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Minutes IUT Board Meeting, Oslo 4-5 May 2018

Present

Austria	Marisa Perchtold, MVÖ
Czech Republic	Lenka Tarabova, SON
<i>Finland</i>	Anne Viita, Vuokralaiset Oy
France	Eddie Jacquemart, CNL (in part by Skype)
Germany	Heike Zuhse, DMB
The Netherlands	Ronald Paping, Woonbond
Norway	Lars Aasen, LBF Sigmund Aunan, LBF
Sweden	Marie Linder, SUT
Switzerland	François Zutter, SMV/ASLOCA/ASI

IUT Executive Committee

Sven Bergensträhle, President
Annika Wahlberg, Secretary General
Barbara Steenbergen, IUT Brussels
Jan Laurier, Vice President

Stefan Runfeldt, Assistant Secretary

1. Opening of the meeting

Sven Bergensträhle welcomed everyone to Oslo and opened the meeting.

Sven
Bergensträhle, Lars
Aasen

The Board was welcomed by Lars Aasen, manager of the Norwegian Tenants Union, Leieboerforeningen. Mr Aasen gave a presentation about the Norwegian housing market, and informed the Board about the programme for the Board. The Board will also meet the Mayor of Oslo, Marianne Borgen.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

Sven Bergensträhle

3. Minutes from previous Board meeting, Brussels, 27-28 April 2017

The minutes from last Board meeting, Gothenburg, 10-11 November 2017 was approved without changes.

Sven Bergensträhle

4. Action points from the previous Board meeting	Annika Wahlberg reported that all action points from the last Board Meeting, including the letter from CNL and the changes in the budget had been implemented.	Annika Wahlberg
5. Activity reports IUT a) Stockholm b) Ongoing and upcoming in Brussels	a) Annika Wahlberg gave a presentation about the activity report that is based on the strategy presentation from last board meeting. b) Barbara Steenbergen gave a presentation of activities from the Brussels office. The activities have also been reported in the Brussels newsletters in December, February and April.	Annika Wahlberg Barbara Steenbergen
6. Working Group on General Housing Policy	<p>Sven Bergenstråhle presented the work of the group, including four changes that he sent out beforehand via email. The group has been working on these issues since last spring. Sven explained that the paper addresses the Housing Partnership within the EU, but the paper is also aimed at being used in a broader context.</p> <p>François Zutter suggested to mention the national level Heike Zuhse said that it is important to make some changes from a German Perspective, i.e. Page 2, 3rd – Germany wants to keep the quota of 30 percent.</p> <p>A discussion followed about the process, where criticism was directed to the fact that the position paper had been changed after it had been agreed in the working group. Sven Bergenstråhle agreed with the criticism and said that his handling had been incorrect.</p> <p>The Board decided on the IUT Position Paper to send to Housing Partnership. Se appendix 1</p>	Sven Bergenstråhle
7. Working Group on Energy Policy	Decision to reformulate the group as a network of energy experts that meet whenever there's a need for it. The aim of the network is to share information and experiences. The next meeting will be held in June, and focus on forming the network and find good working methods i.e. contact via an e-mail list.	Annika Wahlberg
8. Working Group on Finance	<p>The main objective of the Finance Working Group will be to scrutinise any capital investment or any major or unusual items of expenditure, review membership fee change proposals in due course as well as to oversee the financial administration of IUT. A decision needs to be taken on the composition of this group.</p> <p>Decision: The group will consist of Germany, Sweden and Austria.</p>	Annika Wahlberg

9. International Tenants Day: decision on theme	The day coincides with International day of Older Persons this year. Focus on the social dimension of the issue. This issue also has got a clear gender dimension.	Annika Wahlberg
10. World Conference 2019 discussion of theme	The Board discussed a theme “Sharpening the UN sustainable goals, especially SDG 11 “Sustainable cities and communities. Action, not words.	Annika Wahlberg
11. ERHIN Awards 2019	Barbara Steenbergen presented the proposition to be part of the ERHIN Awards 2019, and that at least four jury members from the IUT should be nominated. The IUT should work to get sponsorship, and to hold the awards during the Social Housing festival in Lyon. The Board decided that IUT will work with the ERHIN awards 2019 To explore the financing for a temporal staff by external sponsoring and IUT Brussel budget reservation for 2018/2019 The Jury will consist of representatives from Norway (Christian Hellevang) Sweden, Czech Republic, France, Germany, The Netherlands, Finland (as a reserve)	Barbara Steenbergen
12. IUT New website approval and decision	Discussion about the content. The webpage will go live in about one or two weeks. Annika will look into how to make this possible. The country specific information will need to be updated by the respective countries in due course. And to go live in May. And a mission to make some noise about it from members and inform subscribers to newsletters and the Global Tenant to have more traffic.	
13. IUT Strategy, Communications decision	Annika Wahlberg presented the paper and said that it is still a working document that will come back to the Board later. She underlined the proposals for content to the digitalised Global Tenant magazine and said that it is important that the member organisations contribute to the magazine.	Annika Wahlberg
14. IUT New subjects	Sigmund Aunan made a presentation based on a letter sent to the IUT office from the Norwegian Tenant Association. The idea of the paper is that the IUT should start to put more focus into the issues of sharing experiences in sustainable organisations (membership loyalty, recruiting, modern technologies), rather than only focus on policy that the board does right now. The discussion that followed was positive towards this.	Sigmund Aunan
15. IUT Financial results 2017 and budget 2018 a) Financial report 2017 b) IUT results 2017 and budget forecast 2018 c) Financial report first quarter 2018	Annika Wahlberg presented the budget 2018 and the results for the Stockholm office 2017 and April 2018. The budget will from now on be based on new budget posts, to clarify for the Board on where the costs lie. Annika explained that the Stockholm and Brussels office still have their separate accounts.	Annika Wahlberg Barbara Steenbergen

- d) Membership fees** Barbara Steenbergen gave a presentation of the results and budget 2018 for the Brussels office. She explained that all members have paid their contributions to the office. The board accepted both reports, and welcomed the aims of the Working Group on Finance, a expressed a need for a unified IUT budget. The Executive Committee was granted discharge from liability.
- 16. Support to developing countries** Ronald Paping presented a proposal to ask the members, and associate members to send in applications of projects to support the developments of their organisations. The limit for the funds will be according to the budget, currently 6000 €. The board will then decide on one or two projects to support. Ronald Paping
- 17. Other issues** Sven informed about a questionnaire that he has drafted. The aim of the questionnaire is to learn more of the members and Board members situations and needs. It need to be shortened/concentrated and he wanted feedback from the Board. He proposed that the Executive Committee will send out the final version. Sven Bergensträhle
The Board decided to delegate the handling to the Executive Committee.
- 18. Next board meeting** Date and venue of next Board Meeting: Annika Wahlberg
Date: October 2018 tbc

Spring 2019 Board meeting:
Lyon, together with the Social Housing festival 4-7 June 2019

Date and venue of autumn 2019 Board meeting:
Vienna first half of October, in connection with the World Conference
- 19. Closure of the meeting** President Sven Bergensträhle thanked all Board members and closed the meeting.

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