

Resolution

The Assembly of Members of the European Association of Cultural Researchers (ERICarts Network), meeting in Paris on 6 June 2019,

1. Confirms its mission to foster trans-national cooperation in culture-related research and its support for the "Compendium" to achieve that goal, with special emphasis on defending the rights and adequate working conditions of cultural (policy) researchers;
2. Takes note of the announcement of the Secretary General that he plans – after over two decades of service – to resign from this function, and of the consequences such a step would entail, including the need to find a successor or new headquarters;
3. Recognises that managing associations or networks successfully in the digital age faces important challenges that may require new forms of work (e.g. in the sense of more "communicative interaction" via digital means, but also going beyond it);
4. Welcomes the Strategy Plan developed by the President and Secretary General, because it has already effectuated change and may further assist in the development of the Association;
5. Underlines, however, that implementing new strategies depends on sound human and financial resources, both of which have in the past been provided by the ERICarts Institute, but are currently lacking;
6. Supports, as a consequence, plans to make membership in the Association conditional on the payment of an annual fee, if income from projects cannot be expected, e.g. because the Association is disconnected from the ERICarts Institute or the latter is dissolved by decision of the Board;
7. Empowers the Executive Board and the Secretary General to take all required practical and legal steps to implement this decision including, but not limited to,
 - a. searching for, and deciding on, a new Secretary General and seat of office;
 - b. amending Article 1.2 of the Statute in case a new seat would be located outside of Bonn;
 - c. amending Articles 2.3 and 8.5 in case the ERICarts Institute gGmbH would be dissolved;
 - d. amending Art. 8.6 in order to extend the mandate of the Executive Board to a period of three years (which would also prolong the interval between Members' Assemblies);
 - e. adding a paragraph 6 to Art. 7 enabling a member that is unable to attend an Assembly to authorise another member to exercise voting rights on his or her behalf;
 - f. adding a paragraph 7 to Art. 7 that would enable the Board to call, at any time, virtual Assemblies to address specific issues, on condition that personal data verification and protection will be fully guaranteed;
 - g. amending Art. 5 by adding "the unexcused failure to pay membership fees";
 - h. setting up rules for moderate membership fees (with reductions for students or alumni, exemptions of Honorary Members and including options for voluntary contributions or the possibility of compensation by goods or services in kind);
 - k. putting to a membership vote the dissolution of the Association in case this should prove necessary for legal reasons (e.g. in case the Association faces serious financial difficulties or its headquarters move to another country with different legal requirements or if it is to be integrated into a university or other scientific or cultural organisation), but considering in any case the continuation of the Network in an alternative, more informal way.

(This Resolution has been unanimously adopted by the Assembly)