**Minutes of the ERNA Board meeting (Skype call)**

**30 June 2016**

**Agenda:**

1. Overview of ERNA
2. Update on report to Norwegian RC
3. Next Board meeting
4. Other

**Participants:** Massimo Barra, Mauro Patti, Agnese Trofimova, Lasha Goguadze, Azamat Baialinov, Amanat Moldokeeva, Aiym Adamkulova.

Mahesh Gunasekara could not participate due to personal reasons,

Uldis Likops could not participate due to work related meetings.

At the beginning of the meeting Dr. Massimo Barra noticed about changes in ERNA Secretariat, that new person Amanat will replace Ayim.

Based on the agenda Dr. Massimo Barra opened discussion on ERNA’s financial situation. He informed that Italian RC contribution will be available within this year, but no specific schedule is available about the disbursement of this money. Besides Italian money is mainly for meetings, annual meetings. He mentioned that last years mostly interest to ERNA was from Eastern Europe NSs and Central Asian. All national societies are willing to be part of ERNA, but only 3-4 give feedback on their activity, so a new concrete strategy to involve more NSs in the activities and for financial contribution is needed~~.~~ We don’t have anything apart from that. Maybe national societies are just waiting for more specific terms in order to be more active, and more involved. It is necessary clarify the level of participation of National Societies. How they can contribute to the survivor of the Network in addition to financial issues.

Personal impression of Massimo is that RC is losing positions in the world and the RC is losing competition with other NGOs with doctors without borders etc. On many issues, including migrants, the RC in his opinion is not doing its best to address the increasing challenges, if we compare to the great job has been done by the other organizations in the last years. Lots of meetings, discussions and documents are done but sending the documents is not enough, it’s time to deliver.

He noticed that agreement that ERNA Board discussed in Riga, Latvia meeting was not fully achieved. It was agreed that Secretary General of Latvian RC will send and discuss to Western NSs about ERNA. Using level of SGs in that discussion is easy for all. I think this was a good idea that we should promote.

Agnese from Latvian RC commented that during the meeting in Riga it was discussed that Secretary General of Latvian RC could discuss to Baltic and Nordic NSs about ERNA, and that there could be several ERNA Focal Points divided for regions, e.i., 1) Baltics and Nordic NS`s; 2) Western NS`s; 3) Eastern NS`s and that it should be agreed on who would be the Focal point for each region. There was no clear decision for that. However, since the meeting in Riga SG of LRC met with Baltic, Nordic and other NSs (including Western and Eastern) and discussed this issue by informing on what was discussed during the meeting in Riga and promoting the importance of the ERNA network, its strategic development and active involvement of the participants of all NS`s. However in order to have the possibility to promote ERNA network more efficiently, it is necessary:

1. To have a work plan of activities, as it is only possible to ask for the financial contribution to specifically aimed activities (it gives a trust and a sense of added value);
2. To use the existing funding possibilities, which were mentioned during the meeting in Riga.

Azamat from Kyrgyzstan RC suggested discussing with NSs about transformation of ERNA only for Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

Lasha from Geneva office informed that RCRC have many national activities on TB and HIV supported by different donors, but we ERNA did not know about this, again it’s a matter of communication strategy. He suggested doing mapping and collecting all information from the countries. Lasha suggested using ERNA logo during all the events on national level to promote and show involvement of NSs.

Also participants discussed about International day of drug prevention. For this occasion the Italian Red Cross and Villa Maraini organized big event of free testing, called Meet, Test and Treat. Here the results:

* more than 22.000 people reached on fb
* more than 2.000 people reached on the street
* 3 focal point for testing HIV and HVC in Rome
* More than 200 volunteers involved
* More than 400 quick test provided

It has been noticed that no reaction arrived from other NSs, even if they were stimulated by the Secretariat to promote some activities for the 26th of June. This year ERNA in partnership with IFRC could not contribute to this day as Secretariat have not approved its own budget for 2016.

Participants emphasized that ERNA can send information note to all NSs about international day of Hepatitis prevention, which will be held the 28th of July, encouraging NSs to use the ERNA logo and all relevant materials which are available to promote the ERNA Network on local lever, as umbrella which can facilitate and coordinate activities that NSs already promote on the ground on HIV, TB, Hepatitis C issues. Agnese from Latvian RC said that it could help the NS`s to see the meaning of the joint activities of ERNA member NS`s, as using a logo is a simple way of attracting ones attention by seeing the symbol – both representatives of the NS`s and the public.

**2. Report to Norwegian RC**

Azamat informed that report was submitted and NRC informed that this year contribution from NRC will not be but for 2017 it could be considered. But for that they required work plan. Latvian RC totally understands the request of the NRC, as it is only possible to ask for the financial contribution to specifically aimed activities (it gives a trust and a sense of added value).

**3.** Based on plan next Board meeting was suggested during Riga meeting in Rome. But due to financial and time limits it was suggested to postpone. However Lasha proposed to have Board meeting with participation of partners in Geneva in October 2016. All details will be discussed later on.

Decision:

1. Massimo and Mauro will send information on Hepatitis
2. Next physical meeting of Board will be in Geneva, October 2016.
3. Secretariat will continue to collect information from NSs
4. All the Board Members will undertake action to intercept and get in touch with neighboring NSs and get info about their will to actively join the Network.