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HOTĂRÂRE

privind aderarea municipiului Cluj-Napoca la "EUROCITIES" - Rețeaua marilor orașe europene și plata cotizației anuale aferente

Consiliul local al municipiului Cluj-Napoca întrunit în ședință ordinară,

Examinând proiectul de hotărâre privind aderarea municipiului Cluj-Napoca la "EUROCITIES" - Rețeaua marilor orașe europene și plata cotizației anuale aferente. – proiect din inițiativa primarului;

Analizând Referatul nr. 143791/42/23.03.2017 al Direcției Generale comunicare, dezvoltare locală și management proiecte, prin care se propune aprobarea aderării municipiului Cluj-Napoca la "EUROCITIES" - Rețeaua marilor orașe europene și plata cotizației anuale aferente

Având în vedere adresa Eurocities, înregistrată la Primăria municipiului Cluj-Napoca sub nr. 143718/1/23.03.2017 precum și adresa Ministerului Afacerilor Externe înregistrată la primăria municipiului Cluj-Napoca sub nr. 153887/105/28.03.2017.

În conformitate cu prevederile art. 11, alin. (4) și art. 36, alin. (6) din Legea nr. 215/2001 a administrației publice locale, republicată, cu modificările și completările ulterioare și art. 35, alin (6) din Legea 273/2006 privind finanțele publice locale;

Văzând avizul comisiei de specialitate;

Potrivit dispozițiilor art. 36, 39 al. 1 și 45 din Legea nr. 215/2001 a administrației publice locale, republicată, cu modificările și completările ulterioare,

HOTĂRĂȘTE :

Art.1. Se aprobă aderarea municipiului Cluj Napoca la "EUROCITIES" - Rețeaua

marilor orașe europene.

Art. 2. Se aprobă cotizația anuală de 16.000 Euro.

Art. 3. Se mandatează primarul municipiului Cluj-Napoca cu semnarea actelor de aderare la "EUROCITIES" - Rețeaua marilor orașe europene.

Art. 4. Cu îndeplinirea prevederilor hotărârii se încredințează Direcția Generală comunicare, dezvoltare locală și management proiecte, Direcția economică și Serviciul Relații Externe și Investitori.

PREȘEDINTE DE ȘEDINȚĂ,

Ec. Dan Ștefan Tarcea

Contrasemnează,

Secretarul municipiului
Jr. Aurora Roșca

Nr. _____ din ____ aprilie 2017

(Hotărârea a fost adoptată cu voturi)

CONSILIUL LOCAL AL MUNICIPIULUI
CLUJ-NAPOCA
DIRECȚIA GENERALĂ COMUNICARE, DEZVOLTARE LOCALĂ
ȘI MANAGEMENT PROIECTE
NR. 143971/42/23.03.2017

APROBAT
PRIMAR,
EMIL BOC

REFERAT

privind aderarea municipiului Cluj-Napoca la "EUROCITIES" - Rețeaua marilor orașe europene și aprobarea cotizației anuale aferente

EUROCITIES - Rețeaua marilor orașe europene - este o organizație neguvernamentală europeană care reunește peste 130 de orașe metropolă din peste 30 de state europene. Orașele membre ale Eurocities, sunt orașe care sunt un important centru regional, au o dimensiune internațională și o populație de peste 250.000 locuitori.

EUROCITIES, a fost înființată în 1986 la inițiativa primarilor din Barcelona, Birmingham, Frankfurt, Lyon, Milan și Rotterdam și reunește astăzi 130 de mari orașe din circa 35 de țări din Uniunea Europeană. Organizația reprezintă interesele și nevoile membrilor săi (peste 130 de milioane de cetățeni) și se angajează în dialog cu instituțiile europene într-un număr mare de domenii care afectează orașele. Printre acestea se numără: dezvoltarea economică, mediul, transportul și mobilitatea, afacerile sociale, cultura, societatea informațională, societatea bazată pe cunoaștere și serviciile de interes general.

Aceasta este cea mai importantă organizație și partener de dialog în relația dintre comunitățile locale și instituțiile Comunității Europene.

Calitatea de membru oferă municipiilor recunoașterea lor ca centre regionale importante.

De altfel, misiunea organizației este crearea unui viitor durabil pentru toți cetățenii orașelor membre și o bună calitate a vieții în granițele Uniunii Europene. "Eurocities" are sediul stabilit la Bruxelles și contribuie activ la dezvoltarea și implementarea politicilor și legislației europene, menținând contacte apropiate cu Parlamentul European și Comitetul Regiunilor.

EUROCITIES, asociația internațională a orașelor europene ce cooperează pentru promovarea dezvoltării durabile, a fost creată la inițiativa Consiliului Uniunii Europene și a Parlamentului European.

Obiectivele sale constau în:

- promovarea și recunoașterea drepturilor autorităților publice locale pe lângă instituțiile Uniunii Europene în contextul noilor reglementări privind Constituția Europeană.
- reprezentarea opiniilor orașelor membre la nivelul instituțiilor Uniunii Europene în vederea obținerii finanțării pentru proiecte legate de dezvoltarea durabilă a orașelor
- promovarea intereselor reciproce ale orașelor în procesul de consultare și de decizie a instituțiilor Uniunii Europene
- ameliorarea calității vieții cetățenilor din Uniunea Europeană.

Eurocities facilitează cooperarea și diverse schimburi de cunoștințe și experiențe în rețea, între orașele membre, și promovează proiecte europene transnaționale; face lobby pe lângă instituțiile Uniunii Europene pentru influențarea politicilor europene care au impact asupra orașelor și cetățenilor și contribuie la dezvoltarea și implementarea politicilor, legislației și programelor europene, Eurocities fiind un important partener de dialog al Comisiei Europene atât la nivel politic cât și la nivel tehnic; dezvoltă campanii de promovare cu o problematică vastă - pe teme economice, sociale, culturale, de mediu etc. - de interes pentru orașe, pentru conștientizarea și schimbarea comportamentului cetățenilor, împreună cu autoritățile municipale și cu cetățenii.

Cotizația anuală ca membru cu drepturi depline este de 16.000 euro.

Cluj-Napoca a primit invitația de a deveni membru în clubul orașelor europene, ca o recunoaștere a nivelului atins de municipiul nostru în ultimii ani în implementarea standardelor europene la nivelul guvernării locale (atașăm documentația primită din partea Asociației EUROCITIES).

Considerăm că beneficiile aduse de statutul de membru al rețelei Eurocities și implicarea în activitățile propuse de aceasta sunt de lungă durată și au impact asupra dezvoltării durabile a orașului. Prezența în cadrul rețelei Eurocities, alături de cele mai importante orașe din statele membre ale U.E., aduce municipiului Cluj-Napoca în primul rând un plus de imagine și îi oferă oportunitatea de a fi un oraș activ la nivel european alături de marile orașe europene.

De asemenea, prezența în această rețea ne aduce beneficiul de a fi conectați la toate marile evenimente europene, de a primi informații relevante privind preocupări europene de actualitate care prezintă un interes major pentru orașe, prin intermediul informărilor periodice primite de la Eurocities, prezentate într-o manieră succintă și foarte accesibilă, cu privire la principalele

dezbatere desfășurată la nivelul U.E.. În același timp, calitatea de membru Eurocities, conferă municipiului Cluj-Napoca posibilitatea de a avea un schimb regulat de informații cu privire la problemele comune cu care se confruntă marile orașe europene în toate aspectele vieții urbane, sociale, de mediu, culturale, economice, de a împărtăși cunoștințe și idei, de a face față unor provocări și oportunități similare, de a învăța din experiența celuilalt.

Menționăm că în prezent singurul oraș din România membru cu drepturi depline EUROCITIES, este Timișoara.

Potrivit art. 36, alin. (6), lit. a) pct. 4 din Legea nr. 215/2001 se prevăd următoarele: „În exercitarea atribuțiilor prevăzute la alin. (2) lit. d), consiliul local:

a) asigură, potrivit competențelor sale și în condițiile legii, cadrul necesar pentru furnizarea serviciilor publice de interes local privind:

- serviciile sociale pentru protecția copilului, a persoanelor cu handicap, a persoanelor vârstnice, a familiei și a altor persoane sau grupuri aflate în nevoie socială;
- sănătatea;
- cultura;
- protecția și refacerea mediului;
- conservarea, restaurarea și punerea în valoare a monumentelor istorice și de arhitectură, a parcurilor, grădinilor publice și rezervațiilor naturale;
- dezvoltarea urbană;
- activitățile de administrație social-comunitară;
- alte servicii publice stabilite prin lege;”.

Potrivit art. 35, alin (6) din Legea 273/2006 se prevăd următoarele: „Colaborare, cooperare asociere, înfrățire, aderare: (6) Obligațiile financiare rezultate din acorduri de cooperare, de înfrățire sau de aderare a unităților administrativ-teritoriale la asociații interne organizate la nivel național ori la organizații internaționale cu personalitate juridică, hotărâte de autoritățile deliberative, în condițiile legii, se suportă din bugetele locale ale acestora.”

Având în vedere cele menționate mai sus, propunem spre dezbatere și aprobare Consiliului local proiectul de hotărâre privind aderarea municipiului Cluj-Napoca la **EUROCITIES** -Rețeaua marilor orașe europene și plata cotizației anuale aferente, conform art. 36, alin. (6) din Legea nr. 215/2001 a administrației publice locale, republicată, cu modificările și completările ulterioare și art. 35, alin (6) din Legea 273/2006 privind finanțele publice locale.

Director general,

Ștefania Ferencz

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Călin Forna

Director executiv, Direcția Economică

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Stimată doamnă,



Referitor la adresa dumneavoastră, nr.149156/105 din 27 martie 2017, privind intenția primăriei municipiului Cluj de a adera la rețeaua orașelor europene "EUROCITIES", vă aducem la cunoștință că MAE apreciază în mod pozitiv participarea municipiului Cluj la acest forum de colaborare, inițiativă care ar putea deschide noi oportunități autorităților locale din România pentru implementarea unor proiecte în diferite domenii de interes economic, social și cultural

Cu deosebită considerație,


Alina Orosan,
Director general



Doamnei Emilia Botezan
Șef Birou Relații Externe și Investitori
Primăria municipiului Cluj-Napoca
Calea Motoilor nr.3, CP 400001



EUROCITIES STATUTES

Adopted by the EUROCITIES AGM in Lyon on 22 November 2005

Amended by the EUROCITIES AGMs in 2006, 2008, 2009 and 2015

Chapter I: Name, Seat, Aims and Duration

Article 1

The Association will be called "*EUROCITIES*", a non-profit making organisation.

Article 2

The seat of the Association is in the Brussels judicial region at 18 Square de Meeûs, 1050 Brussels until 31st March 2007. From 1st April 2007 on, the seat will be in the Brussels judicial region at 1 Square de Meeûs, 1000 Brussels. The registered seat of the Association may only be moved upon decision of the General Assembly. Any modification to the seat must be published in the annexes of the Belgian Official Journal in the same month.

Article 3

The aims of the Association are as follows:

- a) to establish a network for cooperation between the major metropolitan cities of Europe (hereafter "*EUROCITIES*") and to promote the common interests of the *EUROCITIES* in their capacity as centres of economic, technological, social and cultural development, and at an international level;
- b) to promote and represent the common interests of the *EUROCITIES* in the consultative and decision making process of the institutions of the European Union;
- c) to represent the reciprocal interests of the *EUROCITIES* in the framework of any area or question relating to the institutions of the European Union;
- d) to disseminate, publish or otherwise provide information, as well as organise and promote conferences, conventions, assemblies, seminars and meetings;
- e) to participate in seminars, conferences and conventions for training and education;
- f) to seek funds and subsidies for the benefit of *EUROCITIES*. Also to accept any other form of aid, or material donations, such as office equipment or office space, in such condition as benefits the aims of the Association.

To further these aims, the Association may also, in a minor capacity, take part in commercial activities, on condition that all benefits made from such activities are used solely for the purposes for which the Association was created.

The Association can undertake all acts which relate either directly or indirectly to its aims. It can, in particular, give its support to or take an interest in any other activities similar to its own aims.

Article 4

The Association shall be set up for an undetermined period. It may be dissolved at any time by a decision of its Annual General Meeting, following the conditions required for changing the Statutes, as laid down in articles 18 and 20.

Chapter II : Members

Article 5

The Association is made up of full members and associate members. The number of members is unlimited, but must be a minimum of three. Without contravening the present Statutes or Belgian law, the rights and obligations of the different categories of members will be determined by the current Statutes.

The initial members are the founder members, as mentioned when setting up the organisation.

Article 6

Full membership of the Association is open to major cities of the European Union and the European Economic area (EEA) with a democratically elected city government and should take into account for its admission the following criteria:

- Preferably to have a population over 250,000 inhabitants;
- The international and regional importance of the applicant city;
- The urban structure in the country the applicant city comes from.

Associate membership of the Association is open to major cities of Europe from outside the European Union and the European Economic area (EEA) with a democratically elected city government and should take into account for its admission the following criteria:

- Preferably to have a population over 250,000 inhabitants;
- The international and regional importance of the applicant city;
- The urban structure in the country the applicant city comes from.

Full and Associate membership of the Association are also open to metropolitan areas according to the following criteria:

- The core administrative entity must exceed a population of 200,000 and the wider metropolitan area should be at least around 400,000.
- There must be established a coherent political structure and a legally recognised political representation for the wider metropolitan area.

Any eligible city may be admitted to the association, as approved by the Executive Committee. The prospective candidate is required to provide a formal written request of acceptance, to be submitted to the Executive Committee. The decision of the Executive committee will be without appeal.

The written application must be made on the standard application form and be accompanied by a letter and/or additional documentation relating to the size, national and international role of the city.

Article 7

Both full and associate members of the Association will be required to pay an annual subscription fee. A city who has not paid its subscription fee will automatically drop out of the members list. The amount of this fee will be proposed by the Executive Committee and formally approved by the Annual General meeting. The maximum annual fee will be fixed at 50.000 EURO.

Article 8

All members are free to end their membership of the Association at any time. Any resignation must be made known to the Executive Committee by means of a registered letter. The end of the membership will come into force only after a period of 6 months, from the date of the registered letter.

The exclusion of a member may only be decided upon by the Annual General Meeting, by a majority of two thirds of the members there present or represented.

The Executive Committee may, until formal decision of the Annual General Meeting, suspend any member guilty of serious infringement(s) of the Statutes.

Article 9

Any member who has either resigned or been excluded, as well as their successors, will have no rights whatsoever to the social funds of the Association, and will have no right to any form of compensation.

Article 10

Members are in no way responsible for the obligations of the Association.

Chapter III : Administration and Management

Article 11

The Association will be run by an Executive Committee, made up of members of the Association; their number will not exceed 12. In any case, the number of members of the Executive Committee shall be inferior to the number of Members of the Association.

Except in the case that it is necessary to nominate a member of the Executive Committee for a single term, a term being the period between two Annual General Meetings, members of the Executive Committee will be nominated by the Annual General Meeting for a period of three years. Members of the Executive Committee will be eligible for re-election. They will exercise their duties free of charge.

The Executive Committee will be presided over by a President, elected by the Annual General Meeting for a one year term, on the proposal of the Executive Committee. The President may serve a maximum of two terms.

All members of the Executive Committee will be free to resign from their duties by sending notice to

the President, or, if the President resigns, by sending notice to the Vice-President. If all members of the Executive Committee wish to resign, such resignation shall occur by sending notice to all members of the Association. The members of the Executive Committee can be dismissed by the General Meeting at any moment.

The nomination, revocation or resignation of a member of the Executive Committee will be published in the annex of the Belgian Official Journal, during the month in which this takes place.

Article 12

In the case of a member of the Executive Committee vacating a position during the course of a mandate, a new member of the Executive Committee may be provisionally appointed by the Annual General Meeting. The new member of the Executive Committee would, in that case, take over until the end of the mandate period of the person whom he replaces.

Article 13

The Executive Committee will choose from among its members a secretary and a treasurer annually immediately after the elections for a term of one year renewable.

The Executive Committee will meet when convened by the President, or at the request of two members of the Executive Committee, or by the Secretary General.

A meeting of the Executive Committee will only be considered valid if a majority of members of the Executive Committee are present. A member of the Executive Committee may be replaced by another member of the Executive Committee, but a member of the Executive Committee may not act as proxy for more than one person at a time. Proof of proxy may be shown by means of a facsimile message.

Decisions will be taken by a simple majority of votes put forward by the members of the Executive Committee present or represented. In the case of an even vote, the President shall have the casting vote.

Minutes will be taken at each meeting and will be formally approved at the next meeting. All members will have the right to consult these Minutes and the decisions taken at the registered seat of the Association. Any extracts to be produced, as well as any other acts, may validly be signed by the President, the secretary or any other two members of the Executive Committee, or by the Secretary General.

Article 14

- ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There will be a maximum of two cities per EU member state elected to the Executive Committee. The same city may not be represented in the Executive Committee by two institutions at the same time.

Membership of the Executive Committee is only open to full members of the Association based in an EU Member State.

Cities are elected to the Executive Committee by the Annual General Meeting for a three-year term.

The method of election will be as follows:

Nominations for election to the Executive Committee must be received by the Executive Committee not later than six weeks prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

The vote on the election to the Executive Committee will take place by secret ballot.

Without prejudice to the other articles of the statutes, the cities, which receive the largest number of votes will be elected to the Executive Committee until the seats on the Executive Committee have been filled. This will be true except where this would include cities which have polled less than 10 per cent of the votes.

In case of tie in the number of votes received by two or more cities, the Executive Committee determines a way of resolving the issue of the tie.

Each city represented on the Executive Committee may nominate one officer to support its political representative. That officer may vote on behalf of the member in his/her absence.

- ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT and the VICE-PRESIDENT

Nominations for election of the President and the Vice-President must be received in writing by the Executive Committee not later than 6 weeks prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

The President and the Vice-President are always members of the Executive Committee.

The Vice-Presidency is to be seen as a preparatory position for the future Presidency in order to ensure continuity during a change of Presidency. It does not commit the Annual General Meeting in any way as to the election of the President the following year.

The President and the Vice-President are elected by the Annual General Meeting, on recommendation of the Executive Committee.

- MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Executive Committee holds the overall responsibility for the administration and management of the Association.

The Executive Committee manages the current affairs of the association and represents it in all legal and extra-legal sectors. All powers which are not explicitly reserved by the law or the present Statutes to the General Assembly are held by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee will nominate or dismiss, either directly or by the means of an intermediary, all agents, employees and members of staff of the Association; it will also decide upon their work and conditions.

The Executive Committee can, within the powers reserved to it, delegate its powers to one or more of its members, or to one or more employees of the Association. The Executive Committee may, in particular, delegate the daily management of the Association to the Secretary General, by which is meant any action which are necessary in the normal course of business or which can be taken without a formal decision of the Executive Committee due to their minor importance or their urgency, including the use of the signature necessary for this management . Without prejudice to formalities imposed by the labour law then in force, the Executive Committee may dismiss said delegate at any moment and said delegate may resign by sending notice of his/her intention to do so to the President.

Unless otherwise specified in the Minutes of an Executive Committee meeting, any member of the Executive Committee may validly sign individually an act regularly decided upon by the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee will establish all internal rules and regulations, which it deems necessary or which are provided for in the Statutes.

Article 15

Members of the Executive Committee incur no personal obligations deriving from their functions, and may be held responsible only for the fulfilling of their mandate.

Article 16

Before the Executive Committee takes a decision or undertakes an operation whatsoever in which any of their number may have a personal interest, either direct or indirect, that member of the Executive Committee is held to declare the interest and ensure that his declaration is mentioned in the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee.

That member of the Executive Committee may not vote in the Executive Committee in matters regarding that operation or decision.

Chapter IV : Annual General Meeting

Article 17

The Annual General Meeting is made up of all the members of the Association and is presided over by the President of the Association.

A member may be represented by another member at the annual general meeting, but each member may only represent one other member at any one time. Proof of proxy sent to the registered seat of the association at least two weeks before the AGM may be made by means of facsimile message or email.

All full and associate members that have paid their fees for all preceding years of their membership have one vote at the annual general meeting

Article 18

The Annual General Meeting holds the final decision making power of the Association. It is endowed with all powers which are mentioned in the present Statutes, or are reserved for it according to law.

The following powers are notably reserved for the Annual General Meeting:

- a) the modification of the Statutes;
- b) the nomination and dismissal of President, Vice-President and members of the Executive Committee;
- c) the nomination and dismissal of the auditors and the amount of their fees if such fees are due;
- d) the release granted to the members of the Executive Committee and to the auditors;
- e) the approval of budgets and accounts together with the Work Programme and Report of Activities;
- f) the voluntary dissolution of the Association;
- g) the exclusion of a member.

Article 19

The Annual General Meeting will convene during a conference organised by the Association, when such a conference is scheduled to take place, or at any other time of the year, as judged necessary by the Executive Committee, to approve accounts of the previous year, or to approve budgets for the following year. An Annual General Meeting must be convened at least once a year. An extraordinary Annual General Meeting may be convened at any time, by decision of the Executive Committee or by request by one fifth of the members of the General Assembly, this as and when the aims or interest of the Association so demands.

Notification will be made by means of a simple letter, signed by the President, or two of the members of the Executive Committee, and sent out at least one month before the Annual General Meeting is due to take place. Notifications should mention the date, place, time and agenda of the Annual General Meeting. All proposals signed by at least one twentieth of the members must be put on the agenda.

The Annual General Meeting may discuss points, which do not figure on the agenda, except in those cases foreseen in articles 8, 12 and 20 of the Belgian law of 27 June 1921 as amended by the law of May 2nd, 2002.

Article 20

Except in cases foreseen by law or by the Statutes, all decisions will be taken by a simple majority of votes of members present or represented. In the case of an even vote, the President will have the casting vote.

The Annual General Meeting may only decide on any changes to the Statutes if said changes are explicitly foreseen in the call to assembly, and if two thirds of the members are present or represented. Any modification may only be adopted by a majority of two thirds.

However, if the modification to the Statutes concerns one of the aims for which the Association was created, the vote will only be held as valid if it is adopted by a majority of four fifths of the members present or represented at the Annual General Meeting.

Any modification of the Statutes must be published within the month in the annex of the Belgian Official Journal.

If two thirds of the members are not present or represented at the first meeting, a second meeting may be called, at which the matter may be discussed, regardless of the number of members present.

Such second General Meeting shall be able to deliberate upon the changes referred to under paragraphs 2 or 3 here-above. However, such second General Meeting may not be held before a period of at least fifteen days after the first meeting.

The Annual General Meeting may only decide on the dissolution of the Association if four fifths of the members are present or represented. If this condition is not fulfilled, a second meeting may be called, which may decide no matter what number of members are present. However, such second General Meeting may not be held before a period of at least fifteen days after the first meeting.

A two-thirds majority will be required in the case of exclusion of a member. No quorum will be necessary.

Article 21

Minutes will be taken at each meeting, to be signed by the President and the secretary, and written into a register reserved for this purpose.

Members or third parties who express a valid interest will have the right to consult at the registered seat of the Association the documents, and/or an extract.

The extracts will be validly signed by the President or by two members of the Executive Committee.

Chapter V : Financial Year and Accounts

Article 22

The financial year of the Association will start on the 1st January and end on 31st December.

The Executive Committee will prepare the accounts of the year ended, as well as the budget of the next year. The Executive Committee will present the accounts of the year ended to the approval of the members at an extraordinary Annual General Meeting to be held during each annual cooperation platform before the end of June and present the budget to the approval of the Annual General Meeting in November. The accounts must be sent out at least one month before the extraordinary Annual General Meeting is due to take place. The budget may be seen by members at the seat of the association as from the tenth day preceding the regular Annual General Meeting.

Chapter VI : Dissolution and liquidation

Article 23

In the event of a voluntary dissolution, the Annual General Meeting, or, failing this, a tribunal will appoint one or more liquidators. It will also determine their powers and the method of liquidation.

Article 24

In the case of dissolution of the Association, the net balance, after payment of debts, will be donated to one or more associations with a similar objective, as designated by the Annual General Meeting.

Chapter VII : Final comments

Article 25

Any points not specifically mentioned in the above Statutes will come under the legislation of the Belgian law of 21 June 1921 as amended by the law of May 2nd, 2002.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM FOR MUNICIPALITIES

I, the undersigned Yiannis Boutaris, Mayor of the City of Thessaloniki, number of inhabitants: 324.766 in 2014, confirm my city's wish to be a full member of EUROCITIES. I have read the latest version of the Statutes and the Internal Rules of EUROCITIES and agree to the terms laid out therein.

I set out below the name and details of the two (2) elected members who will be representing our city for EUROCITIES:

Mr Spiros Pengas

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Thessaloniki, 12/1/2017

Yiannis Boutaris
Mayor of Thessaloniki



CITY OF THESSALONIKI

To
EUROCITIES Executive Committee
Square de Mêeus 18
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Belgium

Thessaloniki, January 11, 2016
Ref. No. 59

Dear Members of the Executive Committee,

We would hereby like to express the interest of the City of Thessaloniki to join again EUROCITIES.

As you already know, the City of Thessaloniki has been a full member of EUROCITIES from 2003 to 2011. Unfortunately, in 2011, we had to suspend our membership due to the severe nation-wide economic crisis that affected also the budget of our municipality and directed our entire resources in other priorities, such as dealing with urban poverty, unemployment and homelessness, growing immigration flows.

We want to believe that time has come again for the City of Thessaloniki to enter the international arena and partake in influencing European policy making and we strongly hold that to achieve that we need solid partners, to share knowhow and experience and set goals in a common perspective.

The 2014 – 2020 EUROCITIES strategic framework towards an urban agenda for the EU and the seven different EUROCITIES forums that provide the ground for discussions and collaboration, will supply the necessary tools and methods for the City of Thessaloniki to achieve our goals.

Attached you will find an updated profile of the City of Thessaloniki, but I would like to underline here the primary values and goals set by our administration:

Social Cohesion: Fighting exclusion and marginalization, creating a sense of belonging and promoting trust.

Local identity & Heritage: Acknowledging the past, promoting local culture and giving citizens space for expression.

Environmental Management: Providing a decent quality of life while respecting the limits of our natural resources.

Youth Empowerment: Strengthening the skills of youth so that they know how to effectively make decisions, and providing opportunities for active participation in the city life.

Multi- stakeholder Engagement: Inclusive & constructive collaboration between all actors involved in city decision-making.

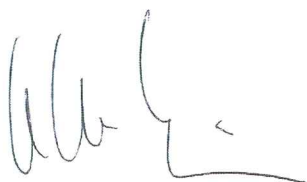
Economic Prosperity: Promoting diverse and resourceful investments within the city, driven by a strong urban brand and economic and social environment.

Considering that we share our aspirations with the 140+ EUROCITIES member cities, the Municipality of Thessaloniki wishes to apply for becoming again a full member of EUROCITIES, aspiring to a fruitful and constructive cooperation.

Looking forward to your reply, please do not hesitate to contact for further information my office through the following contacts:

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With best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2017 for all EUROCITIES members and staff,



Yiannis Boutaris
Mayor of Thessaloniki



CITY OF THESSALONIKI

About Thessaloniki

Thessaloniki is a midsize port city situated in northern Greece, on Thermaikos Bay, part of the Aegean Sea. The population of the municipality is 324,766 people (2011 census) while the metropolitan area hosts approximately 1.12 million. Thessaloniki is considered to directly influence the whole region of Central Macedonia, an area of 1.9 million inhabitants (2011 census). The city is in close distance to the Greek land borders with the Republic of Albania to the northwest, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Republic of Bulgaria to the north and 340 km from the Republic of Turkey to the east. The city historically holds strong cultural and economic ties with its neighboring countries located in Southeastern Europe and the Mediterranean.

The city has a 2,300 year history. Inhabited continuously since 315 BC, it has been part of the Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine and Ottoman empires and had a strong Jewish history, leaving it with a multicultural character. It is named after the wife of King Cassander of Macedon, the city's founder, and sister of Alexander the Great. During the Byzantine Empire, Thessaloniki was considered the second most important city after Constantinople (Istanbul), both in terms of wealth and size.

Residents have lived through numerous invasions, natural disasters, and rapid population changes. After its independence in 1912, the city experienced a fire that destroyed much of the city center, a major earthquake, resettlement of hundreds of thousands of refugees from Asia Minor, the loss of almost its entire Jewish population and more.

Today, Thessaloniki is a multicultural, historical and lively city, with growing tourism and international ties, and a transformation taking place in terms of economy, society and civic life. It is regarded as the gastronomic capital of Greece, with famous restaurants and many local specialties. It is renowned for its nightlife, and has been rated as the top midsize European city in the "Human Capital and Lifestyle" index of the Financial Times' "fDi European Cities & Regions of the Future 2014/15". The city reconnected with its waterfront through the major development of a fully accessible waterfront completed in 2014. At five kilometres, it is the longest developed

waterfront in Southeastern Europe, hosting numerous parks and recreational areas, as well as events and public activities.

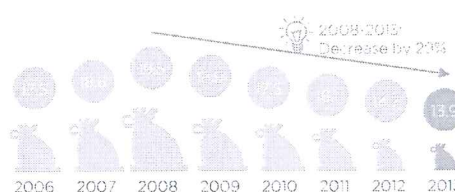
As the largest university town in Greece, Thessaloniki is a youth city, with active academic research and popular nightlife. The city hosts approximately 150,000 students each year, through four public academic institutions, several private colleges, and numerous vocational training colleges. Thessaloniki was awarded the European Youth Capital title in 2014.

Thessaloniki is a second-tier city just like Barcelona, Munich and Lyon. While they differ in many respects, second tier cities can play comparable national economic roles. Their key drivers are innovation, economic diversity, skills and human capital, connectivity, place quality, and strategic governance capacity.

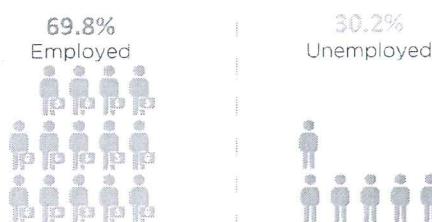
People and Economy

The region's biggest demographic challenge is its aging population, mainly due to a low birth rate. Over the last decade (2005-2014), the "over 65 years old" age group increased both in terms of actual size (from 169,000 in 2005 to 207,000 in 2014) as well as in the percentage of the total population (15.2% in 2005 to 18.4% in 2014). At the same time, the Municipality of Thessaloniki experienced a decrease of 13.5% in its population from 2001 (375,276) to 2011 (324,766). It is estimated that many of the citizens who left the Municipality of Thessaloniki during this decade moved to the suburban areas of the Metropolitan Region, as neighbouring municipality populations rose slightly. The area is now beginning to host refugees from Syria and other countries, and this is expected to have an impact on demographics and communities.

At the same time, due to the national financial crisis the per capita domestic product of the Metropolitan Region of Thessaloniki dropped by 29% during the period 2008-2013 while the unemployment rate rise to 30%, reaching 50% among the youth of the city.



The municipality of Thessaloniki has tried to address those challenges through programs and policies aiming at the elimination of unemployment and the promotion of employability, and projects on urban development and resilience.



During the last year, with the increase of the immigration flows, the Municipality also established structures and programs, in order to address housing, poverty and social inclusion of the new immigrant communities.

Society and Culture

More than 100 Byzantine, Roman and Ottoman era monuments remain throughout the city, along with 15 Unesco World Heritage Sites. Thessaloniki is also the home of 29 museums, including the Archaeological Museum of Thessaloniki, the Museum of Byzantine Culture, the Folk Art & Ethnological Museum of Macedonia and Thrace, the Museum of Contemporary Art, the Jewish Museum of Thessaloniki and the Museum of Cinematography. Events like the Thessaloniki International Film Festival, Thessaloniki International Trade Fair, Thessaloniki Food Festival and Thessaloniki Pride Festival are held annually. In the last few years, the city hosted a number of international events for the first time, including the 15th Mediterranean Biennale of Young Artists from Europe and the Mediterranean in 2011, the World Music Expo (WOMEX) in 2012, and the 12th World MaxiBasketball Championship in 2013.

Thessaloniki is the home of numerous higher education institutions that host a vibrant youth population such as the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (the biggest university in the Balkans), the University of Macedonia and the International Hellenic University. Thessaloniki was also named European Youth Capital in 2014 and European Capital of Culture in 1997 while it hosted the European Summit Meeting in 2003, the Greek – EU Presidency Summit in 2014 and the European Youth Conference in 2014.

Infrastructure and connectivity

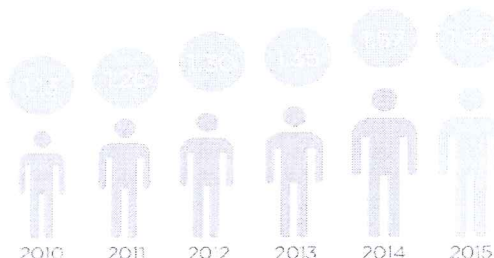
Thessaloniki's international airport "Makedonia" serves both passenger and cargo traffic and can host up to 14 aircrafts simultaneously. International tourism arrivals at Thessaloniki's airport increased from 1.13 million in 2010 to 1.55 million in 2015 (37%) while they are projected to rise by 8% within 2016 based on actual data for the first 5-month period of 2016. There are currently flights to 81 destinations and 31 countries, and 35 domestic destinations.

Thessaloniki hosts the second largest export and transit port in the country and the nearest European Union port to the Balkan countries and the Black Sea zone. The port launched operations in 1904, and there are currently 6 operational piers with maximum sea depth of 12 meters. The port hosts several terminals serving ferry and cruise passenger, dry and liquid bulk cargoes, general cargoes as well as containers.

Tourism and International relations

Thessaloniki is a popular tourist destination in Greece. In the last years since 2009, through a new strategy for extroversion, city diplomacy and tourism, Thessaloniki increased international arrivals by 30%, overnight stays by 110%, and international flights by 15%.

For 2013, National Geographic Magazine included Thessaloniki in its top tourist destinations worldwide, while in 2014 Financial Times FDI magazine (Foreign Direct Investments) declared Thessaloniki as the best mid-sized European city of the future for human capital and lifestyle.



Furthermore, the Municipality of Thessaloniki, in order to promote extroversion policies has established a number of fraternizations with 23 cities and Protocols of Cooperation with 11 cities from all over the world, such as for example:

- Cologne (Germany)
- Leipzig (Germany)
- Limassol (Cyprus)
- Tel Aviv (Israel)
- Nice (France)
- Marseille (France)
- Venice (Italy)
- Bologna (Italy)
- Melbourne (Australia)
- Busan (Korea)
- Shenyang (China)
- Alexandria (Egypt) etc

The Municipality of Thessaloniki is a partner in various International and European Organizations and Networks, thus promoting policies, good practices and exchange of points of view and know-how in fields such as culture, tourism, heritage, environment and cohesion policies – physical, social and economic.

Specifically, the Municipality of Thessaloniki is a partner at the following International and European Organizations:

- 100 Resilient Cities pioneered by Rockefeller Foundation
- REACT project (Refugee, Assistance, Collaboration, Thessaloniki)
- URBACT Resilient Europe

- Europa Nostra
- Milano Urban Food Pact
- MEDSEATIES – Inclusive Governance for Sustainable Mediterranean Coastal Metropolis
- European Cities Marketing for Tourism
- World Tourism Cities Federation

Climate and Urban Environment

The natural environment of Thessaloniki and its surroundings combines the presence of the sea, lakes, rivers and mountains. Being a coastal region, the sea directly affects the microclimate of Thessaloniki. During the summer it is common to feel the sea and the off-shore breeze. Thessaloniki's summers are hot with rather humid nights. Thessaloniki has experienced strong heat waves with many consecutive hot days. The highest recorded temperature was 44oC in 2007. Winters are relatively dry, with common morning frost.

In urban areas, the per capita public space is much lower than the international average, with about 2.5m2 in the centre and 4.4m2 on a metropolitan average. The absence or fragmentation of public spaces has a negative impact on citizen's life quality, as it creates a shortage of suitable environment for leisure and escape. This has an impact also on the urban microclimate, which is further deteriorated by the high density of old, poorly maintained and energy inefficient buildings.

Thessaloniki has committed through the Action Plan for Sustainable Energy (based on Thessaloniki's participation on the Covenant of Mayors) in:

- Energy saving at least 20%
- Participation of Renewable Energy Sources in the energy balance of the municipality by more than 20%
- Reducing polluting emissions of carbon dioxide by 20% by 2020

City Budget

The Municipality of Thessaloniki manages a budget of 389.5 million for 2016. Main revenue sources of the Municipality consists of governmental funding (50%) of total budget, while the remaining 50% consists of tax fees, rental fees and other minor local sources. By law, the State funds first level governments on the basis of a fixed formula: 20% of legalpersons' income tax, 50% of traffic duties and 3% of property transfer duties. Local governments are required to direct any property or resource fees to related expenses (e.g. street lighting fees must go towards the maintenance

and improvement of the street lighting system). Other forms of local taxation or fines (e.g.parking fees) can be used wherever the government deems necessary.

Long term Priorities

The main priorities of the city based on its long term strategy are:

- Improving the quality of life in the city
- Strengthening employment and entrepreneurship
- Promoting social cohesion and inclusion
- Turning the city towards the sea
- Regenerating the city's neighborhoods
- Highlighting the cultural and historical wealth and the city's touristic image
- Creating a modern executive role for the Municipality

And the values of the city, the goals and aspirations that inspire the city's actions and inform its decisions on a daily basis are:

- **Social Cohesion:** Fighting exclusion and marginalization, creating a sense of belonging and promoting trust.
- **Local identity & Heritage:** Acknowledging the past, promoting local culture and giving citizens space for expression.
- **Environmental Management::** Providing a decent quality of life while respecting the limits of our natural resources.
- **Youth Empowerment:** Strengthening the skills of youth so that they know how to effectively make decisions, and providing opportunities for active participation in the city life.
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February 16, 2016

Dear Ms Boni,

A main aim of Stuttgart's municipal politics is the ecologically sound, economically value-added, socially equitable and culturally diverse use of urban space.

Since I took over office in January 2013, I have intensively worked on putting policies in place with the objective to become a pro-active, sustainable and innovative metropolis. As Mayor of Germany's 6th largest city in the middle of a vibrant and economically strong region in the heart of Europe, I exercise policies and international partnerships which will be of benefit to all involved.

I have outlined this approach in a report to the City Council on October 28, 2015: Stuttgart – a City in Europe internationally competent and acting sustainably. One element of this report is the aim to join EUROCITIES, a decision almost unanimously backed by the representatives of the City Council.

Herewith, I submit Stuttgart's official application for becoming a member of EUROCITIES.

In the following, I will briefly outline Stuttgart's main fields of policy which we would like to place actively into the cooperation within EUROCITIES.

Sustainability as a driver

On a global scale, Stuttgart with its about 600.000 inhabitants is a relatively small, but quite unique city:

Green spaces make up 50% of the urban area, and being a world-known leading global-player location in the automotive industry and its supplier sector, we exercise at the same time municipal policies oriented towards sustainability.

Climate Policy

Stuttgart will become climate-neutral in 2050: The energy transition was drawn up in an Energy Concept for Stuttgart and stipulates that the energy supply in 2050 will be sustainable and without nuclear or coal-fired power. The first milestone in order to achieve this target will be a 20 percent reduction in our energy consumption and a 20 percent increase in renewable energies by 2020 compared to 1990 (Resolution of the Municipal Council upon joining Mayors Adapt). Since 2012, the supply in energy for the city administration is already ensured by 100 percent of renewable energies. Among the necessary measures, for instance, it is important to foster the professional renovation of houses and to press ahead with the cogeneration of heat and electricity.

On its way to becoming a sustainable city, there are still a number of things to be done in Stuttgart: the attractiveness of a future-oriented and thus also a viable city will always be influenced by how sustainable mobility, a healthy urban climate and prosperity and well-being for all can be safeguarded. In the course of this, the international cooperation of cities like in EUROCITIES, will also play a decisive role in successfully positioning and promoting the region.

Cosmopolitan metropolis

Stuttgart has a long and excellent tradition of welcoming people from different countries and cultural backgrounds. This both, social and political competence is characteristic for the high level of community cohesion in the city as well as for the expertise of the city administration staff.

As home to citizens from more than 170 nations, Stuttgart is extremely rich in committed, cosmopolitan people and international institutions (such as the Robert Bosch Foundation, the Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen and the Europa Zentrum Baden-Württemberg, including a Europe direct Information Centre).

Under my aegis, together with the Land of Baden-Württemberg and the Wirtschaftsförderung Region Stuttgart, we have established a Welcome Center for new residents from Germany and other countries. The Stuttgart Welcome Center is funded by the Robert Bosch Foundation, Baden-Württemberg's Ministry of Integration and Baden-Württemberg's Ministry of Finance.

It provides general information about living and working in the Stuttgart Region and helps recruiting international skilled specialists who may obtain support in the recognition of their foreign secondary school and vocational degrees, or in job hunting and application. Besides, the Welcome Center represents Stuttgart's cosmopolitan character as well as its spirit of intercultural exchange and solidarity. The team of the

Welcome Center Stuttgart is supported by the immigration advice service of local welfare organisations.

As in all cities of Germany, the handling of the current refugee situation requires all possible means to safeguard a culture of welcome. Here not only local expertise and commitment is needed, but also the exchange between the cities in Europe which put policies of integration into practice. We as mayors are asked to enable decent and inclusive housing and living for all, an issue we would like to emphasise in EURO CITIES.

Fair and in solidarity

The municipal themes of local development politics, supplemented by community sustainable aspects, affect various Offices and Departments and, above all, civil society institutions.

In 2013 more than two thirds of the Stuttgart boroughs were certified as Fairtrade boroughs, this was followed by a Fairtrade certification for the entire city, which in 2015 was confirmed for a further four years. This important step for sustainable municipal politics was supplemented by support from the City in setting up the Welthaus, a centre initiated by dedicated citizens from one-world groups and migrant organisations to promote an intercultural exchange, global learning and co-existence with a sense of togetherness and solidarity.

Another example is the UNICEF city partnership which Stuttgart takes over since end of 2015 to November 2016: during this year, citizens, including children and adolescents, should be made aware of global solidarity and development-political coherences. The focus here is on fighting for the rights of children in crisis regions, e.g. as education for Syrian refugees in the Mardin region in Turkey.

European Cooperation and strong Network of Twin Towns

For many years now the external relations of the City of Stuttgart have been characterised very positively by a very strong European and international network, with the objective of increasing the municipal performance through an exchange of expertise. For this reason, functional and specialist associations have been formed, for instance, the network "Cities for Mobility", which was founded in 2006 and which has in the meantime 656 members from 85 states. Stuttgart is also an active member in specialised networks on EU-level, such as EFUS (European Forum for Urban Security), POLIS (Cities and Regions for Sustainable Transport), Energy Cities (The European Association of Local Authorities in Energy Transition), the Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy and Mayors Adapt (climate change adaptation).

Besides all topics mentioned-above, we will also bring in our vibrant twin town network – four of them (Cardiff, Lodz, Brno and Strasbourg) being already members of EUROCITIES:

By its first town twinning with St. Helens in Great Britain in 1948, the City of Stuttgart started to share its expertise in the interest of a peaceful world order and in order to gain inspirations for its own innovative development – in its direct neighbourhood in Europe and also worldwide. The other twin towns are St. Louis (US), Samara (RU), Cairo (EG), Menzel Bourguiba (TN) and Mumbai (IN), a megacity Stuttgart is jointly engaged with in two EU initiatives: the EU Urban Partnership and the EU World Cities Project with India.

Alongside many student and youth exchange programmes, the twin town projects also focus on thematic cooperation in the fields of ecological, economic and social aspects of sustainability.

Dear Ms Boni,

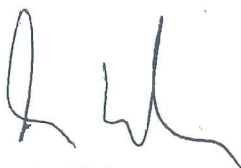
I hope this synopsis gives you a glance of Stuttgart' political characteristics. I take this opportunity to invite you to Stuttgart to get a first-hand impression of the benefit my city may contribute to EUROCITIES. At the same time, we are very much looking forward to the exchange with like-minded cities in Europe.

Please find enclosed the duly signed membership application.

I will position the contact officer for EUROCITIES in my staff division in the External Relations Department which has a coordinating, networking and strategic function for issues related to international affairs.

In the meantime, Ms Nadia vom Scheidt as Head of the External Relations Department and her team are at your disposal for further questions (by email international@stuttgart.de or phone +49 711 216-60742).

Yours Sincerely,



Fritz Kuhn



Internal Rules

Adopted by the EURO CITIES Annual General Meeting in Lyon on 22 November 2005

1. CONDITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP, PARTNERSHIP, SUBSCRIBING

1.1. Full and associate members

The conditions for full and associate members are outlined in the statutes. These stipulate the following:

- 1.1.1. Full membership of the association is open to major cities of the European Union and the European Economic Area (EEA) with a democratically elected city government and should take into account for its admission the following criteria:
 - Preferably to have a population over 250,000 inhabitants;
 - The international and regional importance of the applicant city;
 - The urban structure in the country the applicant city comes from.
- 1.1.2. Associate membership of the association is open to major cities of Europe from outside the European Union and the European Economic Area (EEA) with a democratically elected city government and should take into account for its admission the following criteria:
 - Preferably to have a population over 250,000 inhabitants;
 - The international and regional importance of the applicant city;
 - The urban structure in the country the applicant city comes from.
- 1.1.3. Full and associate membership of the association are also open to metropolitan areas according to the following criteria:
 - The core administrative entity must exceed a population of 200,000 and the wider metropolitan area should be at least around 400,000.
 - There must be established a coherent political structure and a legally recognised political representation for the wider metropolitan area.
- 1.1.4. The written application must be made on the standard application form and be accompanied by a letter and/ or additional documentation relating to the size, national and international role of the city.

- 1.1.5. Annual fees and benefits of full and associate members are outlined in the annexed table.

1.2. Associated partners and associated business partners

- 1.2.1. Cities not eligible for EUROCIITIES membership can become EUROCIITIES associated partners in the frame of one or several forums or Executive Committee working groups.
- 1.2.2. Private businesses can become EUROCIITIES associated business partners in the frame of one or several forums or Executive Committee working groups. Eligibility criteria are defined in the Vade Mecum for forums and working groups.
- 1.2.3. The written application must be made on the standard application form and be accompanied by a letter and/ or additional documentation relating to the specific profile and expertise of the applicant body. The application will be considered by the steering committee of the concerned forum. The final decision will be taken by the Executive Committee.
- 1.2.4. Those non EUROCIITIES members which were previously members of ACCESS or TeleCities have automatically been granted the status of EUROCIITIES associated partner.
- 1.2.5. The maximum number of associated partners allowed to take part in any given forum is limited to 15% of the number of EUROCIITIES member cities.
- 1.2.6. Annual fees and benefits for associated partners and associated business partners are outlined in the annexed table.
- 1.2.7. In the event that a conflict of interest emerges between a company and EUROCIITIES that is felt to compromise either the partnership or EUROCIITIES' political position, the forum may review the company's status as an Associated Business Partner; the final decision lies with the Executive Committee

1.3 Subscribers

- 1.3.1. Any stakeholder not eligible for EUROCIITIES membership can subscribe to EUROCIITIES information channels on a yearly basis.
- 1.3.2. Annual fees and benefits for subscribers are outlined in the annexed table.

2. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2.1. Participation at the Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is made up of all the members of the association and is presided over by the President of the association.

2.2. Rules

The rules governing the Annual General Meeting are outlined in the statutes.

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

3.1. Elections

Procedures for election of Executive Committee members are outlined in the statutes.

3.2. Role and responsibilities of the Executive Committee

- 3.2.1. The Executive Committee will prepare the annual EUROCITIES Work Programme and provisional budget, and present them at the Annual General Meeting for discussion and approval.
- 3.2.2. The Executive Committee will implement the EUROCITIES Annual Work Programme, in line with the voted budget, and monitor the activities of the forums, the working groups and the Brussels Office.
- 3.2.3. The Executive Committee will organise a minimum of three Executive Committee meetings per year. From these, at least one must be a joint meeting between the Executive Committee, forums chairs and Executive Committee working groups chairs.
- 3.2.4. The Executive Committee will approve all EUROCITIES policy papers.
- 3.2.5. The Executive Committee will approve the use of EUROCITIES logo in different contexts such as events, conferences, or projects. In urgent cases, the decision on these issues can be made by the Secretary General and the President.
- 3.2.6. The Executive Committee will represent EUROCITIES with EU institutions, acting in consultation with the chairs of the relevant forums.
- 3.2.7. The Executive Committee will propose the location of the next Annual General Meeting to the members of the General Assembly.
- 3.2.8. The Executive Committee will resolve all matters outside the competence of EUROCITIES General Assembly, as indicated in the Statutes.
- 3.2.9. The Executive Committee will prepare and approve the Internal Rules, which will be formally approved by the Annual General Meeting.

3.3. Elections of the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer

Procedures for election of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and the Treasurer are outlined in the statutes.

3.4. Role and responsibilities of the President

- 3.4.1. The President will lead the preparation of the EUROCITIES Work Programme.
- 3.4.2. The President will report to the Annual General Meeting on forums and working groups outputs.

- 3.4.3 The President will prepare agendas and minutes for Executive Committee meetings, in cooperation with the Secretary General.
- 3.4.4 The President will participate in joint Executive Committee/ forums chairs meetings whenever they are held.
- 3.4.5 The President will represent EUROCITIES in high level political events and conferences.
- 3.4.6 The President will be responsible for overseeing the performance management of the Secretary General on behalf of the Executive Committee in line with EUROCITIES human resources procedures. The President will subsequently report all relevant performance outcomes, progress, and issues back to the Executive Committee.

3.5. Role and responsibilities of the Vice-President

- 3.5.1 The Vice-President will deputise for the President in his/ her absence.
- 3.5.2 The Vice-President will assume the presidency in the event that the President resigns mid-term.
- 3.5.3 The Vice-President will assume other responsibilities as agreed with the President.

3.6. Role and responsibilities of the Treasurer

- 3.6.1 The Treasurer will present EUROCITIES interim and annual accounts to the Executive Committee.
- 3.6.2 The Treasurer will - on behalf of the Executive Committee - present the EUROCITIES annual accounts to the Annual General Meeting.
- 3.6.3 The Treasurer will examine the draft budget and submit it to the Executive Committee.
- 3.6.4 The Treasurer will - on behalf of the Executive Committee - submit the draft budget to the approval of the Annual General Meeting.

3.7. Role and responsibilities of the Secretary

- 3.7.1 The Secretary will be fully and wholly responsible for ensuring that the Statutes and Internal Rules of the association are respected.
- 3.7.2 The Secretary will supervise the elections of the Executive Committee, which take place during the Annual General Meeting.
- 3.7.3 The Secretary will be responsible for co-signing the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting with the President.

4. FORUMS

4.1. Thematic Activities

EUROCITIES is active through six thematic forums (and their working groups) as set up by the Annual General Meeting 2004: culture forum, economic development forum, environment forum, knowledge society forum - TeleCities, mobility forum - ACCESS, social affairs forum, and through the Executive Committee working groups set up under the participation and cooperation pillar.

4.2. Conditions of forums/ Executive Committee working groups membership

4.2.1. Membership of forums/ Executive Committee working groups is open to all cities members of EUROCITIES, and to associated partners and associated business partners under the conditions outlined under item 1 of the internal rules.

4.2.2. Membership of forums/ Executive Committee working groups may be terminated at any time, through a recorded letter to the forum/ working group chair.

4.3. Elections

4.3.1. Voting in all elections within forums/ Executive Committee working groups will take place by secret ballot on the basis of a simple majority of votes cast. At least 25% of all members and associated partners that are eligible to vote have to participate in the election for the result to be valid. There will be a re-ballot in the event of a tie.

4.3.2. In the event that the only standing candidate is not elected, a new call for candidates will be launched electronically. There will be an electronic vote following the submission of applications among all eligible members and associated partners.

4.3.3. In the event that there are insufficient nominations, the unfilled posts will remain vacant, unless additional candidates come forward during a meeting prior to the EUROCITIES Annual General Meeting.

4.4. Chair and vice-chair

4.4.1. The chair and vice-chair will be elected biennially during the forum/working group meeting prior to the EUROCITIES Annual General Meeting by the members of the forum/ working group.

4.4.2. The chair and the vice-chair are elected for a term of two years.

4.4.3. The chair and vice-chair have to respect the decisions of the steering committee and are responsible for the following:

- Leading the preparation of the forum work programme;
- Reporting to the Executive Committee on forum and working groups outputs;
- Calling up to three forum thematic seminars per year, one of which partly dedicated to the annual work programme;

- Preparing agendas and minutes for meetings, in cooperation with the policy officer in charge of the forum;
- Monitoring the information on the web site;
- Participating in joint Executive Committee/ forums chairs meetings whenever they are held;
- Authorising the setting up of working groups, taking into account the need for a clear mandate and timeframe, and adequate financial and human resources.

4.5. Steering committee

4.5.1. The steering committee of a forum consists of the chair and the vice-chair of the forum, together with the chairs of the forum working groups.

4.5.2. The steering committee will meet at least three times a year. One of these meetings should take place in connection with the last forum's meeting prior to the EUROCITIES Annual General Meeting.

4.5.3. The steering committee members will contribute to the responsibilities of the chair and vice-chair.

5. EUROCITIES COOPERATION PLATFORM

5.1. Composition of the Cooperation Platform

The EUROCITIES Cooperation Platform is composed of the principal EUROCITIES contact officers in all member cities.

5.2. Objectives

The main objectives of this platform are:

- Facilitate networking among EUROCITIES contact officers;
- Provide members with opportunities to obtain and exchange information on EUROCITIES activities across all policy sectors;
- Provide a space for exchanging information on EU funded projects and programmes and new opportunities for access to funding.

5.3. Chair

The EUROCITIES Cooperation Platform is chaired by the EUROCITIES Vice-President.

5.4. Organisation of the work

5.4.1. The EUROCITIES Cooperation Platform meets at least once a year half-way between two Annual General Meetings, possibly in link with an Executive Committee meeting.

5.4.2. Meetings of the Platform can also be organized on an ad hoc basis, e.g. on the occasion of a new European funding programme.

6. BRUSSELS OFFICE

6.1. Role and responsibilities of the Secretary General

- 6.1.1. The Secretary General and the Brussels Office will be responsible for the day-to-day running of the association, and for establishing and maintaining contact with the European institutions.
- 6.1.2. The Secretary General and the Brussels Office will be accountable to the Executive Committee and through it to the Annual General Meeting and to the general membership.
- 6.1.3. The Secretary General and the Brussels Office will be accountable to the Executive Committee through its Treasurer for all budgetary matters.
- 6.1.4. The Secretary General and the Brussels Office will be responsible both for internal and external communication of the association.
- 6.1.5. The Secretary General and the Brussels Office will be responsible for reporting to the Executive Committee on the activities of the forums, in cooperation with the forum chairs.

6.2. Role and responsibilities of the Policy Officers

- 6.2.1. The policy officers will attend (preferably) a maximum of three forum meetings per year.
- 6.2.2. The policy officers will attend the start meeting of (preferably) up to four working groups within the forum.
- 6.2.3. The policy officers will support the preparation of agendas and work programmes for forums and working groups.
- 6.2.4. The policy officers will support forums and working groups in establishing and maintaining relevant contacts with the European Institutions.
- 6.2.5. The policy officers will support the forums and working groups in the preparation of policy statements.
- 6.2.6. The policy officers will support members of the forums and working groups with requests for information concerning the policy areas covered by the forum.
- 6.2.7. The policy officers will ensure an appropriate flow of information throughout the organisation in cooperation with the EUROCITIES communications department.

7. PAYMENT OF THE FEES

7.1. Amount of the fees

The amount of the fees for members, partners and subscribers is proposed every year by the Executive Committee and is formally approved by the Annual General Meeting during the approval of the budget of the following year.

7.2 Deadline for payment of fees

7.2.1. All payments must be made in the first six months of the year. Members/ partners who have not paid their fee within the first six months of the year will be charged interests.

7.2.2. Members who have not paid their fee by the Annual General meeting will forgo their voting rights at that meeting.

7.3. Cancellation of membership

If a member/ partner cancels its membership, no fee will be refunded.

7.4 Members/ partners accepted late in the year

Members/ partners accepted by the Executive Committee in the second part of the year will only have to pay 50% of the annual fee.

ANNEX TO THE INTERNAL RULES

EUROCITIES members, partners and subscribers

- Fees and benefits -

Type	Fees 2016	Benefits
Members		
Full members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee • EU & EEA 	€21,540 €15,820	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full rights. • Full rights, but cities based in a non-EU Member are not eligible to be candidate for election to the Executive Committee.
Associate members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • non-CEEC (Central and Eastern Europe) • CEEC 	€15,820 €4,260	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full rights with one exception: not eligible to be candidate for election to the Executive Committee.
Partners		
Associated partners <i>per forum</i>	€4,420	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be welcome to participate in all the activities of a given forum: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - have the possibility to chair working groups and/ or to be the vice-chair of the forum. - have the possibility of voting for the appointment of the forums chairs and vice-chairs and of the working groups chairs. • Receive the EUROCITIES electronic newsletters and publications. • Have access to the EUROCITIES web site, including some protected parts, namely those related to search for partners. • Be welcome to participate in transnational projects or campaigning activities on an ad-hoc basis.

<p>Associated business partners</p> <p><i>per forum</i></p>	<p>€11,040</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be welcome to participate in all the activities of a given forum. • Receive the EUROCITIES electronic newsletters and publications. • Have access to the EUROCITIES web site, including some protected parts, namely those related to search for partners. • Be welcome to participate in transnational projects or campaigning activities on an ad-hoc basis.
<p>Subscribers</p>	<p>€2,570</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive the EUROCITIES electronic newsletters and publications. • Have access to the EUROCITIES web site, including some protected parts, namely those related to search for partners. • Be welcome to participate in transnational projects or campaigning activities on an ad-hoc basis.

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