



Minutes WFTO-Europe Board meeting 19 September 2018, 10:00-11:30, Skype

Present: Juanjo Martinez (President), Estelle Vanwambeke, Giorgio Dal Fiume, (Secretary), Stephanie Brookes (Treasurer), Stefan Nijssen and Francesca Giubilo (Coordinator).

Excused: Emilie Durochat (on maternity leave), Gabriella D'Amico.

AGENDA
1. Approval of minutes (06-07-2018)
2. Stefan's resignation and feedback on the Board
3. Brainstorming on the Board composition
4. Agenda next physical Board meeting in Madrid
5. AOB

1. Approval minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Stefan's resignation

Stefan confirmed his decision to step down from the role of WFTO-Europe Board member. As previously mentioned in an email addressed to all the Board members, he will end soon his work as President of Fairforward. Due to several raisons he decided to accept a new working opportunity in another organisation. And he will not represent anymore Fairforward in the Board. His resignation was accepted by the rest of the Board who thanked a lot Stefan for all his commitment over the past year and wished him all the best for his new professional adventure.

The Board also this opportunity to collect feedback from Stefan regarding the past months and his role as Board members. After a very interesting discussions, some points were raised up and also supported by all the other Board members:

- A Board member should be strongly backed by the organisation he/she represents. This also led the discussions on the importance of having members engaged on the network.
- A Board member should be committed to attend the 3 physical meetings, since this is the main opportunity for them to strengthen their relationship and work better together.

3. Brainstorming on the Board composition

Considering Stefan's resignation and Emilie maternity leave until January the Board had a first brainstorming on what to do next, whether to immediately open a call to co-opt a new Board member or not. All board members shared their opinion on it and it was agreed that at least until January (Emilie's return) there will not be a new call. IN the meantime they agreed to start thinking about possible candidates and to have an exchange of views during the physical meeting in Madrid.

4. Agenda next Board meeting in Madrid

Based on the above discussion, the Board will dedicate 10 minutes to exchange views on possible new Board candidates and to assess the actual role of the Board members (workload against availability)

5. AOB

None

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