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Participants :

	Position	Federation	Advanced information
Christa Seiss	Member	ÖNV - Austria	Accompanying person
Christine Kouman	CEO NFN	Netherlands - NFN	Delegates attending in person
Daniela Schleicher	ENY Youth Officer	Germany DFK and EuNat Youth	Spokesperson EuNat
David Salisbury	International Representative BN	United Kingdom - British Naturism	Delegate attending in person
Dominique Dufour (excused absent)	Vice-President Finance INF-FNI	INF-FNI - International Naturist Federation	Personally participating CC member
Edwin Kilby	Vice-President (Secretary) of the INF-FNI	INF-FNI - International Naturist Federation	Personally participating CC member
Falk Baumgärtner	Recorder	Germany - DFK	Personally present
Frank Janssens	President FBN	Belgium - FBN	Delegate attending in person
Gábor Szabó	President NAMASZ	Association of Naturists in Hungary NAMASZ	Delegate attending in person
Gabriele Carrera	Secretary Fenait	Italy - Fenait	Observer present in person
Gabrielle Rossetti	President Fenait	Italy - Fenait	Delegate attending in person
Gianfranco Ribolzi	Vice-President of the UNI	Liechtenstein - UNI-ONV	Accompanying person
Goran Filipovic	President NOS	Naturist Organisation of Serbia NOS	Delegate attending in person
Harald Seiss	ÖNV Vice-Chairman	ÖNV - Austria	Delegate attending in person
Hervé Begeot	President of the INF Legal Council	INF-FNI - International Naturist Federation	Personally participating CC member
Ian Rizzo	Member	Maltese Naturist Association	Personally attending guest
Ismael Rodrigo Rodríguez	President FEN	Spain - FEN	Delegate attending in person
Jean Peters	President of the FLN	Fédération Luxembourgeoise de Naturisme (FLN)	Delegate attending in person
Jessica Williamson	Technology	INF-FNI - International Naturist Federation	Technical support
Jose Garcia Sacristan	Member	Irish Naturist Association	Delegate attending in person

	Position	Federation	Advanced information
Júlio Esteves	President FPN	Portuguese Federation FPN	Delegate attending in person
Ladislav Ivo	Member	ÖNV - Austria	Observer present in person
Laurent Luft	Europe Assessor INF	INF-FNI - International Naturist Federation	Personally participating CC member
Leslie Rabuchin	Legal advice INF	INF-FNI - International Naturist Federation	Personally participating CC member
Maja Penko	President ZDNS	President of Slovenian Naturist Federation (ZDNS)	Delegates attending in person
Manfred Maier	Guest	Germany	Observer present in person
Marcus Hauss	Vice President Finance DFK	DFK e. V. Germany	Delegate attending in person
Nancy Lauwers	Secretary FBN	FBN - Belgium	Accompanying person
Peter Veres	Vice-President NAMASZ	Association of Naturists in Hungary NAMASZ	Observer present in person
Rosita Dal Soglio	INF social media auditor	Liechtenstein UNIONV	Personally participating CC member
Sieglinde Ivo	Co-President INF-FNI	INF-FNI - International Naturist Federation	Personally participating CC member
Sönke Reise	GetNakedGermany e. V.	Germany - DFK	Personally participating speaker, GetNaked Germany
Sook HWA NOH	EuNat Sports Officer (INF)	Spain - FEN and EuNat Sports	EuNat-Sport
Stéphane Deschênes	Co-President INF-FNI	INF-FNI - International Naturist Federation	Personally participating CC member
Sylvie Peters-Bauer	Secrétaire FLN	Fédération Luxembourgeoise de Naturisme (FLN)	Accompanying person
Wilfried Blaschke	President DFK	EuNat Secretary and DFK e. V.	EuNat Secretary
Cameron Bennedt	President CNA	CNA Christian Naturist Association	Observer participating by video conference
Christo Bothma	President of SANNA and INF Asia/Africa/Pacific Assessor, CC Member	South African National Naturist Association	Observer participating by video conference
Claudia J. Kellersch	Ambassador	Federation Mexico (FNM)	Observer participating by video conference

	Position	Federation	Advanced information
Daniel Bisonette	Member	Federation of Canadian Naturists (FCN)	Observer participating by video conference
Dave Foote	Member	American Nudist Research Library	Observer participating by video conference
Devika Chawla	Member	Federation of Canadian Naturists (FCN)	Observer participating by video conference
Eric Stefanut	Community manager of the FFN	Fédération française de naturisme (FFN)	Observer participating by video conference
Greg Snow	President FCN	Federation of Canadian Naturists (FCN)	Observer participating by video conference
Gustavo de la Garza	President FNM and CC member INF	Federation FNM	Observer participating by video conference
Pradeep	NA	Asia	Observer participating by video conference
Rob Field	Member	Federation of Canadian Naturists (FCN)	Observer participating by video conference
Shelley Clarke	Member	Federation of Canadian Naturists (FCN)	Observer participating by video conference
Søren Christian Valentin Frank	Chair DNU	Danish Nudist Union (DNU)	Delegates participating by video conference
Viviane Tiar	President FFN	Fédération française de naturisme (FFN)	Delegates participating by video conference

Agenda

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 - for the 2023 championships.Application deadline 10 March 2023.
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Meeting minutes

Saturday, 11 March 2023 - Start 9:00 a.m. (Day 1)

1 Welcome of the participants by EuNat Secretary, Wilfried Blaschke, DFK

Wilfried will chair the meeting. He welcomes the participants of the meeting.

2 Greetings from the Co-Presidents of INF-FNI

Sieglinde Ivo and Stéphane Deschênes, Co-Presidents of the INF-FNI, welcomed the participants.

3 Presentation of the Federation representatives present and their voting shares

According to the list of participants, a total of **128 valid votes** were represented at the meeting.

The Assembly was informed that the Treasurer's car had broken down and he was unable to complete his journey to the Assembly.

4 Election of two scrutineers

Sönke Reise and Peter Veres were appointed vote counters.

5 Approval of the agenda

The Hungarian association requested that its motion be dealt with at the beginning of the meeting because of the urgency of the situation described in it. This was agreed to **(the motion is nevertheless listed under item 15.4 of the minutes)**.

With this amendment, the agenda was approved.

6 Report of the EuNat Secretary, Wilfried Blaschke, DFK

Wilfried, who has been in office as EuNat Secretary since June 2022, gives an overview of the events attended and thanks the many participants for their help. Wilfried points out the following points, among others:

- The International Swimming Gala had been planned and cancelled several times for 2022 and was finally perfectly organised thanks to Goran and the organisers in Belgrade.
- The 2022 pétanque competition was held in Hanover and the organisation was excellent, even if playing on grass was not to the liking of all teams; however, additional costs were incurred.
- Wilfried thanked numerous people for their support in preparing this meeting, especially his partner Konstanze, Edwin (INF Secretary) and Jessica (Assistant Co-President) for their technical support.
- Wilfried had expected Dominique Dufour, the treasurer, to present the financial reports, but Dominique was unavoidably absent. The auditors had found no problems with the report.

7 Report of the EuNat Youth Officer, Daniela Schleicher, DFK

Daniela Schleicher, EUNAT Youth Officer, referred to her comprehensive written report and explained the planned spring youth rally near Nice.

Last year, Daniela organised a private event that was open to people up to 39 years old, instead of the usual range of 18 to 27. It was felt that people over 27 are still young and in many cases have not yet started a family, so it is not comfortable for them to participate in family events. The group was called "Sporty Young Nudists". The better income situation of the over 27s should be taken into account so that they should be able to finance their travel and accommodation. Non-INF members are also explicitly welcome and encouraged, although this may lead to different grant arrangements.

It was planned to keep the prices for the Spring Youth Rally at 50 €.

It is important to support young people and publicise these events, especially online. Young people need to understand that meeting people from other countries is fun and can lead to lifelong friendships.

In the discussion it was argued

- It is important to pay attention to youth groups, otherwise there is a risk of losing them, and EuNat should be flexible when looking at costs
- The over 27s should not be subsidised and the over 27s attending the private event will not receive a subsidy.
- One approach for the future could be to set a standard price for participation and offer a discount for association members
- Younger people are moving away from Facebook; what social media is appropriate now? ENY works with TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram
- Online presentation was difficult, mainly because naked people do not like cameras; however, it is possible to take photos from a distance without showing faces
- However, it was important that the covering of the faces should not give the impression that naturism is wrong.
- The age limit should be raised to 40 years.
- There was a broader problem in terms of participation of younger people that needed to be addressed. It was not just a question of money
- The INF alone could not reach naturists and especially young people. Social media works like a virus; it is not spread by one person; we are only as effective as all the federations; it was important for the federations to share the messages created by Daniela and to keep track of the emails, etc.

It was agreed that a youth working group on Zoom, consisting of Filipa, Goran, Maja and Daniela, should develop ideas on how to better reach young people. For this purpose, Daniela should also include two young people she knows from her area in the working group.

8 Report of the EuNat Sport Officer, Sook-Hwa Noh, FEN

Sook-Hwa Noh, EUNAT Sports Officer, presented a comprehensive written report and described the Alpe Adria, Pétanque and Swimming Gala in 2022.

There were no applications for the 2023 Swimming Gala, but Goran/Serbia had submitted a proposal (see 14.1).

9 Reports of the persons responsible for the subsidised events

The Chair introduced the next part of the meeting, pointing out that a new approach to subsidising events was to be adopted and that it was therefore necessary to collect some basic data on events.

The events should be measured against the criteria to see to what extent they can sustain themselves. This would open the way for other activities to be perceived as more attractive.

These data include

- who was responsible for the events,
- how many people participated (noting that the number of participants is decreasing),
- which countries were represented,
- what activities are offered and whether they are activities for young people,
- how will the event be advertised.

As far as the Alpe-Adria event is concerned:

- it is an event that is well established and largely promotes itself
- However, only a few locals were present, so more use could be made of local newspapers and radio to inform people who were there but did not know what was going on.
- However, this required cooperation with the local association
- it would be a good idea to have an INF volunteer to promote the INF at events
- it was also important to go beyond the world of naturists, e.g. at exhibitions and fairs
- some of the events were a bit old-fashioned and might not appeal to young people
- The timing was also important: the young people could not participate during school hours, for example.

It was noted that the sports offered at the Baltic Sea event in Grube were able to attract a high number of younger participants due to, among other things, the naturist run, which is very popular, and an intergenerational pétanque tournament. Word-of-mouth has been effective and the event attracts a good community of young people and children.

Southern European family reunion:

- Last year, an environmental activity was launched: a nudist performance to save a traditional nudist beach.
- This had a good publicity effect and also attracted young people.
- an activist element might be a good idea for events in general
- but to attract new people, more advertising had to be done, for example on the associations' websites and in magazines.

Pétanque: Various points were raised in connection with the pétanque tournament:

- Even though this event could be criticised as a "senior citizens' event", we did not want to leave older people out and
- it was also a sporting event.
- it might be possible to ask for a little more money from the older participants
- it was very important to find ways to involve younger people.

Swimming gala: In the discussion it was argued that

- holding the event indoors was expensive, whereas a summer date would be much cheaper, and it was questionable whether the event would have to be held indoors in winter
- On the other hand, people were on holiday in the summer and could not participate.
- Nudism is a way of life, not just a summer activity, and some participants stressed that the swimming gala should be limited to winter

It was agreed that following the new strategy, plans would be presented at the October meeting on how the various events would become self-sufficient over time.

End of the session: 13:00

The afternoon was taken up by the conference on the challenges of naturism. The conclusions of the conference are recorded separately.

Sunday, 12 March 2023 - Start 09:00 (Day 2)

10 EuNat accounts 2022 and budget for 2023: Wilfried Blaschke, EuNat Secretary

The Chair noted that for 2022 it was planned that EuNat would spend €9,500 more than it would earn, but in fact €14,000 less was spent than planned.

The Chair had adhered to the principle that it was better to budget a higher sum than to find out later that the budget was not sufficient. Individual items had to be increased slightly due to the exceptionally high inflation rate in Europe, which is currently 10%.

EuNat would launch its new strategy and it was important to do so on a fair basis that took into account the increased costs. For example, the Alpe-Adria was given € 1,500 more. The costs for the swimming gala were increased to € 11,000. The pétanque tournament was increased to € 6,750. The family reunion in Spain was increased to € 5,600. The costs for the EuNat meeting need to be carefully considered: travelling to a capital city is expensive; it is possible to go to a good hotel in a smaller city and the budget is € 6,500.

Regarding the youth budget, Daniela had requested €9,000, so if this is approved we would need to add €1,000 to the amount included in the document.

The remaining budget lines were for reserves and unforeseen events. They amount to € 13,000.

The following points were raised in the discussion.

- It was unclear how the budget could be approved before a decision was made on the grant applications.
- However, the alternative was to include these events and then delete them; rather, it was proposed to add events that were agreed.
- the new strategy agreed in Luxembourg was supposed to lead to a reduction in costs, but in fact costs have increased
- However, the strategy should be launched on a fair basis and we will have another EuNat meeting in October to plan for 2024. This meeting could decide on cuts
- A pragmatic view taking into account the cost of living does not necessarily contradict the new strategy, but the strategy must be implemented consistently
- if there was money left over in the budget, we could do other things than spending it on the same events; other ideas could be proposed or we could give it to the Hungarian association that needs it
- One reason for the subsidies was to keep the cost of events low, which made them attractive.
- However, the funds only benefited a small group of members, although the new strategy aimed to encourage a larger group to take up naturism.

The accounts for the year 2022 were put to the vote. This was adopted with 112 votes and 16 abstentions.

In view of these discussions, it was proposed that the 2023 budget be voted on after the decisions on grants for new events below; for simplicity, it is nevertheless reproduced here.

The following points were raised in the discussion:

- the fact that less expenditure was incurred than planned does not mean that money was saved
- It is not right that more and more money is needed to attract more participants; due to economies of scale, a smaller subsidy per participant should be needed.
- It was important to move away from dependence on subsidies.
- it was also important to allocate money for new activities
- There will be no further increases at the October meeting where plans for 2024 are set; organisers need to come to this meeting with a plan for how their events can function without subsidies in a short period of time.

On this basis, the budget was adopted with 123 votes in favour and 5 against.

11 INF-FNI Auditor for the EuNat account in 2022, Armand Ceolin, LUX

The Treasurer was scheduled to present the financial report, but he was unavoidably absent. The meeting noted that it is important that the financial report is distributed before the meeting and not at the meeting itself.

12 Discharge of the EuNat members (Blaschke, Schleicher and Noh)

The discharge will take place at a later date by written procedure.

13 Election of the responsible ENY representative(s) (candidature Daniela Schleicher)

Daniela was re-elected by acclamation.

14 Determination / Nomination of the Swimming Gala and the Pétanque Event

14.1 INF Swimming Championships

The NOS had offered to host the 2023 Swimming Gala and it was agreed to invite them if no other federation applied to host the Gala by mid-April.

FFN is seeking to host the swimming championships in 2024, but cannot host in 2023.

14.2 INF Petanque Tournament 2023

There is no application for the INF Petanque Tournament 2023. It was suggested that FENHU could host the tournament, Gabor and Peter will discuss this with the Board. Again, the INF would like a decision by mid-April.

15 Applications (alphabetically by country) and other applications

The Assembly decides to present the motions for support in order to have a more accurate overview of the expected overall budget in 2023.

In the discussion it was noted that

- The correct approach for all applications of this kind was to measure the proposals against the criteria set out in the strategy
- All agreed subsidies are only valid for this year.
- International events were an opportunity for all naturist associations to promote international naturism, for media work and PR; we need to spread the message everywhere.

15.1 France - French Naturist Federation (FFN)

Sand Factory Beach Volleyball Event

FFN: Request for a grant of **€3,500** for intergenerational nudist games for all - beach volleyball etc. in which people of different ages can participate. The event would take place at the Sand Factory in Paris. Participants would have to pay €35.

The grant for the beach volleyball event was approved with 112 votes in favour and 16 abstentions.

FFN: Request for a naked museum visit and theatre performance in Avignon on 24 March as part of the Stop Body Shaming campaign, which opposes discrimination on any grounds (disability, cancer, accidents). The exhibition was to be opened to naked visitors; afterwards, a play was to be performed where the audience could be naked. This has already been done in Paris with great success. After the play, there will be a dance event with a buffet.

The participation fee was €20 and a grant of €3,500 was applied for.

The grant for the "Stop Body Shaming" event was also approved with 121 votes in favour and 7 abstentions.

15.2 Portugal - Portuguese Federation

"Naked Vineyard"

FPN: Application regarding the "Naked Vineyard" event, where participants could walk naked through the vineyard and harvest grapes, followed by lunch and wine tasting. A grant of **€500** was requested. The event had taken place for the past two years without a grant. The grant would help fund the picnic and transport costs, publicise the event and attract more international participants. Each participant would pay €45 and participants under 18 would not have to pay. Portugal is a small federation and is not in a position to finance the event on its own.

In the discussion it was argued that this kind of event helps to portray naturism as being close to nature and that the media would love this.

The motion was adopted by 123 votes with 5 abstentions.

15.3 Serbia - Naturist Organisation of Serbia

Naturist games without borders

NOS: "Games without borders" in Ada Bojana. A grant of **€4,500** was requested; the proposal had been described in detail in the written application. The event would take place in Montenegro, which does not have its own naturist federation. The Serbian

federation would like to support Ada Bajana in celebrating its 50th anniversary. Promoting the event would also help raise awareness of international naturism. The plan was to have a "Jeux sans Frontières" event where colleagues would know about the event but participants would be naked. The event would take place in June.

The subsidy was approved: 90 votes in favour, 31 votes against, 7 abstentions.

15.4 Ungarn - Verband der Naturisten in Ungarn/ Hungarian Naturist Association

Please help/donate

An important naturist site in Hungary had unexpectedly received a back payment of property taxes until the end of March; members were asked to raise money to cover the costs, but more help was needed to save the site.

On the basis of the written report and the oral statement, FENHU appeals to the national federations to consider whether they can provide the Hungarian naturist federation with the urgently needed help in the form of donations.

In the discussion it was suggested that the Hungarian Federation could consider holding events such as the International Pétanque Tournament to raise money. The proposers will discuss this issue with their board.

15.5 United Kingdom - British Naturism

Rules for the International Pétanque Tournament

BN: David Salisbury explains the motion submitted in writing. Under the current rules, teams must consist of one man and one woman. This differs from the situation at many national tournaments where gender is not a factor and competitors may find that they are ineligible for international competition, which has caused considerable resentment in some cases. It was not clear to the applicant that competitive advantage was an issue in the context of a naturist competition. The BN is not yet pushing for a vote at the current meeting, but would like to ask the EuNat Secretary and the Sports Officer to look into the matter so that delegates have the opportunity to form an informed opinion at the EUNAT meeting in October 2023.

In the discussion it was argued

- There was indeed a question of competitive advantage; some participants might feel that they were not being judged fairly in the competition and might boycott the event.
- it was not just about same-sex couples; it was about people of all genders, not just those who identify as male or female
- the question concerned an amateur competition, not a professional competition
- young people usually have a value system that is incompatible with our discrimination on these grounds
- discrimination in connection with naturism is out of the question
- The motion did not ask for a discussion on the matter, only that the issue be discussed at the next meeting.

It was agreed that the matter would be dealt with at the October meeting.

15.6 Serbia - several initiatives or proposals regarding INF-FNI membership and the solidarity principle

Given the complexity of the issues addressed in this motion, it was agreed to defer it to the next meeting. (Note: The content has since been forwarded to the relevant working groups for consideration).

16 Discussion points

No discussion points were raised.

17 Information from the INF-FNI

(a) Support for small associations

The INF-FNI Secretary (Edwin) reminded the assembly that some of the small federations had raised the possibility of additional support for travel to congresses and other meetings at the October congress. The Central Committee had offered a telephone conference with the Treasurer to discuss this, but when Filipa had sent an email asking for interest in such a telephone conference, she had received only one reply. Small associations would have to respond, otherwise it could be concluded that there was no interest. Filipa is asked to resend the call for expressions of interest.

(b) Working groups

One working group is currently looking at reforming the constitution and another at membership and funding for the organisation. These groups should not be exclusive and if an association is interested in joining or contributing to these groups, they should contact Edwin privately.

(c) 70th anniversary event

Edwin also recalled the event to mark the 70th anniversary of the INF-FNI, which will take place in Montalivet, France in September.

For further information, please visit: <https://inf-fni.org/70th-anniversary-of-the-inf-fni/>

18 Other

18.1 World Naturist Day: Northern and Southern Hemispheres

This date was announced for **4 June 2023** in the northern hemisphere and **4 December 2023** in the southern hemisphere. **4 December 2023** in the southern hemisphere. For further information, please visit: https://inf-fni.org/world_naturist_day/

18.2 Date of the next meeting

It had previously been agreed that this meeting should take place online in autumn. The date was set at

Saturday, 7 October 2023

which begins at 10:00 Central European Time and ends at 18:00 at the latest.

19 Conclusion of the meeting

The meeting thanked the EuNat Secretary for hosting and chairing the meeting and for organising the excellent wellness evening at Monte Mare the previous evening.

The Chair thanked the interpreters and technical staff and all participants for a productive meeting and closed the meeting at 12:00.

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