

**Freemuse EC Meeting  
Skype, 27 June 2018**

**Present:** Frank, Layla, Martin, Farai, Daniel, Srirak, Dwayne

**Agenda**

1. Update From ED
2. Update on Strategic Imperatives Process
3. Other Urgent Business
4. Date of Next Meeting
5. AOB

**Minutes**

**1. Update From ED**

- 1.1 Srirak updated that a backlog of cases have been cleared.
- 1.2 Two high profile advocacy events are underway including preparations for the first ever Freemuse advocacy event in the European parliament. In the same month, Freemuse is organising a session on artistic freedom in Vienna with Culture Action Europe and Arts Rights Justice at the Fundamental Rights Forum, run by the EU Fundamental Rights agencies (FRA) on 24-26 September.
- 1.3 The ED provided financial updates.
- 1.4 Srirak shared that they had have requested a minor change to the additional fund for the women and fundamentalism reports. That is to scale up Freemuse women and artistic freedom work, including the report, follow up advocacy, the launch in Copenhagen, and possibly in a Middle East country with our partners including Kvinfor and UNESCO, and to scale down the fundamentalism and artistic freedom report to a policy brief, identifying key trends and policy recommendations and covering among other living arts. There is no budget variation to the request. Sida has agreed to this request.
- 1.5 Regarding the General Assembly, Srirak said that Benjamin Irani was approached as EC election referee and he agreed to take the role. Srirak said it would be good for the EC to agree to develop ToRs for the referee. Srirak and Martin agreed to draft.
- 1.6 Martin explained the background behind the new nomination form. A deadline for nomination is to be considered. Layla suggested publicly announcing nomination process on the website
- 1.7 Srirak updated on new staff hire processes and will email a paragraph update to EC via email

**2. Update on Strategic Imperatives Process**

- 2.1 Frank updated that the working group has had one meeting and drafted TORs and an action plan
- 2.2 Frank mentioned Srirak had pointed out that external evaluations would be happening parallel to Strategic Process so these need to be taken into account

2.3 Frank outlined the planned process up until and beyond the GA. Farai added that strategic intentions and key nuggets of where Freemuse will want to go should be evident by time of the GA.

2.4 Martin Farrell will be part of process pro bono as long as feasible – technically until end of July

2.5 Frank & Srirak are bilaterally finalising outstanding issues around the process

### **3. Other Urgent Business**

3.1 Daniel raised that there were some typos in previous minutes and will send an email regarding a few other issues needing clarity (e.g.) paragraph on SIDA fundraising

### **4. Date of Next Meeting**

4.1 Week of 10<sup>th</sup> Sep was suggested: Agreed on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September @ 5pm Paris time/Central European Time

### **5. AOB**

5.1 Daniel updated that Safemuse Project Manager, Karoline Kaarbø Asskildt, is coming to Paris