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FOR ADOPTION

Activity report on the accounts for the period ending 31 December 2008

This report is intended to record the activities of the Assembly and the results of our management during the period ending on 31 December 2008, and to submit for your approval the annual accounts for the said period.

PRESENTATION OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The rules on presentation and the evaluation methods used in drawing up the annual accounts are in accordance with the regulations in force, comply with the principle of prudence and the independence of financial periods, and are the same as those used for the previous period.

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL RESULT

Membership fees from member regions rose to 2,382,655 euros compared to 2,283,262 euros in the previous period, an increase of 4.353%.

The association has secured a subsidy from the Alsace region amounting to 30,490 euros, the same as in the previous period. The regions of Wallonia and Alba provide a supplement of contributions in kind.

The AER has received a subsidy of 162,914 euros from the EU to cover its operating expenses, funded by the 'Europe for the citizens' programme.

In light of the recovery of provisions and transfers of charges, amounting to 579,726 euros compared to 243,075 euros for the previous period, the operating income is 3,196,277 euros compared to 2,727,026 euros for the previous period, an increase of 17.21%.

Operating expenses have risen to 3,206,175 euros compared to 2,906,281 euros for the previous period, an increase of 10.32%.

The figure for wages and personnel expenses amounts to 962,570 euros compared to 904,211 euros for the previous period, an increase of 6.45%.

Social security contributions rose to 378,224 euros compared to 368,872 euros for the previous period, an increase of 2.53%.

The current result, taking account of the balance of 20,422 euros of financial income, stands at 10,504 euros for the period, compared to –148,828 euros for the previous period.

The exceptional result shows a profit of 5,533 euros compared to a deficit of 14,021 euros for the previous period.

In light of the above, the result for the period ends up as showing a profit of 16,037 euros compared to a loss of 162,849 euros for the previous period.

As to the balance sheet items, the availabilities and investment securities, which stand at 1,477,127 euros compared to 1,232,876 euros at the close of the previous period, have increased by 19.81%.

Equity stands at 638,300 euros compared to 622,263 euros at the close of the previous period, an increase of 16,037 euros because of the benefit of the same amount resulting from the period.

LANDMARK EVENTS OVER THE PERIOD

The AER has received a subsidy of 162,914 euros from the European Union to cover its operating expenses. The European Union's Education, Audiovisual and Culture Agency is responsible for the management of this subsidy. We won this funding because of our work for the benefit of young people and our activities in communicating with citizens about Europe. This has enabled the AER to keep three people's jobs: one funding coordinator, one additional assistant for commission 1 and a youth officer.

PROGRESS ACHIEVED OR DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED

The recovery of the member regions' membership fees continued to occupy the full attention of our managerial bodies in 2008. It is worth reiterating that the whole activity of the AER basically relies upon the fees paid by its members.

At the Bureau meeting in Istanbul on 7 September 2007, the AER decided to commission a study from Bak Basel. In 2008, the budgetary impact was 100,000 euros.

The provision of 30,000 euros pending a ruling on the PACTE affair has been maintained in 2008.

LIKELY DEVELOPMENTS AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

The files for a fresh application for a subsidy funded under the 'Europe for the citizens' programme will be drafted for 2010-2011 in the course of October 2009.

PROPOSED APPROPRIATION OF THE RESULT

The accounts for the period show a profit of 16,037 euros which we propose allocating to the balance to be carried over, which will thus amount to 638,300 euros.

We shall now read you the general report and the special report by the auditor.

We shall then open the debate and vote on the resolutions tabled for you.

Please approve them. We thank you for your confidence.

Strasbourg, 5 October 2009

The Bureau