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GENERAL ASSEMBLY – Part 1

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Draft minutes

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Note: With 25 members of the General Assembly being represented, the quorum is reached for all the following decisions taken. The meeting documents are in the [Members' area](#) of the COFACE website. No questions were asked to the Secretariat before the votes.



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1.GA 2019 Draft minutes For adoption

There is no comment and both the agenda and the minutes are adopted with unanimity (25 votes)

2.Ratification of new members

-Tulip Foundation – 23 in favour, 2 abstentions

-Hungarian Women's association -19 in favour, 6 abstentions

Please note that LEAP was successfully accepted by the Administrative Council on 9th April, but unfortunately due to the COVID-19 crisis have had to close their organization. They adhere fully to COFACE values and vision, and hope to reconnect soon.

3. Annual activity report 2019 For adoption

The report was adopted with unanimity (25 votes).

4.Annual Financial Report 2019 For adoption

The 2019 annual accounts show a positive result.

The General Assembly unanimously (25 votes) decides to approve the annual accounts for the year exercise ended on 31st December 2019.

5. Discharge to Administrators and Financial Adviser

Discharge was given to both (23 in favour, 2 abstentions)

The General Assembly gives discharge to the Administrators of all responsibility resulting from the fulfillment of their mandate during the past financial year.

6.COFACE workplan 2021 For adoption

Comments

Carmen De Lamo: In March it is foreseen to adopt the annual report 2019, should it be 2020? The correction was made.

Kinga Joo: It would be important in 2021 to focus on families in vulnerable situations, especially as after the COVID-19 crisis situation many families will face difficulties, so we cannot continue with "business as usual". We need to adapt our programs and field of activities to meet the needs of families, besides of course fulfilling the duties of the ongoing EU funded projects.

Anna Nagy: It would be useful to put special emphasis on vulnerable families after Covid. They were the ones who were hit the most by its economic and psychological effects.

Response from Elizabeth Gosme to Kinga Joo and Anna Nagy: In terms of 2021 events, the vulnerability of families resulting from the COVID-19 crisis will be addressed in every meeting: on



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work-life balance, on economics, on disability, on child well-being and on digital divide. In these meetings, single parent families and large families will both be examined more closely.

The workplan was adopted. (24 in favour, 1 abstention)

7. COFACE budget 2021 For adoption

The budget was adopted. (24 in favour, 1 abstention)