

Europa Forum – Dublin, Ireland 2025

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Lions International

Resolutions for consideration at Europa Forum – Dublin 2025

Resolutions 6-10

Reports and Minutes from Europa Forum 2024 Bordeaux

To be voted

Please see attached document

Signed on,
10th June 2025



EUROPA FORUM LIONS 2024



EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING I. Minutes

October 24th 2024, 9:45-10:30,

Palais de l'Atlantique, Bordeaux

Designated ID Chairperson	ID Marcel Daniels	MD 112 Belgium
Forum Président	PID Nicole Miquel Belaud	MD 103 France
Forum General Secretary	Alain de la Giroday	MD103 France
Forum Archivist & Advisor	PID Miklos Horvath	MD 119 Hungary
Forum Accountant	PID Daniel Isenrich	MD 111 Germany
PID Vice President	PID Teresa Dineen	MDI 133 Ireland
International Director Europe	Halldor Kristjanssen	MD 109 Iceland
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International Director Europe	Lorena Hus	MD 129 Slovenia

Language: Simultaneous translation, English to German, Italian and French

1. **Call to Order** : Forum President PID Nicole Miquel Belaud calls the meeting to order at 09:04h
2. **Opening** by PID Nicole Miquel Belaud , President of the Europa Forum 2024

President N Miquel Belaud opens the European Council I meeting by greeting and welcoming all attending Officers, EF member delegates and all the Lions attending. She asks all the Board members and International Directors to introduce themselves.

3. **Credentials**, Alain de la Giroday, Forum Secretary

Attendance of Members' delegates is documented by a signature (see in Appendix), 21 members delegates are present, out of a total of 31.

4. **Presentation of the agenda**, and draft resolutions.

President of the EF explains that a total of 13 applications + 2 emergency resolutions, have been formally submitted and the associated documents have been available via the EF website since June 2024.

- a. Resolution n°1: LRPCE, Amendments proposed to the Europa Forum Manual, submission hereby of a draft Resolution to the European Council to adopt amendments.

Presented by PID Sandro Castellana, Chair of the Task Force for EF Manual(LRPCE)

- b. Resolution n°2: LRPCE Long Range Planning Committee Europe submits hereby a draft Resolution to the European Council to create the Lions Academy Europe.(LAE)

Presented by PDG Niels Schneckner, chair of the Task Force for LAE (LRPCE)

- c. Resolution n°3: Long Range Planning Committee Europe submits hereby a draft Resolution to the European Council to create the Lions Europa Forum logo.

Presented by PID Miklos Horvath, Advisor & Archivist European Council, secretary of the LRPCE.

- d. Resolution n°4, submitted by the Long-Range Planning Committee Europe to the European Council at the Europa Forum Bordeaux 2024 to adopt the new, revised Rules of Procedure of the Lions European Music Competition Thomas Kutti (hereinafter LEMC) and to integrate it at the Lions Europa Forum Manual as Appendix G.

Presented by PID Miklos Horvath, Archivist & Advisor, secretary of the LRPCE

- e. Resolution n°5, Long Range Planning Committee Europe submits hereby a draft Resolution to the European Council to adopt the new, revised Rules of Procedure of the Bert Mason Young Ambassador Award (hereinafter MBYAA) and to integrate it at the Lions Europa Forum Manual as Appendix H.

Presented by PID Miklos Horvath, Archivist & Advisor, secretary of the LRPCE

- f. Resolution n°6, submitted by MD 103 Italy: Lifeability Project.

Presented by PDG Mario Castellaneta, accompanied on stage by PID Sandro Castellana

- g. Resolution n°7, submitted by undistricted Moldova, to approve the membership of Provisional Zone Republic of Moldova in Europa Forum according to Rules of Procedures

PID Miklos Horvath requested it to be postponed because they have not paid their fees. Lion Natalia Martemianova wants to speak, President N Miquel Belaud answers she will be able to do it tomorrow during the European Council II.

- h. Resolution n° 8, submitted by MD 112 Belgium, Lions MD 112 asking all future organizers of the Europa forum to choose conference centers that are suitable for everyone including those with other accessibility needs.

Presented by Council Chairperson Jef D'Huyveller

- i. Resolution n° 9-10-11 submitted by EF Klagenfurt, resolutions on the report European Council I-II-III meeting minutes.

Presented by PID Walter Zemrosser, President of the EF 2023 Klagenfurt

- l) Resolution n° 12, submitted by EF Klagenfurt, Final Financial Report EF 2023,

Presented by PID Daniel Isenrich, EF Financial Controller

m) Resolution n°13, Summary Report on the 68th E.F. in Klagenfurt (Oct 26-28, 2023)

Presented by PID Walter Zemrosser, President of the EF Klagenfurt

n) Emergency Resolution n° 14 submitted by LRPCE

Support of the decision of the Executive Officers and the International Board of Directors who endorsed PID Tony Benbow, as 3rd International Vice President candidate

Presented by PIP Gudrun Yngvadottir, chairperson of the LRPCE

o) Emergency Resolution n°15, Peace initiative, submitted by MD108 Italy ;

Presented by PID Sandro Castellana

Forum President Nicole Miquel Belaud is asking if there is any other business, having none, she closes the session.



EUROPA FORUM LIONS 2024



EUROPEAN COUNCIL DISCUSSION MEETING MINUTES

October 25th 2024, 11:00-12:30,
Palais de l'Atlantique, Bordeaux

Discussion of Resolution Proposals

Designated ID Chairperson	ID Marcel Daniels	MD 112 Belgium
Forum President	PID Nicole Miquel Belaud	MD 103 France
Forum Archivist & Advisor	PID Miklos Horvath	MD 119 Hungary
Forum Financial Controller	PID Daniel Isenrich	MD 111 Germany
EF Vice President	PID Teresa Dineen	MDI 133 Ireland
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International Director Europe	Guy Bernard Bami	MD 103 France
International Director Europe	Karl Brewi	MD 114 Austria
International Director Europe	Lorena Hus	MD 129 Slovenia

Invited Participants : all Members Countries ; one voting representative per member.

° Call to order .

° Opening by PID Nicole MIQUEL-BELAUD, President of the Europa Forum 2024

President Nicole Belaud opens the European Council Discussion session by welcoming all attending executive officers, Europa Forum members, delegates and all the Lions attending. She explains any attender can ask any question and all the questions will be answered.

° Credentials

Attendance of Members' delegates is documented by signatures.
We obtain 27 signatures of delegates present, out of a total of 41.

AGENDA :

- Presentation of the candidates for election.

- 3 candidates for International Directors (3 min each to speak)
- 2 candidates for 3rd Vice International President (5 min each to speak)

- Discussion of all the 15 resolutions

The president notifies that any speaker has to give his name and his country before speaking .

- The Swedish proposal for a next Europa Forum.
- Any other business, different questions and other subjects.

I/. Incoming candidates for International Director 2025-2027.

- Hroar THORSEN (DM 104 Norway) 55 years old, 2 children, 3 grd-children
Beginning at 20 years old as member of Leo Club
Focus ; training all the members to be better and stronger to reach the sky, and for that we have to work together.
- Niels SCHNECKER (SD 124 Romania) , presented by PID Miklos Horvath.
Vision of the future with new challenges. Working to add new members and reach 1.5 million; developing leadership.
- Drazen MELCIC (SD 126 CROATIA) PDG Croatia 2015-2016
65 years old, 2 daughters, 2 grd-children
International career as manager in international business. Fluent in English and German languages. Active participation in past Europa Forums, international conferences and seminars.

II/. Incoming candidates 3rd Vice International President 2025-2026

- PID Tony BENBOW (MD 201 Australia)
Lion for 29 yrs, past ID 2016-2018. Business activity: banking.
Clear strategy for LC, success to the mission 1.5 all around the world, provide a better way of life, working together. Continue to make an impact following the sentence « making our mark ».

- PID Domenico MESSINA (MD 108 Italy)
Italian being one of the official language of EF, the presentation of this candidate will be done in Italian.

III/.Discussion of Resolution Proposals.

President N. Miquel Belaud explain the agenda and states there were 15 resolutions including 2 emergency resolutions.

- Resolution 1 , submitted by Long Range Planning Committee Europe (LRPCE)
Sandro Castellana apologized not to be here, but presented by Miklos Horvath.
No question about this resolution.
- Resolution 2 , submit by LRPCE to create Lions Academy Europ (LAE)
 - Question by Tony Skul from
I am not sure that we should go at the moment, there is awesome, very good knowledge base from LCI for training but it exists the need for translation them in our languages from Europe. I am not sure at the moment, if we should send that money in building our own academy, no money to do that at that moment. The question is that a long term prospect as well or is it the case it's only for short term to build up that academy, in that case.... , we need to consider that proposal, to have that strategy more in detail; therefore we suggest to post pone that resolution n°2
 - Reply Niels Schneker. *We have not presented a budget, nor will be able to present a complete budget until we actually build the academy ... but it will not require any kind of money from Lion's organizations or its members, because it's built around sponsorship. Yes, up to know, we have only the strategy, not all the details, but unless we are approved by European Council, it would be difficult to make any further steps for structuring and building this institution. In term of LCI, I do agree with you, there are excellent suit of training material, online or in person ; it's not only a question of translation but a customization for each country, because we have different cultures in Europe and it also has to do fact we are looking at expanding that LCI offering. It has to do with leadership development as well a recruitment tool with mission 1.5*
 - Miklos Horvath: *For information, a meeting will take place at 2.00 pm for more details, in P de Coubertin room..*
- Resolution 3 , EF new logo evolution, presented yesterday.
No question.
- Resolution 4 , evolution of rules of procedure for the LEMC Thomas Kutti.
No question.
- Resolution 5 , evolution of rules of procedure for the Bert Mason Young Ambassador Award BMYAA
No question.

- Resolution 6 , proposal Life Ability Project from Italy

No question.

- Resolution 7 , submitted by Long Range Committee to approve the membership of Moldavia.
- Natalia Martemianova stands up and asks to speak. President N Miquel Belaud answer that every one is able to ask questions and pass her the floor .

-I am Lion Natalia Martemianova, representative of the first Lions club of Moldova. It was founded the 1st may 2002 when a delegation of Lions Club of Ellenberg, Germany . presented an international association of Lions club charter, and Document and an official letter from the President of our international association. The first president and founder of Lion clubs in Moldova is Alief Bias, he is a Doctor of Science, a professor and general director of vine and distillery factory

There are 7 lions clubs in Moldova, and I would like to prove that all our clubs have successfully paid the membership fees, significant challenges may occur, however we are fine. We, like many others, faced some technical problems; we have made attempts paying thru bank account, but some of the transactions were rejected, evidently the issue is already resolved. And we have a clarification form, that Moldova is one hundred percent clear, we have a approvement from Linda; the manager of the account receivable service, she proves that Moldova due has been paid in full.

I would like to present the application to Europa Forum in the name of all Moldovan lions. According to the rules of procedures, art 3, membership, the Lions Organization in any country which belong to AC Europe, may become a member of Europa Forum, if its council has adopted the rules with a proper resolution of its national Multiple or single district convention, or in the case of undistricted clubs, meeting of all its clubs, provided it membership is approved by the European Council. Then new members may not exercise its voting rights until they Intune the European council meeting. On the provisional zone meeting, on 13 April 2024, all lions club presidents in Moldova supported the application to membership of Europa forum, all lions accept the rules and procedures of Europa forum.

We are suggesting the following draft of the resolution of the Europa forum 2024 Bordeaux to support the application of the provisional zone and to approve the membership of provisional zone of republic of Moldova in Europa Forum according to the rules of procedures. The application and minutes from all president meeting was presented in time to the Forum chairperson and its adviser. I am asking you to support our application. The membership to Europa Forum is a milestone of the development of Lionism in Moldova and motivation of membership growth and success in the mission 1.5. Thank you for your attention.

-Lyudmyla Diachenko MD Ukraine: I am the district governor from 134 Ukraine, 13 years we sent the application to Europa Forum and this application was supported by all lions' countries. It was very important for the development of Lionism in Ukraine. We became a member of the Europa Forum community. This allowed us not only to make new friends, exchange of experiences, to serve people and needs, but also as a result we founded the D 134. Over the past three months of this lion's year, we have established 10 new Lions clubs in Ukraine, and 300 new members have joined our great association. Today, Moldova is at the beginning of this way, they are our good neighbors and good friends. Moldovan Lions provided significant assistance to Ukrainian refugees, In the first days of the war. They have big and opened hearts. They have been implementing huge number of humanitarian and service projects for the last year. People have joined Lions in Moldova and this is very

important in the mission 1.5. I ask you to support their application that's good for membership and Europa forum. This will give you impulse to the growth of the members in this country. Moldova will be able to become a full member and partner of the European lion society. Thank you.

-Drazen Melcic DM 126 Croatia: I have a question, I want to say I believe this issue is technical issue of the payment technics and I can say when I was a forum president we met difficulties with the financing from USA and EU. I would support Moldova to be voted as member. This is only a technical issue in my opinion. Thank you very much.

-PID Miklos Horvath: Thank you very much for these comments and the proposal. To remember yesterday, when I presented the decision and the request of the LRPCE, I told the audience, that Europa Forum, as an institution, is very happy to welcome new members and we are very happy to welcome Moldova, as a new member, on condition that certain basic conditions are met. Unfortunately, one basic condition is clubs in good standing, which is not met, according to the administration of LCI. We are the largest Int'l service association, 1.4 million members. We have an administration, and we have to follow this administration, so we did not reject the proposal, we supported it, but we asked you to postpone it one year. And in this one year, everything can be settled, all the good standing status can be regained, and there will be no issues, no condition whatsoever against the admission of Moldova as member of the Europa Forum. So, I would like to maintain on behalf of the LRPCE, the proposal to accept the membership candidacy one year later. Thank you very much.

-Barbara Grewe, MD 111: My PCG gives me the permission to speak. I just have a question of understanding, because, as far as, I understand our lions from Moldova. She said she has an original paper that their clubs are in good standing. I think it is very easy to show it, I can follow what you said Miklos, but it's not the case anymore. Or I have understood it wrong. May be, I don't see her, the Lion from Moldova come forward and shows us the paper and the president can look at it and we are very clear if the clubs are now in good standing. Thank you.

-Daniel Isenrich, EF Accountant : I propose to contact Melinda today and we will let you know tomorrow if the money has been paid in full.

- Natalia Martemianova , Thank you a lot for your support.

- Resolution 8 , submitted by Belgium MD 112

No question.

- Resolution 9-10-11, submitted by EF Klagenfurt. Different reports for European Council 1,2,3 , PID Walter Zemrosser

No question.

- Resolution 12-13, submitted by EF Klagenfurt. Financial report from Daniel Isenrich, and final report by PID Walter Zemrosser

No question.

- Emergency Resolution 14, submitted by LRPCE, PIP Gudrun Yngvadottir .

No question.

- Emergency Resolution 15, submitted by MD 108 Italy : Peace initiative,

-PID Sandro Castellana: *It is a very important proposal, there I not too much to say about this proposal. Even if it comes from MD108, we propose that in this working group there would be people from other MD from southern and northern Europe. To hold meeting with electronic means*

-PID Miklos HORVATH: *I am confident MD108 will take this proposal into consideration, the largest the representation of the countries of Europe the better results it can be expected. Thank you very much.*

IV/. Proposal from Sweden to organize Europa Forum in 2029.

For reminder, president N Miquel Belaud precise the next planned Europa Forum:
2025 DUBLIN, Ireland - 2026 KARLSRUHE, Germany - 2027 VENICE, Italy - 2028 BUDAPEST, Hungary

-2029 Candidature of MD 101 SWEDEN,

-President N. Miquel Belaud : *The EF 2029 would take place in MALMÖ, Sweden, this proposal will be approved and voted during EF 2025 in Dublin.*

-From Sweden delegate, presentation of the movie:

Leos, and lions' friends, it is a great honor for me as a Country Chairperson from the first European lion country, Sweden, MD 101 is candidate for 2029 candidate for holding the Europa forum 24 to 28 of October. To be hosted in Intercontinental hotel in Malmö, in the southern part of Sweden.

V. Open Forum for Member Countries, on Europa Forum s, Q&A session?

No questions,

V. Other Business –

European ID , Rules and responsibilities

-by PID Sandro Castellana

LRPCE working group, it has been found that ID had no guidelines, even if the LCI gives support and training after the election. But before the election and when our members approach ID candidacy, there are no guidelines, no indication regarding the characteristics and skills an ID should have. The idea for this working group was to design a simple document about roles and responsibilities for ID, also what a PID is expected to do.

That one-page doc is to inform our members, so when endorsement election, the members can know what is expected from the candidate.

2nd steps, a full document to give (cf PPT)

President N Miquel Belaud ask if there is other questions, remarks.

As there is none, Forum President announces the voting session on Saturday, and close the discussion session.



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EUROPEAN COUNCIL MEETING III. Minutes

October 26th 2024, 9:00-09:45,

Palais de l'Atlantique, Bordeaux

Designated ID Chairperson	ID Marcel Daniels	MD 112 Belgium
Forum Président	PID Nicole Miquel Belaud	MD 103 France
Forum General Secretary	Alain de la Giroday	MD103 France
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International Director Europe	Lorena Hus	MD 129 Slovenia

Language : Simultaneous translation, English to German, Italian and French

1. **Call to Order** : Forum President PID Nicole Miquel Belaud calls the meeting to order at 09:05h
2. **Opening** by PID Nicole Miquel Belaud , President of the Europa Forum 2024

President N Miquel Belaud opens the European Council 3 meeting by greeting and welcoming all attending Officers, EF member delegates and all the Lions attending. She announces to wait a few minutes , until all voting members have signed the attendance sheet.

3. **Credentials**, Alain de la Giroday, Forum Secretary
At the European Council III there are 29 voting members present.

Voting and resolution Proposals. Explanation of voting rules:

President N.Miquel Belaud, explains that the vote will be done as we usually do it in France, we begin by abstentions (white card), after by against-no (red card) and at the end Yes (green card) because it's easier like that, we will not to have to count 2-3 times.

N Miquel Belaud explains that all 15 included 2 emergency Proposals presented in EC I had been accepted and will now be presented for voting the 15 Proposals

Forum secretary, Alain de la Giroday and PDG Béatrice Asnar counts the votes.

- a. Resolution n° 1: The European Council adopts the modifications, which shall be integrated into the Manual and entered into force immediately after the adjournment of EF 2024 Bordeaux.

Unanimously 27 delegates voted “Yes”

The proposal was adopted

- b. Resolution n° 2 : The European Council creates the Lions Academy Europe under the guidance and supervision of the LRPCE.

5 ‘abstain’, 3 ‘against’ 19 voted ‘Yes’,

The proposal was adopted

- c. Resolution n° 3: The EC proposed the new Europa Forum logo; its usage is recommended to all future Europa Forums.

28 voted ‘Yes’

The proposal was adopted

- d. Resolution n°4 : the EC Accepts the new, revised Rules of Procedure of the **Lions European Music Competition Thomas KUTTI** (hereinafter LEMC) and its integration into the Lions Europa Forum Manual as Appendix G.

29 voted ‘Yes’

The proposal was adopted

- e. Resolution n°5: The EC adopts the new, revised Rules of Procedure of the **Bert Mason Young Ambassador Award** (hereinafter MBYAA) and its integration into the Lions Europa Forum Manual as Appendix H.

29 voted ‘Yes’

The proposal was adopted

- f. Resolution n° 6: The EC adopts the creation of the Life ability Working Group with the proposed Rules of Procedure, the mission of which is to coordinate international cooperation of Lions “Lifeability” programs.

6 ‘against’, 2 ‘abstained’, 21 voted ‘yes’,

The proposal was adopted

- g. Resolution n°7: The European Council adopts the Provisional Zone of the Republic of Moldova as member of the Europa Forum according to articles 1.2 & 11.2 of the Europa Forum Manual

2 ‘against’ and 3 ‘abstained’, 24 voted ‘yes’,

The proposal was adopted

- h. Resolution n°8: As part of its commitment to diversity and inclusion, the Lions Europa Forum requests all future organizers of the Europa forum to choose Conference Centers that are suitable for everyone, including those with special accessibility needs.

29 voted ‘Yes’

The proposal was adopted

i-j-k) Resolution n° 9-10-11: The EC approves the Minutes of the European Council I. European Council II and European Council III submitted by the Europa Forum Klagenfurt 2023.

29 voted 'Yes'

The proposal was adopted

l) Resolution n° 12: The EC approves the Financial Report submitted by the Europa Forum Klagenfurt 2023.

29 voted 'Yes'

The proposal was adopted

m) Resolution n° 13: The European Council approves the Final Report submitted by the Europa Forum Klagenfurt 2023.

29 voted 'Yes'

The proposal was adopted

n) Resolution n° 14 - Emergency Resolution: The European Council adopts that the Europa Forum Members demonstrate their support for the decision of the Executive Officers and the International Board of Directors by which they unanimously endorsed PID Tony BENBOW, MD 201 Australia, as the candidate for the position of International Third Vice President of the Association at the 2025 Orlando, USA International Convention.

4 'abstained' , 25 Voted 'Yes'

The proposal was adopted

o) Resolution n° 15 – Emergency Resolution : The European Council adopts that a Working Group is set up, supervised by the LRPCE to Invite all European Districts and MDs to promote initiatives aimed at fostering the dissemination of a culture of peace in their respective territories. Encourage and promote mutual and shared initiatives by European Districts and MDs in support of peace and understanding among peoples.

29 voted 'Yes'

The proposal was adopted

PID Nicole Miquel Belaud , President of the Europa Forum 2024, thanks all members of the European Council and all country delegates for their participation and close the meeting. She thanks also all the Executive Committee Members for their presence during these European council meetings.

The European Council III meeting was adjourned at 9:45.



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Lions Europa Forum - October 24-26, Bordeaux le Lac

Final Reports

Our theme this year was “ Mieux vivre ensemble” , (Living Better Together) very important in our society in Europe in our European Context today, and very important for our clubs if we want to retain our members , learn to work together and to respect all our members regardless of their difference, their way of thinking, of way of living.

We had a Europa Forum that answered the needs of our members post Covid, with a higher number of participants as initially expected. As the EF in Klagenfurt last year, people could register for 1 day, 2 days or 3 days.

There were several innovations, both in the opening and closing ceremonies, (with a focus on “ inclusion”) in the program, in the Agora from where it was easy to get to all the sessions and venues within the same building and with easy tram connection to the European Music Competition Thomas Kuti in the Bordeaux Music Academy, and downtown Bordeaux.

Let develop now these various points and the organization:

Members of the Host Committee:

PID Nicole Miquel Belaud	President
PDG Claude Mermet	Vice President
Alain de la Giroday	Secretary
Marie Helene Vidal	Treasurer
PDG Vanessa Horrod	Program Advisor
Michel Chartroule	Protocol
Sandrine Loisel	Communication- webmaster
Josiane Perez	Newsletter-Redaction-media
PCCG Dominique	LEMC music competition+ charity concert
Isabelle Roland Frances	YCE youth Camps and Exchange
Anne Laure Frances	YAA Young Ambassadors

Members of the Supervisory Committee

ID Marcel Daniel	Designated ID and chairperson
PID Nicole Miquel Belaud	Forum President

PID Teresa Dineen	Vice President
PDG Vanessa Horrod	Forum Program Director 2024
PDG Ann Hellis	Forum Program Director 2025
PID Miklos Horvath	Forum Archivist & Advisor
PID Daniel Isenrich	Forum Financial Controller
Permanent guests:	
PDG Claude Mermet	Forum “General Commissaire”
MH Vidal	Forum Treasurer
Alain de la Giroday	Forum Secretary

The supervisory Committee meetings started at the previous Europa Forum in Klagenfurt, and the last meeting was held the day before the start of the EF in Bordeaux

On top of the monthly online meetings, there was one site visit with both committees in March to visit all the facilities and the key hotels. During the supervisory Committee and the LRPCE meetings, there were always members of the host committee present, reporting on the progress in their areas of responsibility. In addition, during the supervisory committee, and the LRPCE meetings, there were always members of the host committee present, reporting on the progress in their areas of responsibility.

With the members of the host committee there were monthly meetings initially, and twice a month after, and we had a meeting 1 per month, after two par months and from September and October every week. At the same time there were also weekly thematic meetings .

1.Participants at the Europa Forum:

****Executive Officers and Board-Appointees**, We were very honored to have with us:

IP Fabricio Oliveira and spouse Amariles

PIP Dr Patti Hill and spouse Gregory

IVP AP Singh

3rd IVP Manoj Shah and spouse Jayna

PIP Gutrun Yngvadottir and spouse Jon Bjarni

PIP Brian E Sheehan, LCIF Vice Chair and spouse Lorry

PID Sangeeta Jatai, Board of Appointees

Sandro Castellana , LCIF Trustee

Robert Rettby, LCIF Europe

****the 6 European ID :**

ID Marcel Daniels and spouse	MD 112 Belgium (designated ID for the EF Bordeaux)
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ID Halldor Kristjansson and spouse	MD 109 Iceland
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ID Danyal Kubin and spouse	MD 118 Turkey
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ID Guy Bernard Brami and spouse	MD103 France
ID Dr Karl Brewi, and spouse	MD 114 Austria
ID Lorena Hus and spouse	D 129 Slovenia

**Participants by country, see in attachment

Opening and clothing ceremonies:

1. The theme of the forum (Living Better Together)was exemplified by the having as forum animators a Lion (male) and a Leo (Female)- a testimony to our diversity , it was a way to show that Leo and Lions are able to work altogether, young and less young also, and man and woman !

The opening ceremony begin with the flags and anthems of the Executive Officers (Brazil-Canada, India, USA, Kenya, France and Europe,) followed by the flags of the 42 countries that are members of the European Council.

PID Nicole Miquel Belaud, President of the EF Bordeaux, officially opened the Forum, thanking first all the dignitaries and guests for their presence, explaining the importance of the theme “Better Living Together “ in our modern society.

Due to the political situation in France at that time, (no government), there was no minister present- as initially planned. We therefore had a welcome speech by deputy mayor, representing the Mayor of Bordeaux. IP Fabricio Olivera presented the peace poster plaque to the local and regional civil and political authorities present, in addition to the deputy mayor, the Ambassador of the European Climate Pact, and the Paralympic athlete Gregory Mouyen Ambassador of inclusive society.

This was followed by IP Fabricio Oliveira explaining his theme “Make your Mark” to the participants,

Then came a brief photo presentation of the candidates for 3rd incoming ID’s and of the candidates for 3rd VP, for which members will be able to vote at the International Convention in Orlando.

Paralympic athlete Gregory Mouyen, high-level athlete, and ambassador of inclusive society, gave the motivational speech, which was followed by a dance and art performance, by professional valid and invalid (people with disabilities)professional dancers.

Motivation speech and art performance were very emotional.

Innovation: A nice surprise came during the opening ceremony was e.g. an inter-generational philosophical exchange between two “Lions” (a 12 year old boy belonging to a Cub Lions Club, and a 93 year old Past International Director) based on an excerpt of a book by the famous French author Antoine de St Exupery (le Petit Pince-The little prince) .

Then came a long time after, a performance of “Alphonse”, winner 2024b of the TV -shot “ The Voice” – a previous participant at the Lions Youth Camp and Exchange Program.

For the closing ceremony, an orchestra entertained the participants walking into the room to give the session a dynamic and much appreciated vibe.

2. The Closing ceremonies was started by Nicole Miquel Belaud, Président of the EF, who asked all the volunteers and all the members of the EF team to come to the podium to receive a very well deserved thanks for their hard work and dedication .

Ingo Brookmann European Coordinator, with D Mallet , R Eyremendi, A Pouliguen and A de la Giroday presented the 6 finalists and awarded the 3 winners of the Lions European Music Competition Thomas Kutti.

PDG Sally Marsh, accompanied with Anne Laure Frances, presented the 3 winners of the Bert Mason Young Ambassador Award.

Designated International Director Marcel Daniels gave his comments on the Europa Forum in Bordeaux, adding his thanks to all who made the Forum a success in sometimes challenging circumstances.

PIP Fabricio Oliveira concluded the speeches by highlighting the impact of such gathering on the challenges to world towards Mission 1.5 in Europe ;

Then came the time to pass the “forum “from France to Ireland, with an Irish movie, who gave a preview of the Dublin 2025 Forum ,with a video clip, Irish music, and a welcoming speech by the President of the Europa Forum in Dublin, Teresa Dinnen.

The ceremony ended as usual by handing over ceremony the official Lions Europa Forum Banner, with the Irish Delegation dancing a typical dance, inviting the Bordeaux Forum President and designated ID to join them in this performance .

Forum Agora:

The Agora-situated directly after the registration and information desks-was “the place to be” – the center of the village from where all meetings room, the auditorium, the speaker’s corner (which was very actively used), and the restaurant were easily accessible. There were no less than 37 mostly paying booths, covering several Lions projects and initiatives, including LCIF and Mission 1.5, future Forum venues (same price as in past EF : 2000e) and some local sponsors and suppliers .

There was a well-attended service activity (assembling bags with sanitary products for homeless shelters), a demonstration of Zumba for LCIF , and a very impressive special Olympics demonstration .

European Council:

All 3 sessions of the EC were held according to the Rules of Procedures.

- 5 Resolutions were made by the Long Range Planning Europe, with 2 very important, one on the creation of the Lions Academy Europe (LAE), and one a proposal of a Lion Europa Forum Logo.
- We had 2 resolutions, one to adopt a new revised Rules of Procedure of the Lions European Music Competition Thomas Kutti, and one revising the Rules of Procedure of the Bert Mason Yong Ambassador Award.
- Different MD ‘s proposed resolutions, MD 103 Italy (Life ability Project), undistricted Moldova (acceptance of membership) , MD 112 Belgium(accessibility of building at EF venues);
- We had also 2 emergency resolutions, one to support the candidacy of PID Tony Benbow, as 3rd International VP, and the other one on peace ,submitted by MD108 Italy..
- On these 15 resolutions proposed, the results of the voting were 9 unanimously, with 27 member delegates present in the voting session 1 and 2, and 28 for the voting session 3 and after 29 voting member delegates.

Innovation for the voting: we started with the “abstention” (white card), then “against” (red card) to finish with the “ yes”, (white card).This way, it’s easier to see who support/rejects a proposal..

3 soirées and lunches:

**** Pre-booked lunches** were served in a big room in the main building only 380 lunch register by day , and there were 2 separate catering stands – bars in the Agora, with beverage, coffee, salade, cookies, sandwiches

****Get together evening:** this free evening was also organized in the Agora, as there was enough room for everyone to move around, allowing participants to mingle freely with others , while enjoying some French culinary specialties (oysters) at various stand . This 2-hour evening was well appreciated by the participants .

Innovation: Very Important, we précised on the website , it will not be a dinner (application of the Rules of procedure), so participants do not wait for food and were very happy to discover offered oysters and some appetizers

**** Folklore evening:**

There was a dance group on stilts, -typical of the Basque and Landes country -in the Auditorium. It was very different from what we saw in previous Europa Forum, and incredible audacity, and risk taking, No for the faint of heart!

There was another performance by “Alphonse” the winner 2024 of New Voice in France, and another moving performance by a group of people with disabilities (sight, hearing, physical) who are members of an association whose objectives is to enhance their well-being by expressing themselves by dancing .

This was followed by a typical dinner and dance evening with people enjoying themselves.

Innovation: we offered the possibility for Forum participants to be at the table of one of the members of the Executive Committee or ID’s by participating in a raffle .

**** Soirée de gala, Gala evening** in a very well-known cabaret:

This took place in a very well-known Bordeaux Cabaret; the transfer was done, by bus, organization of tables by country, 6 officials tables (IP, PIP, First VIP, Third VIP, candidates for 3 VIP, PID MD 103 and others .)

Amazing show with the surprise participation of PIP Brian Sheehan(he didn’t know it), good food, wonderful ambiance ...

Bert Mason (Young Ambassador Award (AN Frances)

There were 8 candidates, each from a different country, for this Bert Mason 2024 competition in Bordeaux.

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Finally, on Saturday morning, once the presentation were made, the final ranking was announced:

1st: Niccolo Bartolacelli, Italian candidate, wins a prize of 3,500€.

2nd: Laurent Grötzmeier, Austrian candidate, wins a prize of 2,500€.

3rd: Keeva Delanay, Irish candidate, wins a prize of €1,500.

At the closing ceremony, our winner was able to present his project before receiving his award.

Innovation: it took place at the same location as all the other Forum activities (Palais de l'Atlantique)

2 YEC Days at the Europa Forum in Bordeaux (I Rolland-Frances)

Innovation: This year the YEC were at the same *place* than the Europa Forum, at the Atlantic Palace

The 2024 Europa Forum in Bordeaux brought together 98 YEC delegates from 32 countries, including nations outside Europe such as Australia, Brazil, India, Japan, Sri Lanka, and the United States.

Over two days, delegates participated in :

- two mornings of administrative meetings, working on the program's evolution, and sharing experiences,
- workshops on topics like digitalization, inclusion of young people with disabilities in camps, and the creation of the new YCE Europe Board.

A key moment, on Friday afternoon, was "The Bazar," where bilateral agreements between countries were signed, reinforcing the principle of reciprocity that is central to the program. PIP Patti Hill visited the traditional Bazar during the YEC awards ceremony

This year in Bordeaux, several innovations enhanced the visibility of the YEC program: participation in the flag ceremony, the Speakers' Corner, and our YEC stand in the Agora, which allowed many Lions and International Leaders to know more about the program. Thanks to the EF organization for this opportunity.

In conclusion, it is important to highlight the need for a stronger presence of international leaders to help us promote the goals of the YCE program and to discover its impact on the major initiatives of our movement and "Mission 1.5."

LEMC Thomas Kuti (MA Expert-Theas)

Like at previous EF, as every year, there is also a music competition , the Thomas Kutti Competition ,which was held at the Bordeaux Conservatory,

The instrument chosen was the clarinet, Mendelssohn, song without words Opus 109 , plus 2 pieces to choose from according to a proposed artwork site ;There is one obligation work and two pieces that candidates can choose themselves.

The 17 candidates, each presented by the Lions districts of a country, were selected at national level, and performed in front of a jury composed of M Dondeyre, President, L Brancati, L Lefebvre et N Bacri, famous contemporary composer, who wrote the work commissioned for the competition

At the end of the first round, 6 candidates remained: from Italy, Poland, Estonia, Austria, Portugal, France; The winner was the French candidate, Yann Maratka, following by Portugal

and Austria ;Then their e jury gave them their prizes ,under many applause, with another surprise, Nicolas Bacri took the floor to give a new prize , which would deserve to be taken back during the next EF;

For the closing, Ingo Brookman the President thanked all the volunteers, the members of the jury, the organizers, Dominique Mallet, Alain Pouliguen, Alain de la Giroday et Rita Eyremandi , and the director of the Conservatory for their involvement and professionalism;

An innovation:

On the day prior to the start of the EF, Ingo Brookman , the director of the Thomas Kuti competition, and the Maestro Wilhem Walz decide to create *the European Lions Chamber Orchestra*, with young artists from different European countries, previous winners/participants of the competition ; this new Lions Chamber Orchestra performed for the 1st time in Bordeaux, in the Church of Sainte Croix located next to the Conservatory .

The funds collected were for the benefit of the action “Vacances Plein Air (holidays in open air) which organizes one week summer camp for underprivileged children .

Judging by the success of this first concert, this will certainly be repeated at other Forums.

Forum Program:

It was an application to the recommendations from the Rules of Procedure.

There were a total of more than 80 sessions, workshops and presentation ; they covered all areas of Lionism , from international to regional to local , with participation of our executive leaders , regional leaders and others .Presentations were held in English, French, German and Italian- with translation provided during the plenary sessions .

Innovation: There was a conscious decision to reduce the amount of paper being used (objective 0 papers) so the program could easily be downloaded and followed. This fits well with our Sustainable Development Goals.

As per the current Rules of Procedure, the program starts on Thursday to finishes on Saturday. It has been customary to start on the day prior to the Forum, with several closed sessions such as a meeting of the Forum Supervisory Board, the Long Range Planning Committee Europe (LRPCE) ,Mission 1.5 Gat CA 4, the Lions Task Force Europe (LTE) . There may typically also be meetings of e.g the German MD and some Scandinavian meetings.

And in parallel, orientation and welcome sessions for youth Programs were held.

For the program, see the document in attachment

At the same time, we had some speakers at the speaker corner, not during the first day because the concert and the musical competition were livestreamed for those who could not be there in person. the retransmission of the concert and the musical competition

Overall Conclusion:

The Europa Forum 2024 was seen as very successful by the participants, certainly concerning the relevant of the topics covered and the quality of the presentations. As the forum moves from country to country in Europe, there will be changes from the way things are done in each country, but this is another testimony to the variety and diversity in our European continent. We are happy to say that this Europa Forum in Bordeaux was a big and successful Forum. the main difference are in all the innovations we have brought to the Europa Forum, while respecting the spirit of the Rules of Procedure.

There are always lessons to be drawn from organizing such an event with basically all volunteers , and despite some hiccups re-transport, sticking to agreed timeslots etc , we can say definitely it was a successful Europa Forum, with one other important key factor, to propose several innovative approaches and ideas that will certainly be of interest to the organizers of future Europa Forum.

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