



FAIC GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020
Online - November 16th, 2020

The General Assembly online meeting of Forum of Adriatic and Ionian Cities (FAIC) was held on the November 16th at 11.00 am. The following Agenda was proposed for discussion and/or decision:

- 1) Approval of the Agenda;
- 2) Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting (Split, October 17th, 2018);
- 3) Approval of the Final Balance 2018;
- 4) Approval of Final Balance 2019;
- 5) Approval of the Budget Plan 2020 and Budget Plan 2021;
- 6) Renewal of the official positions of FAIC 2020-2022 Institutions Bodies: Election of Presidency, Vice – Presidency and Executive Board Members;
- 7) Postponement of the appointment of the Auditors and information on the extraordinary FAIC Assembly to be convened for the statutory changes;
- 8) - Report on FAIC activities carried out and 2021 programmatic lines
- 9) Any other business.

Present:

1. City of Ancona: Ida Simonella
2. City of Vasto: Francesco Menna Anna Bosco
3. City of Fano: Massimo Seri e Davide Frulla
4. City of Pescara: Lugi Arbore Mascia
5. City of Pesaro: Matteo Ricci
6. City di Bari:
7. City of Split: Nikola Aleksic
8. City of Kotor: Aleksandra Milic
9. City of Budva: Iva Bajkovic
10. City of Igouminitsa: Telis Karapiperis
11. City of Koper: Mario Steffè
12. City of Durazzo: Floreta Kertusha
13. City of Mostar: Amela Sjekirica
14. City of Zara: Anita Grzan-Martinovic
15. City of Dubrovnik: Zrinka
16. City of Ploce: Danjel Stula
17. City of Senigallia: Veronica Mattiello
18. City of Bar: Marija Markoc
19. City of Patras:
20. City of Rijeka: Jana Sertic
21. City of Skhrodra:



Other presents: Sanja Vukorep of the City of Ancona, Alice Silvestroni and Dr. Liviana Cervasi, Dott. Riganello

The vote took place through the chat: FAV - indicates favorable vote; CON - indicates a vote against; AST- indicates abstention from voting.

The President of the FAIC, the Mayor Menna from the City of Vasto, opened the session, thanked and greeted everyone with great affection, a special thanks to the Vice President of the City of Mostar and to the General Secretariat. He wished the new President and Vice President a good job and made himself available for any future collaboration.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The President of Faic Menna declared the opening of the works and then passed the floor to the Secretary General Ida Simonella for the approval of the agenda and the moderation of the Assembly. The Secretary General thanked the Mayor Menna and all the participants for their presence. The Secretary General opened the working session, asking to approve the Assembly Agenda.

The General Assembly unanimously approved it.

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting (Split, October 17th,2018)

The General Secretary Ms. Ida Simonella, having taken into account that the minute of the general Assembly meeting held on October 17th 2018 has already been previously sent to the members, having acknowledged that there have been no requests for modification and/or integration, proposed its approval.

The General Assembly unanimously approved it.

3. Approval of the Final Balance 2018

Before the approval of the Final Balance 2018, the Secretary General recalled the reasons why this moment was postponed. A General Assembly was scheduled for April 2020 to celebrate the twenty years of the important Charter of Ancona, but due to the pandemic the Assembly was postponed to November 2020.

The Secretary presented to the Assembly, on behalf of the Executive Board, the 2018 Final Budget, drew up according to the "cash" logic and following a prudential perspective. The Final Balance resulted more substantial than in previous years, but fully consistent as demonstrated in the report.

Resolution no. 1 of the General Assembly of November 16, 2020

The General Assembly after having taken note of the Final Balance 2018, proposed by the Executive Board, unanimously expressed its approval.



4. Approval of the Final Balance 2019

On behalf of the Executive Board, the Secretary also presented the Final Budget 2019 to the Assembly.

Resolution no. 2 of the General Assembly of November 16, 2020

The General Assembly after having taken note of the 2019 Final Budget, proposed by the Executive Board, unanimously expresses its approval.

5. Approval of the Budget Plan 2020 and Budget Plan 2021

On behalf of the Executive Board, the Secretary General Ida Simonella illustrated, the Budget Plan 2020 and the Budget Plan 2021, that included the resources available in part by the AINURECC project and in part by the agreement between the Region Marche and in collaboration with Forum AIC and UNIADRION which plans to use FORAs to implement part of the EUSAIR strategy by working on an online platform created by Marche Region.

The Preliminary Final Budget 2020 was also included in the Budget Plan 2021 with the expected incomes and expenses until the end of the year.

Resolution no. 3 of the General Assembly of November 16, 2020

The General Assembly after having acknowledged the 2020 Budget and the 2021 Budget, proposed by the Executive Board, unanimously expressed its approval.

6. Renewal of the official positions of FAIC 2020-2022 Institutions Bodies: Election of Presidency, Vice – Presidency and Executive Board Members

First at all, the Secretary General thanked the Cities, such as Fano, Pescara, Durres, Igoumenitsa, Koper, Mostar and Split, who had made themselves available to carry out recalling to the cities that have not yet paid the membership fees.

After noting that the candidacies of 15 cities, the exact number of cities required by the Statute for the Executive Board, had been received within time, on behalf of the Executive Board, proposed the following candidates: for Albania: Durres; for Bosnia Herzegovina: Mostar; for Croatia: Dubrovnik, Split, Zadar, Ploce; for Greece: Igoumenitsa; for Italy: Ancona, Fano, Pescara, Vasto; for Montenegro: Bar, Budva, Kotor; for Slovenia: Koper.

As regards the candidacy for the role of President and Vice-President of the Forum, the Secretary General Ida Simonella recalled the practice according to which the current Vice President (City of Mostar) takes over as President while, in the name of the principle of alternation between the two side of the see, a city on the opposite side is invited to fill the role of Vice President. However, the City of Mostar was unable to accept the candidacy, therefore the Secretary general proposed the only City that expressed the desire to become President, the City of Igoumenitsa.

The Vice-Presidency, according to the two-sided principle, awaited an Italian City. The Cities of Pescara, Fano and Budva are candidates, but the Executive Board proposed Fano as Vice President.

Resolution no. 4 of the General Assembly of November 16, 2020



The Assembly of Members unanimously approves the proposal of the Executive Board regarding the composition of the new executive Board for the two-year period 2020 – 2022, which is therefore composed as follows: Albania: Durres; Bosnia Herzegovina: Mostar; Croatia: Dubrovnik, Split, Zadar, Ploce; Greece: Igoumenitsa Italy: Ancona, Fano, Pescara, Vasto; Montenegro: Bar, Budva, Kotor; Slovenia: Koper.

The Assembly of Members appoints the City of Igoumenitsa in the role of President and the City of Fano in the role of Vice President.

7. Postponement of the appointment of the Auditors and information on the extraordinary FAIC Assembly to be convened for the statutory changes

On behalf of the Executive Board, the Secretary General Ida Simonella proposed to the Assembly the extension of the charges of current Auditors and the postponement of the appointment of the Board of Auditors until the statute will be amended. The proposed changes will concern the reduction of the number of Auditors from three to one and the provision of remuneration for working activity.

Resolution no. 5 of the Assembly of November 16, 2020

The General Assembly, after having acknowledged the aforementioned proposal of the Executive Board, approved unanimously the extension of the current auditors and the postponement of the appointment of the Board of Auditors until the statute changes.

8. Report on FAIC activities carried out and 2021 programmatic lines

On behalf of the Executive Board, The Secretary General Ida Simonella, briefly illustrated the activities carried out so far by the FAIC and outlined the following strategic lines for the two-year period 2020 - 2022:

- Celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Charter of Ancona;
- Enlarge the network of the FAIC cities favouring the adhesion of both coastal and inland cities of the Adriatic Ionian Region, members of the EUSAIR;
- Strengthen the elements of recognition of the FAIC actions in all member cities (by launching specific initiatives and supporting events that are consistent with the objectives and the purposes of the Association);
- Strengthen the cooperation with the key implementers of the EUSAIR (All, EU etc.); national and regional authorities, those responsible for the strategy and management of EU funds, EU institutions, regional bodies and organizations;
- Create additional synergies with other FORA of the Civil Society of the Adriatic – Ionian Area;
- Become a reference point for identifying priorities regarding the INTERREG Programmes in the upcoming programming period - The FORA Position paper;
- Launch specific initiatives having as target Youth and Sport, the activity that has been



- pursued by FAIC in the last few years (YOUTH GAMES, ANIMUS);
- Increase the EU Project planning activities and develop the capacity building services.

The aforementioned policy guidelines have been fully set out in the document attached to the material provided for the meeting.

Resolution no. 6 of the General Assembly of November 16, 2020

The General Assembly unanimously approved the following strategic lines for the period 2020-2022:

- *Celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the Charter of Ancona;*
- *Enlarge the network of the FAIC cities favouring the adhesion of both coastal and inland cities of the Adriatic Ionian Region, members of the EUSAIR;*
- *Strengthen the elements of recognition of the FAIC actions in all member cities (by launching specific initiatives and supporting events that are consistent with the objectives and the purposes of the Association);*
- *Strengthen the cooperation with the key implementers of the EUSAIR (All, EU etc.); national and regional authorities, those responsible for the strategy and management of EU funds, EU institutions, regional bodies and organizations;*
- *Create additional synergies with other FORA of the Civil Society of the Adriatic – Ionian Area;*
- *Become a reference point for identifying priorities regarding the INTERREG Programmes in the upcoming programming period - The FORA Position paper;*
- *Launch specific initiatives having as target Youth and Sport, the activity that has been pursued by FAIC in the last few years (YOUTH GAMES, ANIMUS);*
- *Increase the EU Project planning activities and develop the capacity building services.*

The Secretary General acknowledged that there were no further points to be discuss, declared the session of the 18° General Assembly concluded at 12.30.

Ancona, November 16, 2020