

The EUREF Terms of Reference

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Background

- **EUREF Terms of Reference (ToR)**
 - ◆ Current version (update) from 2008
 - ◆ Approved at EUREF Symposium 2008 in Brussels (no resolution found !?)
- **EUREF Retreat November, 12-13, 2012**
 - ◆ EUREF chair raises question of reviewing ToR
- **2013-2016**
 - ◆ Various attempts within the TWG to review ToR
 - ◆ Iterating, converging (slowly) ...
- **2016**
 - ◆ Resolution No. 2 at EUREF Symposium 2016

Resolution No. 2.

The IAG Reference Frame Sub-commission for Europe (EUREF)

recognising the importance of having concise and up-to-date EUREF Terms of Reference

and considering that the last update of the EUREF Terms of Reference was in 2008

requests the EUREF Technical Working Group thoroughly review the existing Terms of Reference and formulate a revised draft in time for the EUREF 2017 symposium

General conditions

- **EUREF is sub-commission of IAG**
 - ◆ IUGG (membership) rules to be applied
 - ◆ No legal entity
- **Our community**
 - ◆ Large variety of administrative/public and scientific bodies
- **Continuity**
 - ◆ Continuation with flat hierarchy

- **Membership**
- **Plenary**
 - ◆ **Voting rules**
- **TWG**
 - ◆ **Renaming**
 - ◆ **Voting rules**
 - ◆ **Honorary members**
- **Working Groups**

Membership: countries

• 2008

- ◆ Cat. A: European countries affiliated in IUGG
- ◆ Cat. B: all other European countries

• 2017

- ◆ All the European countries

• Affects

- ◆ National delegates
- ◆ TWG membership
- ◆ EUREF chair
- ◆ EUREF secretary

• Difficulty

- ◆ IUGG rules applying for non-IUGG countries

Membership: national representatives

• 2008

- ◆ 2 official representatives

• 2017

- ◆ Two official representatives
- ◆ Description of tasks
 - Organize annual national reports
 - Be the national point of contact
 - Have the right to vote in those cases where voting is restricted
- ◆ Consequences
 - EUREF chair to write to the national delegates of IAG and / or NMAs
 - Countries have to nominate two representatives (optimally from NMA and scientific community)
 - EUREF has to maintain a list of the official national representatives

Plenary

• 2008

- ◆ “All persons who attend a EUREF Symposium constitute the Plenary”
- ◆ “All the Plenary attendees have the right to vote.”
- ◆ Exception: “(...) vote be restricted to the category A members (...)”

• 2017

- ◆ “All the persons who attend a EUREF Symposium constitute the Plenary”
- ◆ “All the Plenary attendees have the right to approve, elect and vote.”
- ◆ Exception: “(...) vote be restricted to one vote per country (...)”

Technical Working Group (TWG)

- **Name “Technical Working Group” does not fully represent the tasks and activities of what the members are dealing with**
- **Renaming to “Governing Board”**
- **No change in general structure nor additional governance**
- **Head of EPN CB explicitly mentioned as GB member**
- **In general, honorary members have a voting right in the GB**
- **Some further clarification on voting in the GB added**

Working Groups (WGs)

• 2008

- ◆ “The *WG (Working Group)* are established within the TWG and approved in a Plenary’s resolution. The TWG Chair proposes the leadership of the WG. The leader of a WG must be a member of the TWG.”

• 2017

- ◆ “A *Working Group (WG)* is established within the GB and approved in a Plenary’s resolution. The GB Chair proposes the leadership of the WG. The chair of a WG will be a member of the GB. The GB reviews the progress and decides on the continuation of a WG.”
- ◆ Chair of WG is automatically member of GB
- ◆ GB chair is ex-officio member of a WG
- ◆ Lifetime of a WG limited
- ◆ Critical review of WG on a regular basis

Next steps

- **Distribution of the proposed ToR 2017 to the participants during the Symposium**
- **Publishing the proposed ToR 2017 on the EUREF web page for download and review**