

Draft Minutes of the ELI Council Meeting 15 September 2021, Remote

Present:

Chair: Pichonnaz, Pascal (ELI President)

Council Members

Anagnostopoulou, Despoina (morning and afternoon session)

Anderson, Ross (morning and afternoon session, proxy for Scherpe, Jens until 10:45 (CET))

Augenhofer, Susanne (morning and afternoon session, proxy for Bechaalany, Sarah until 10:45)

Bachmaier Winter, Lorena (morning and afternoon session)

Bagińska, Ewa (morning and afternoon session)

Baçoğlu, Başak (morning and afternoon session)

Bechaalany, Sarah (afternoon session)

Bray, Robert (morning and afternoon session)

Busch, Christoph (morning and afternoon session)

Calderai, Valentina (morning and afternoon session)

Craig QC (Hon), Paul (morning and afternoon session)

Dollani, Nada (morning and afternoon session, proxy for Povlakic, Meliha until 10:45 CET)

Fauvarque-Cosson, Bénédicte (morning session)

Forschner, Julius (morning and afternoon session)

Fountoulakis, Christiana (morning session)

Gimeno-Ribes, Miguel (morning and afternoon session)

Grasso, Gianluca (morning and afternoon session)

Guercio, Laura (morning and afternoon session)

Howells, Geraint (morning and afternoon session)

Jiménez Muñoz, Francisco Javier (morning and afternoon session)

Koch, Bernhard (morning and afternoon session)

Kramer, Xandra (morning and afternoon session)

Lehmann, Matthias (morning session)

Machnikowski, Piotr (morning and afternoon session)

Malberti, Corrado (morning and afternoon session)

Maugeri, Maria Rosaria (morning and afternoon session)

Neumayr, Matthias (morning and afternoon session)

Patti, Francesco Paolo (morning and afternoon session)

Pocar, Fausto (morning and afternoon session)

Pozzo, Barbara (morning and afternoon session)

Pretelli, Ilaria (morning and afternoon session)

Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell, Teresa (morning and afternoon session)

Santos Silva, Marta (morning and afternoon session)

Schroeter, Ulrich (morning session)

Shirvindt, Andrey (morning session)

Szabados, Tamás (morning and afternoon session)

Tot, Ivan (morning and afternoon session)

Tremosa, François (morning and afternoon session)

Tuori, Kaius (morning session)

Twigg-Flesner, Christian (morning and afternoon session)

Vos, Sir Geoffrey (morning session)

Wiewiorowska-Domagalska, Aneta (morning and afternoon session)

Zalar, Aleš (morning and afternoon session)

Ex-Officio Council Members

Lord Thomas, John (morning and afternoon session)

Pichonnaz, Pascal (morning and afternoon session)

Sirena, Pietro (morning and afternoon session)

Senate Member

Zimmermann, Reinhard (morning and afternoon session)

Members of the Secretariat

Dudek, Tomasz (keeper of the minutes)

Fačková, Zuzana

Kolman, Katja

Wilcox, Vanessa

The meeting commenced at 09:00 CET.

I. Opening and Welcome

- (1) Pichonnaz welcomed those present, in particular the newly elected Council members, and emphasised that elections for half of the members of the ELI Council every two years (ie for 28 new members out of 56) ensures a balance between continuity and change.
- (2) He explained that this first meeting of the Council in its new formation aimed, among other things, at electing three innominate members of the Executive Committee who will join the four nominate members that were already elected in February 2021, ie ELI President Pascal Pichonnaz, First Vice-President Lord John Thomas, Second Vice-President Anne Birgitte Gammeljord and Treasurer Pietro Sirena.

II. Approval of the Agenda

- (3) **The agenda was approved.**

III. Mandate for ELI to apply for annual grants within the 2022–2025 EU Framework Partnership Agreement

- (4) Pichonnaz informed those present that ELI has successfully applied for the 2022–2025 Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) with the European Commission. The application received the highest scores ELI has been awarded to date. The agreement, which has already been signed, is ELI's third. It allows ELI to apply for an Operating Grant each year. Pichonnaz asked the Council to give the Executive a mandate to apply for annual Operating Grants in the successive years of the current FPA.
- (5) **The Council unanimously gave the mandate.**

IV. Appointment of Members of the Membership Committee and of the Fundraising Committee

- (6) Pichonnaz described the importance of both Committees and their work. Several members indicated their preparedness to join/renew their memberships in the Committees. Pichonnaz said that other members of the Council could still contact the Secretariat and indicate their willingness to join either of the Committees. Once established, members of each Committee would elect their respective chairs.
- (7) Lord Thomas added that ELI's financial situation is stable thanks to the work of the former Treasurer, Denis Philippe, as well as to savings resulting from the pandemic. He nonetheless emphasised the need for productive fundraising activities.

V. Final Call for and Presentation of Candidates for the Three Innominate Member Positions within the ELI Executive Committee

- (8) Reinhard Zimmermann, Returning Officer, congratulated the newly elected ELI Council members and explained that the Council had to elect three innominate members to join the continuing

members of the ELI Executive Committee. He added that four Council members had put their names forward, Bénédicte Fauvarque-Cosson, Ilaria Pretelli, Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell and Aneta Wiewiórska-Domagalska, and asked whether anyone else wished to do the same or to nominate someone else.

- (9) **No further nominations were received.**
- (10) Zimmermann invited the above candidates to present themselves briefly, which they did.
- (11) In responding to a point raised by Bray, Zimmermann reminded those present that he had informed the entire membership on 8 September 2021 that candidates had until the current Council meeting to put their names or those of others forward.
- (12) Pichonnaz explained that voting would take place over the Polyas platform from 11:00 to 14:30 CET. He encouraged any Council members that did not receive their ballots by 11:15 CET to get in touch with the ELI Secretariat

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 CET

The meeting resumed at 16:00 CET

VI. Announcement of the Elections Results

- (13) Pichonnaz thanked everyone for joining the afternoon session. He passed the floor to Zimmermann who began with a statement readdressing the point made by Bray at the morning session and confirmed that the procedure followed was perfectly correct.
- (14) Zimmermann went on to announce the results of the elections. 62 individuals were eligible to vote, 52 ballots were received, all of which were valid. The following candidates were therefore elected: **Teresa Rodríguez de las Heras Ballell (44 votes), Bénédicte Fauvarque-Cosson (40 votes) and Aneta Wiewiórska-Domagalska (32 votes).** Zimmermann congratulated them and wished them well. He encouraged Pretelli to continue contributing to the work of ELI and to stand again at the next elections.
- (15) Pichonnaz thanked Zimmermann and congratulated the three candidates that had been elected, adding that he was looking forward to working with them. He joined Zimmermann in thanking Pretelli for running in the elections and hoped to be able to continue benefiting from her competences in the Council.
- (16) Looking ahead, Pichonnaz stressed the importance of open and direct discussions in the Council, the next meeting of which would take place on 1 December. Having explained that Council members would receive the relevant documents in advance, Pichonnaz urged Council members to read the latter in preparation of discussions. He added that the following meeting, in February 2022, would hopefully be a physical one in Vienna. In the meantime, the Executive Committee would, inter alia, hold a meeting after the current Council meeting, and one on 17 September 2021.

- (17) Pichonnaz thanked the Secretariat Team, emphasising that they had the entire weight of the Annual Conference and ELI bodies meetings, among other tasks, on their shoulders and had executed these well.

The Council meeting ended at 16:25 CET.