



Information Note - Committee 2 Elections Procedure and Description of Function

Background

Committee 2 has to elect a new Committee President and Vice-President at the occasion of the autumn 2010 Committee plenary meeting.

Constantin Ostaficiuc (Timis, RO) has completed the maximum of two consecutive mandates and therefore can no longer stand for the position of Committee 2 President (*AER rules of procedure, Article 12.1.7*).

Christina Wahrolin (Värmland, S) has completed two consecutive mandates as Committee Vice-President (*no reference is made to Committee Vice-Presidents in the AER statutes and rules of procedure*).

Election Procedure

According to the AER rules of procedures, as revised by the AER Extraordinary General Assembly in Belfort, Franche-Comté (F) on 26 November 2009, the following procedure applies (Article 12.1.2, 12.1.3, 12.1.4, 12.1.6, 12.1.7):

Candidates must send the General Secretariat (g.ourania@aer.eu):

1. A letter of candidacy;
2. A CV;
3. A motivation letter;
4. A programme note.

Language: These documents must be sent at least in French.

Deadline for submitting candidatures: 1st September (2 months before the General Assembly)

The General Secretariat will forward all candidatures received to all Committee 2 members.

During the autumn plenary meeting, AER Committee 2 members will vote for one or several candidates by secret ballot. If there is no clear outcome, a second voting round will follow for the top two candidates. The election will be chaired by the oldest representative of a member region, assisted by the youngest representative of a member region

The outcome of the Committee vote will be transmitted to the AER Bureau as a proposal for the Committee President. The AER Bureau will elect the Committee President, based on the proposal of the Committee, who can submit several candidates (*AER Statutes, Article 8.3*).

Description of Tasks of Committee 2 President and Vice-President

According to the AER Statutes and Rules of Procedure, AER Committee and Standing Committee Presidents:

- Automatically become AER Vice-Presidents with full rights. They have a seat in the AER Bureau and are expected to present Committee activity reports at this occasion. (*AER Statutes, Articles 5.5 and 8.3*). The AER Bureau meets at least twice a year (*AER Statutes, Article 5.7*).
- Are members of the AER Presidium. The Presidium may meet between Bureau meetings and make decisions about the running of AER (*AER Statutes, Article 5.9*).
- Cooperate with the AER General Secretariat to draw up draft agendas for Committee meetings (*AER Rules of Procedure, Article 7.9*)
- Chair Committee meetings and organise debates, as outlined in Article 9.4 of the AER Rules of Procedure.

In practice, the AER Committee 2 President is expected to:

- Commit the time and finances to participate to at least 6 AER meetings per year (AER Committee meetings, AER Bureau meetings, AER Presidium meetings, AER General Assembly)
- Chair Committee 2 meetings and present the Committee 2 activity report at the AER Bureau and General Assembly.
- Contribute to the development and implementation of the political priorities and work programme of the Committee, in liaison with the Committee 2 Vice-President, the leaders of the Committee networks and the Secretariat.
- Commit the time of at least one member of staff to regularly liaise with the AER Committee 2 Secretariat and contribute to the daily running of the Committee, develop and implement Committee priorities, positions and activities (based on past experience, this member of staff should commit 10-20% of their working time to AER business).
- Represent AER and Committee 2 at external events, for example speak at meetings organised by other organisations and institutions and participate to bilateral meetings with representatives of EU institutions etc.

The AER Committee 2 Vice-President is expected to:

- Commit the time and finances to participate to at least 2 AER Committee 2 meetings per year and represent Committee 2 at the AER Bureau, Presidium or General Assembly should the Committee President not be able to participate.
- Work with the Committee 2 President to chair Committee 2 meetings, present the Committee 2 activity report at the AER Bureau and General Assembly.
- Contribute to the development and implementation of the political priorities and work programme of the Committee, in liaison with the Committee 2 President, the leaders of the Committee networks and the Secretariat.
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