

Meeting of the 25th CERIC-ERIC General Assembly

Approved RESOLUTIONS

Time Thursday 21 November 2024, from 14:00 to 18:00 and
Friday 22 November 2024 from 09:00 to 13:00

Place NH Collection Grand Sablon, Rue Bodenbroek – Bodenbroekstraat, 2, B-1000
Brussels Belgium and on-line

1. Welcome and adoption of the draft agenda

Resolution GA2024.2-1:

The General Assembly adopts the agenda of the meeting.

2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting (Krakow, June 27-28, 2024)

Resolution GA2024.2-2:

The minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting held in presence in Krakow and by video-conference on 27-28 June 2024 are approved.

Record of written consultation executive from 13th August 2024**Resolution GA2024.2-3:**

The CERIC-ERIC General Assembly appoints Professor Andrew Harrison, born in Oxford (United Kingdom) on 03/10/1959, fiscal code HRRNRW59R03Z114B, with residence in Pštrossova 1762/5, Nové Město, Praha 1, Praha, 110 00 Czech Republic, as CERIC-ERIC Executive Director (ED) and confers to him the powers needed to be the Executive Body and the Legal Representative of CERIC-ERIC and to perform the ordinary administration and day to day management of CERIC-ERIC, including the power to appoint proxies, as described in the CERIC-ERIC Statute and internal regulations.

The duration of the appointment is of three years, starting from 1st November 2024 and ending 31st October 2027, unless differently deliberated by the General Assembly, and can be renewed by deliberation of the General Assembly.

The yearly gross remuneration of the office of Executive Director is fixed in the sum of Euro 170.000,00 (Euro one-hundred-seventy- thousand/00).

Upon reaching the objectives set out by the General Assembly, an additional yearly gross bonus of up to Euro 34.000,00 (Euro thirty-four-thousand/00 euro) before taxes and legal withdrawals, can be awarded.

The above yearly bonus shall be awarded to the Executive Director on the basis of the results achieved in the following areas:

- Development of the functions of the statutory seat including the implementation in the Partner Facilities of the distributed institutional operational activities as described in the Statute and internal regulations;
- Organization and management of the seat's and distributed activities of CERIC-ERIC, including

administrative, financial and staff matters;

- Definition and implementation of the CERIC-ERIC strategy and other tasks, in line with the decisions of the General Assembly and in collaboration with the Board of Directors;
- Preparing, implementing and presenting proposals/projects;
- Providing support to the policy making at national CE and EU level related to research infrastructures.

The results are to be assessed by the General Assembly respectively against the following:

- Successful development of the functions of the statutory seat and execution of the distributed institutional activities (qualitative, based on a report by the ED);
- Results of audits (audit reports), and impact assessment;
- Successful preparation and implementation of projects (based on a report by the ED);
- EU-wide visibility of CERIC-ERIC, due to the activities of the ED and the use of the common operational resources (qualitative, based on a report by the ED).

The remuneration will be paid in twelve equal monthly instalments, and the assessment of the results and definition of the final bonus will be deliberated by the General Assembly, upon proposal by its Chair in consultation with the Board of Directors, together with the approval of the annual report and accounts of CERIC-ERIC, and paid within the following month.

Applying the laws of the Country hosting the Statutory Seat (Italy), taking-into-account the tasks of the Executive Director and as it is required for workers having administrator's functions, the Executive Director will be inscribed in the separately managed social security fund kept at the National Institute for Social Security (INPS) where the social security contributions will be paid-in by CERIC-ERIC.

The Executive Director will also be insured at the National Institute for Insurance against Accidents at Work (INAIL) covering accidents during work.

The overall maximum yearly cost for CERIC-ERIC for the remuneration of the office of the Executive Director, including the bonus, will be of Euro 233.000,00 (Euro two-hundred-thirty-three-thousand/00).

4.1 Prolongation of the current ED's Jana Kolar contracts to November 30th

Resolution GA2024.2-4:

Considering that the Prof. Andrew Harrison can take on the role of Executive Director from December 1st instead 2024 of November 1st 2024, the General Assembly agrees to extend the mandate of the Executive Director Jana Kolar from 31st October 2024 to 30th November 2024 and to ratify all her actions as Executive Director to the extent necessary until the above extended term.

As a result, partially amending the resolution GA2024.2-3, the General Assembly agrees that the appointment of the new Executive Director, Andrew Harrison, shall start from 1st December 2024 ending 31st October 2027.

5. Election of the Chair and vice-chair of the GA

Resolution GA2024.2-5:

Taking into account the outcome of the search committee, the statements indicating the main strategic views for their mandate expressed by the candidates for the role of Chair and Vice-Chair and the results of the ballot for the election of the Chair, the General Assembly appoints Carlo Rizzuto as its Chair for the term 27 November 2024 – 26 November 2027. The election of the following Chair will be scheduled at the first meeting after the expiry of the above three-year

mandate, if not otherwise agreed by the General Assembly. The mandate of the Chair shall be automatically extended until the end of the meeting, where the new Chair is appointed.

Taking into account the indication expressed by the new Chair, the General Assembly appoints Milko Jaksic as its Vice-Chair for the same term of the Chair.

6. Approval of Internal Regulations

Resolution GA2024.2-6:

The General Assembly approves the update of the CERIC-ERIC Internal Regulation no. 9 - *The Independent Audit Committee*, as per enclosed Annex 3.o.bis including the modifications agreed during the meeting.

The General Assembly decides to postpone the approval of the updates of the following CERIC-ERIC Internal Regulations, which will be decided by written procedure:

- no. 2 - *Partner and Associated Facilities; Hosting and Representing Entities*, as per enclosed Annex 3.b;
- no. 3 - *Accession of New Members and Agreements with Observers*, as per enclosed Annex 3.c;
- no. 4 - *The General Assembly Rules of Procedure*, as per enclosed Annex 3.e;
- no. 5 - *The Executive Director*, as per enclosed Annex 3.g;
- no. 6 - *Board of Directors*, as per enclosed Annex 3.i;
- no. 7 - *CERIC-ERIC International Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (ISTAC) - Terms of Reference and Internal Regulation*, as per enclosed Annex 3.m;
- no. 12 - *Users Policy, Open Access, Proposal Review Panel*, as per enclosed Annex 3.q.

7. IAEC mandate extension

Resolution GA2024.2-7:

Taken into account that the mandate of the members of the Independent Audit Expert Committee (IAEC) shall end next 8th February 2024, and that the General Assembly shall deliberate within the approval of the annual accounts for year 2024 the setting-up of a new single audit body for the scopes of articles 16 and 17(1) of CERIC-ERIC Statutes, the General Assembly agrees to temporarily extend from February 9th 2024 to the approval of the annual accounts for year 2024 the mandate of dr. VINCENZO DI FELICE, Dr. PINTO ALESSANDRO and dr. DI DONATO ANTONIO as members of the Independent Audit Expert Committee (IAEC) for the scopes of article 16 of the CERIC-ERIC Statutes. The experts will be compensated with 25.000 euro/year and the costs for these audits, which will include additional taxes and direct costs, shall be borne by the CERIC-ERIC central budget. The Chair of the Committee, which shall be nominated among its members with the task of ensuring continuity and timely reporting to the General Assembly, will have his compensation increased by 50% of the level defined as expert remuneration.

8.2 Approval of CERIC-ERIC Scientific and technical programme for 2025 with three years outlook

Resolution GA2024.2-8:

The General Assembly approves the CERIC ERIC Scientific and Technical Programme for 2025 as per enclosed annex 4.

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Resolution GA2024.2-9:

Taken into account the legal constraints deriving from the Italian labour law, the General Assembly exceptionally agrees that CERIC-ERIC shall transfer to Elettra – Sincrotrone Trieste S.C.p.A. the funds related to the hiring of the human resources granted under the Expression of Interest call issued in 2022 allowing Elettra - Sincrotrone Trieste S.C.p.A. to hire directly the needed human resources for the implementation of the approved projects.

8.3 Approval of CERIC-ERIC budget for 2025**Resolution GA2024.2-10:**

The General Assembly, having heard the presentation by the ED, the staff, and the opinion of auditors, approves the CERIC ERIC budget for 2025, as per the document enclosed as Annex 5.

8.4 SWOT analysis and developing longer term strategies**Resolution GA2024.2-11:**

The General Assembly, having heard the presentation by the ED, adopts the SWOT analysis, as per the document enclosed as Annex 6bis including the modifications agreed during the meeting.

10.1 Appointment of the Chair of ISTAC**Resolution GA2024.2-12:**

The General Assembly, taken into account the ongoing discussions among the members of the International Scientific and Technical Advisory Committee (ISTAC) to identify its next Chair, acknowledges that the current Vice-Chair Luis Fonseca will take on the role of acting Chair upon resignation of the current Chair.

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Prof. Carlo Rizzuto
Chair of the General Assembly

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Ileana Gimmillaro
Secretary of the General Assembly