

## Minutes

of the meeting of the Coordination Council (CC) on 2 September 2013 in Budapest

**Present:**

- Dr. István Endrődi, President**
- Dr. Zsolt Dalnoki, Secretary General**
- Moya Wood-Heath** (British Red Cross Society)
- Dr. Željko Dobranović** (Croatian Crisis Management Association)
- Anders M. Johansson** (Swedish Civil Protection Association)
- Jozef Rudik** (Civil Protection Association of the Košice Region)
- Walter Schwartzl** (Austrian Civil Protection Association)

The meeting of the Coordination Council took place in Budapest at Best Western Hotel Hungária.

**President Dr. István Endrődi** welcomes the participants. He calls the attention of the CC members to the fact that an audio recording is made of the meeting to facilitate taking the minutes.

### DISCUSSION OF THE AGENDA ITEMS

#### 1 Changes in the composition of the Coordination Council

**Dr. István Endrődi** says: the representative of the Council of the Civil Protection Association of the Bratislava Region indicated that the Association, being a member of the CC de jure at present, would be disbanded due to internal reasons. Slovakia's CC membership, considering the difficulties of the Bratislava organization, has been fulfilled up to date de facto by the Civil Protection Association of the Košice Region. However, it is important to take a decision at the November Conference on the CC membership issue and to give an opportunity to the Košice organization to participate in full capacity in the CC's work. I highly appreciate that the representative of the Austrian Civil Protection Association can participate in the meeting of the CC and hope that your organization (i.e. Austrian) will again regularly represent itself at the different meetings.

**Dr. István Endrődi** asks: Ms. Moya Wood-Heath has indicated that she would retire on 15 September 2013. Will this affect your CC membership engagements?

**Moya Wood-Heath** replies: I hope I can participate in the CC's work in the future regardless of my retirement.

**Dr. István Endrődi** says: We highly appreciate your activities so far and will definitely count on your efforts in the future as well, regardless of your future status.

Since there are no questions or comments, the next item on the agenda is discussed.

## 2 Clarification of the workshops of the Conference

**Dr. István Endródi** thanks the CC members for compiling the short themes, preliminarily sent to the Presidency, of the workshops to be elaborated at the forthcoming Conference.

**Dr. István Endródi** asks: Mr. Schwartzl, could you study the Minutes of the previous CC meeting? I yes, we will abstain from informing you on it.

**Walter Schwartzl** gives an affirmative answer.

**Anders M. Johansson** says: I have been thinking a lot since our last meeting about the Conference. To my judgement, there is too little time to elaborate so many topics in two days. Therefore, we should reduce their numbers to avoid parallel meetings, thus providing an opportunity to everyone to participate in every workshop. Another important issue is that we should deal with concrete, i.e. specific topics at the workshops. So, when the participants go back to their capitals, they can state what kind of new experience they have gained in Budapest. I call your attention to the necessity of acquiring financial support from the EU. On 14 January 2014, a new application (call for proposals) period will commence. In order to submit a very good project proposal, we should already start working on it.

**Dr. István Endródi** says: I agree with you. The most important is to organize the 3<sup>rd</sup> EVCPF Conference on 19 and 20 November in Budapest.

**Moya Wood-Heath** asks: Will the Conference's budget permit to cover two nights' accommodation for the participants?

**Dr. István Endródi** replies: I have calculated with the fact that the majority of the guests will arrive in the evening of 18 November. However, due to financial constraints, the Hungarian Civil Protection Association can only cover the costs of accommodation and catering for one person from each member country and for two participants from CC member countries. Of course, we will invite Mr. Claus Haugaard Sørensen, DG ECHO of the European Commission to the event and hope he will accept it and come. I would like to update all members' accessibilities before sending the invitations and I would like to ask your assistance to do so.

The CC members, after consultation, have agreed to reduce the number of workshops of the Conference from five to three.

**Moya Wood-Heath** comments: It would be important to invite the representative of IFRC to the meeting. The International Red Cross has the experience concerning cross-border voluntary activities. For instance, how to simplify and facilitate customs procedures and border crossing in a non-EU environment. There are Standard Operational Procedures used by IFRC for a long time. It is a well-proven and practiced set of techniques. A representative of the International Red Cross could give specific examples to the participants.

In the following, the CC members have accepted the program of the Conference detailed below:

## Program

### 18 November, Monday

Arrival of participants, dinner

### 19 November, Tuesday

9<sup>00</sup> – 10<sup>00</sup>

Opening remarks and plenary session

10<sup>00</sup> – 10<sup>20</sup>

Coffee break

10<sup>20</sup> – 12<sup>30</sup>

Workshop I: Citizens as “first responders” in incidents and crises

*Leader of the workshop:*

**Anders M. Johansson** (Swedish Civil Protection Association)

*Other speakers:*

**Walter Schwartzl** (Austrian Civil Protection Association)

**Jozef Rudik** (Civil Protection Association of the Košice Region)

12<sup>30</sup> – 14<sup>30</sup>

Lunch

14<sup>30</sup> – 16<sup>30</sup>

Workshop II: Exploring the roles and operating conditions of NGOs in emergencies

*Leader of the workshop:*

**Dr. Željko Dobranović** (Croatian Crisis Management Association)

*Other speakers:*

**Jozef Rudik** (Civil Protection Association of the Košice Region)

**György Leskó** (Regional Disaster Management and Civil Protection Association, Miskolc)

16<sup>35</sup> – 16<sup>55</sup>

Coffee break

17<sup>00</sup> – 18<sup>00</sup>

Informal discussion

18<sup>30</sup>

Dinner

### 20 November, Wednesday

9<sup>30</sup> – 11<sup>30</sup>

Workshop III: The challenges of international cross-border operations – laws, rules, freedoms, cultures

*Leader of the workshop:*

Representative of the British Red Cross

*Other speaker(s):*

Representative of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

11<sup>30</sup> – 11<sup>55</sup>

Coffee break

11<sup>55</sup> – 13<sup>30</sup>

Summary, closing remarks

13<sup>30</sup>

Lunch, departure

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**Moya Wood-Heath** says: The Conference should have a slogan "*Moving forward together*", thus indicating the importance of cooperation.

The CC members have adopted the slogan as above.

**Anders M. Johansson** says: After accepting the program of the Conference, it should be sent to all EVCPF member organizations.

The members agree to hold the next meeting of the Coordination Council at 19.00 hours on 18 November 2013.

**Dr. István Endrődi** says: Everybody should think about the possibility or necessity to invite any other organization or person to the Conference and submit his or her suggestion in writing.

**Anders M. Johansson** says: After a well-organized Conference, people will talk about us and I hope next time not only invited entities but voluntary applicants will participate in large numbers. I suggest delivering a briefing on the lessons learnt during the recent flooding of the Danube in Hungary.

**Dr. István Endrődi** replies: response issues will be covered in workshop II.

Since there are no questions or comments, the meeting is closed.

*Secretary General Dr. Zsolt Dalnoki certifies that the Minutes have been taken based on the audio recording and conform to the summary of the said during the meeting.*

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