

EHF Board Update, GA 2021

Transition proces

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Aims



- **Mission statement – A strong European Humanist Movement (passed at EHF Board Meeting March 7th 2021)**
 - The main goal of the development of EHF is to strengthen the humanist movement in Europe. This is primarily done by facilitating a high level of cooperation between the MO's and securing sufficient and relevant political representation. The EHF wished to strengthen our position within the European institutions, especially but not exclusively in the EU institutions, and strengthen the network of humanist professionals, including volunteers.

Conditions



- Pre-given conditions

- Motion agreed EHF GA 2020
 - Explore establishment of European division of Humanists International
- No staff or offices as of may 2020
 - Co-operation with CAL terminated
- No presence in EU institutions on a daily basis

- Developing condition

- Transition Commission established (Michael Bauer (D), Patrik Lindenfors (SE)/Ineke DeVries (NL), Kaja Bryx (PL), Lone Ree Milkær (DK))
- Temporary funding of part time staff
- Larger organisations leaning toward EHF becoming HI division

Motion Agreed at EHF GA 2020

- In the negotiations for a new structure the Commission should aim that, in accordance with the statutes and procedures of HI, the new part:
 - has its own **statutory rules** and **financial resources**,
 - chooses its own **Executive Committee**,
 - is **autonomous in its day to day functioning** and decides on its own affairs,
 - is adequately **represented in the Board of the HI** by an appointed member of the Executive Commission,
 - has adequate human resources to perform its tasks.

Main discussion points in negotiation talks with Humanists International

- Democratic structure
- Representation
- Funding



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Democratic structure

- Increased networking opportunities will all in all benefit democratic processes
- Executive body is the board of Humanists International
 - No statutory rules or representation
 - The European Forum does not have a Executive Committee
 - Is therefore in principle not autonomous or decides in it own affairs
- Discussions will, if the motion is past, transfer to the democratic structures of Humanists International
 - Humanists International GA



Representation

- Historical difference in areas of action (secularism, humanism, l'aïcité)
- Continued geographical representation (Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western Europe)
- Attention towards EU-institutions
- Members have left because of expected merger with HI



Funding

- The wish for substantial funding to secure adequate staffing for development of strong European Humanist movement
- Preferably no dependency of sole large funders, no strings attached
- Fair and equal funding
- Funding principles to be determined by Humanists International