzerland

Fernando Latorre, Spain

Jens Weibull, Sweden

Lorenzo Maggioni, ECPGR Secretariat (*ex officio*)



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Activities 2012 (1):

- Finalization of the ECPGR Rules of Procedures
- Finalization of the ECPGR Operational Structure (Task Force and ECPGR Secretariat)
- Finalisation of the document on ECPGR's Legal Status (Gerald Moore)
- Terms of Reference for the Executive Secretary/Director
- August: ExCo Chair and Secretariat for the preparation of the tender hosting ECPGR Secretariat
- Evaluation of the bids of the Tender for hosting the ECPGR Secretariat and EURISCO (November)



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Activities 2012 (2):

- Regular contacts with the Secretariat
- Regular contacts amongst the ExCo members
- 3rd meeting of the ExCo Maccaresse (preparation of the 13 SC meeting December 4-7 Vienna)
- 4th meeting of the ExCo Vienna (preparation of the 13 SC meeting December 4-7 Vienna)



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Comments and recommendations (1)

- ExCo brings effectiveness to relationship between SC and the Secretariat and especially brings flexibility with accountability and facilitates decision making process
- ExCo tasks are relatively demanding (estimate of 10 % staff time for the Chair and 5 % for other members)
- Specific (small) budget for the ExCo chair in relation to representation and contacts with EU and others
- Distant communication is effective, but need for occasional face to face meetings should be taken into account in the budget



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Comments and recommendations (2)

- Rotation mechanism and geographic representation has worked smoothly in the first two years
- Recommend to continue with ExCo as an effective operational body of ECPGR