



Minutes of the Skype ERNA Board meeting February 27, 2013

ERNA Board meeting participants:

Dr Fabio Patruno, ERNA President, Italian Red Cross
Dr Sinisa Zovko, ERNA Vice President, Croatian Red Cross
Dr Viktor Kalbanau, ERNA Vice President, Belarusian Red Cross
Ms Dilorom Mirova, Deputy Secretary General, Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan
Ms Heather Fitzke, permanent advisor, EYCC representative in ERNA, British RC
Dr Mahesh Gunasekara, IFRC EZ Health and Care Coordinator
Ms Elena Grigoryeva, Chairperson of AIDS Action Europe, Belarusian community of PLHIV
Dr Iryna Karanchuk, ERNA Secretariat coordinator, Belarusian RCS
Ms Natalia Goilova, ERNA Secretariat coordinator assistant, Belarusian RCS
Mr Sangov Shukhrat, Disaster Management Preparedness and medical-social programs Department, Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan
Mr Odil Niyazov, Head of Logistic Department, Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan

AGENDA

1. Analysis of the information about the hosting of the 17th ERNA General Meeting, submitted by the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan
2. Discussion of a theme for the 17th ERNA General Meeting
3. Adoption of the ERNA Board Meeting minutes, December 7, 2012.
4. Adoption of the Report on ERNA Plan Of Action 2012
5. Adoption of the ERNA Financial Report 2012
6. Finalizing and adoption of the ERNA Plan of action 2013
7. Updating and adoption of the ERNA budget 2013
8. Updated ERNA contacts 2013
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Dr Lasha Gogvadze, Senior Health Officer, HIV, TB, Malaria Unit, IFRC, Geneva, was absent for valid reason.

ERNA President Dr Fabio Patruno opened the meeting and wished the participants to have a fruitful discussion and to cope with all the items of the agenda.

1. Analysis of the information about the hosting of the 17th ERNA General Meeting, submitted by the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan

The participants in the meeting examined the documents regarding the hosting of the 17th ERNA General Meeting submitted by the leaders of the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan such as: safety for participants, timing of the meeting, accommodation and feeding, visa and transportation, opportunity to invite partner organizations.

Dr Fabio Patrino and Dr Sinisa Zovko hoped that the meeting in Tajikistan would be a success.

Ms Dilorom Mirova assured the ERNA Board meeting participants that the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan had the capacity to hold the meeting successfully and was experienced in hosting large scale international events (in 2011 Dushanbe hosted the forum of the country leaders from Central Asia and Russia, involving the Secretary General of the International Federation of the Red Cross/Red Crescent and Ms Anitta Underlin, Director of the IFRC's Europe Zone) and gave the floor to Mr Odil Niyazov).

- Accommodation and feeding: among all the hotel proposals the Taj Palace Hotel suits most of all in the context of the number of rooms and location. Distance from the airport is 5 km. Accommodation cost per capita (including breakfast/lunch/dinner is 98 euros per day. More detailed information about the hotel will be submitted to the ERNA Secretariat and Board at the nearest time.

- Timing of the meeting: the Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan prefers to hold the meeting on September 20-13. Alternative timing is September 27-30. The date of the meeting will be settled during the ENRA Board members' preparatory visit of the ERNA representatives to Tajikistan.

- Visa support: Representatives of the Commonwealth of Independent States are eligible for visa-exempt entry (excluding Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan). Representatives of the EU and other countries have to apply for a visa and pay visa fee. Visa fee varies depending on what country the participant represents. The Red Crescent Society of Tajikistan commits itself to send an official request letter to the Ministry of Internal applying for visa support. The ERNA Secretariat was requested to facilitate the composing of the letter.

- Transportation of participants: means of transport owned by the RCS of Tajikistan as well as rented vehicles will be used for transportation of participants.

- Invitation of state and non-state organizations to the meeting: RCS of Tajikistan actively cooperates with the Ministry of health and migration; Republican TB center, the Global Fund delegation, communities of PLHIV and HR communities, migration centers supported by the European Union. The RCS of Tajikistan has the opportunity to arrange aside meetings for the participants in the meeting with representatives of state and non-state organizations.

2. Discussion of a theme for the 17th ERNA General Meeting

Having discussed the list of feasible themes for the meeting proposed at the last ERNA Board meeting, it was decided to opt for the following 2 themes: «Advocacy for the vulnerable's sake», «Illegal migration and drug use in the

context of HIV and TB». Dr Viktor Kalbanau suggested considering the matter of migration in wide sense, with respect to all kinds of migration. Dr Fabio Patrino, Ms Heather Fitzke and Ms Elena Grigoryeva suggested combining the two themes and defining the main message of the GM agenda.

3. Adoption of the ERNA Board Meeting minutes, December 7, 2012.

The ERNA Board Meeting minutes were adopted unanimously. The ERNA Secretariat was charged to post them on the ERNA website.

4. Adoption of the Report on ERNA Plan Of Action 2012

The report was adopted unanimously. The Secretariat was charged to post it on the ERNA website.

5. Adoption of the ERNA Financial Report 2012

The Secretariat submitted the following financial report on the monitoring of expenses:

Contributions to ERNA
Reporting period:
1st of January 2012 –1st of January 2013

Date	National Society	Payment, EUR
19.04.2012	Latvian Red Cross	288.00
04.06.2012	Croatian Red Cross	1000.00
06.08.2012	French Red Cross	9985.50
07.08.2012	Italian Red Cross /IFRC	29200.00
30.11.2012	Italian Red Cross /IFRC	800.00
TOTAL:		41. 273,50 EUR

Statement of ERNA Account Balance
1st January 2012 - 1st January 2013

Balance on January 1 st 2012 , EUR	45. 459,61 EUR
Balance on January 1 st 2012 , BYR	6 224 210,00 BYR (equivalent 1568,00 EUR)
Bank % , EUR January 1 st – December 31 st	66.72 EUR
Total contributions over a period of January 1 st – December 31 st :	

French Red Cross	9.985,50 EUR
Italian Red Cross	30.000,00 EUR
Croatian Red Cross	1.000,00 EUR
Latvian Red Cross	288,00 EUR
Converted EUR into BYR, January 1 st – December 31 st :	23.766,00 EUR (equivalent 254 210 011,00 BYR)
Total expenditures , EUR, January 1 st – December 31 st :	39.669,49 EUR *Remark: the expenses include 2487,27 EUR that has not been given back by the Georgian Red Cross
Total expenditures , BYR, January 1 st – December 31 st :	259974080,00 BYR (equivalent 25.292,80 EUR)
Balance on December 31 st , BYR	460141,00 BYR (equivalent 41.20 EUR)
Balance on December 31 st , EUR	23.364,34 EUR

The submitted report was adopted unanimously. The Secretariat was requested to post it on the website of ERNA.

Dr Iryna Karanchuk informed the participants that ERNA had sent a letter inviting the American Red Cross to cooperate and support the network activities.

Due to the fact that the Georgia Red Cross Society had not transferred back the ERNA GM balance amounted to 2487,27 EUR ERNA to the ERNA bank account, the Board participants requested Dr Fabio Patruno to facilitate the quicker settlement of the problem.

Dr Sinisa Zovko informed the participants that the Croatian Red Cross was willing to allocate a 500-euro contribution from its project. The question of allocation of additional funding would have been settled by the end of March 2013.

The matter of active cooperation and getting support from the IFRC Eurozone was well received by Dr Mahesh Gunasekara. He expressed the readiness to cooperate with ERNA jointly with IFRC regional representations.

The Secretariat committed itself to get in touch with ERNA contact persons and ask whether they could provide ERNA with financial support in 2013.

6. Finalizing and adoption of the ERNA Plan of action 2013

7. Updating and adoption of the ERNA budget 2013

Dr Fabio Patruno amended the plan in terms of National Societies activities, following which the plan was adopted unanimously.

The plan will be subject to further amendments if it happens that the ERNA budget is pushed over its prescribed limits

The ERNA Secretariat was committed to send out the plan and budget to National Societies requesting to submit amendments by March 10, 2013.

The documents will be agreed upon with due consideration of the amendments.

8. Updated ERNA contacts 2013

The ERNA Board was familiarized with the updated ERNA contacts. As for the list of the ERNA partners, Dr Sinisa Zovko noticed active years-long partnerships (Villa Maraini, IFRC and others) and suggested settling a list of potential partners.

9. ERNA website

Natalia Goilova presented a new, more usable and modern layout of the main page of the ERNA website. The layout was agreed upon unanimously. The proposed changes would be implemented providing that ERNA obtains additional funding.

10. Eventual

- a.** Dr Fabio Patruno informed the participants in the meeting that he had taken part in the annual meeting and HR training of the Asian partner organization ART. The events were also attended by the representatives of Villa Maraini Foundation and IFRC.
- b.** Timing and venue for the next ERNA Board meeting will be settled later.