

ERIC Forum Elections 2020

Process & outcomes

▶ Road to a new leadership

- **January 2019** – the Project starts & BBMRI volunteers to run the Secretariat
- **May 2019** – Waiting for a new governance, CESSDA-ECCSEL volunteer to remain chairs until the next ERIC Forum meeting
- **October 2019** – Principles of the new governance AGREED
 - Election Committee is formed

▶ Election committee

- Tasked by the ERIC Directors (Amsterdam meeting) to come up with election rules *in line with the new governance*
- Members:
 - Ivana Ilijasic Versic, CESSDA
 - Volker Röhling, ECCSEL
 - Francesco Florindi, BBMRI

▶ New leadership – 2 processes

- Chair & Vice Chair

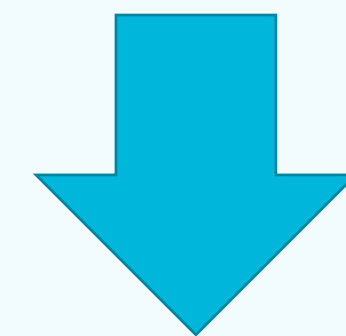
- Competitive process
- All ERICs eligible
- Guarantee the broadest support to a candidate
- Represent the Forum duly



Direct election

- Executive Committee

- Build trust among the ERICs
- Support the Chairs
- Represent the different souls/realities of the ERICs



*Consensus
nomination from the
clusters*

▶ Chairs election Criteria

- Each ERIC can propose a candidature
 - Apart from CESSDA, ECCSEL, BBMRI
- Submitted by the ERIC legal representative (Director) to the current Chair & Election Committee
- In writing: CV/bio + “motivation letter”
- Within the deadline: 7th January

▶ Chairs election Voting

- The rule
 - II.6: The Assembly has all the powers, which allow fulfilling the objectives and the activities of the Forum, and in particular:
 - To elect the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson and the Executive Board, **with a two thirds majority**
- The Election Committee interpretation: 2 steps election
 1. Election with multiple candidates – First=Chair, Second=Vice
 2. Confirmatory vote by the Assembly, with 2/3 majority

▶ Executive Board members

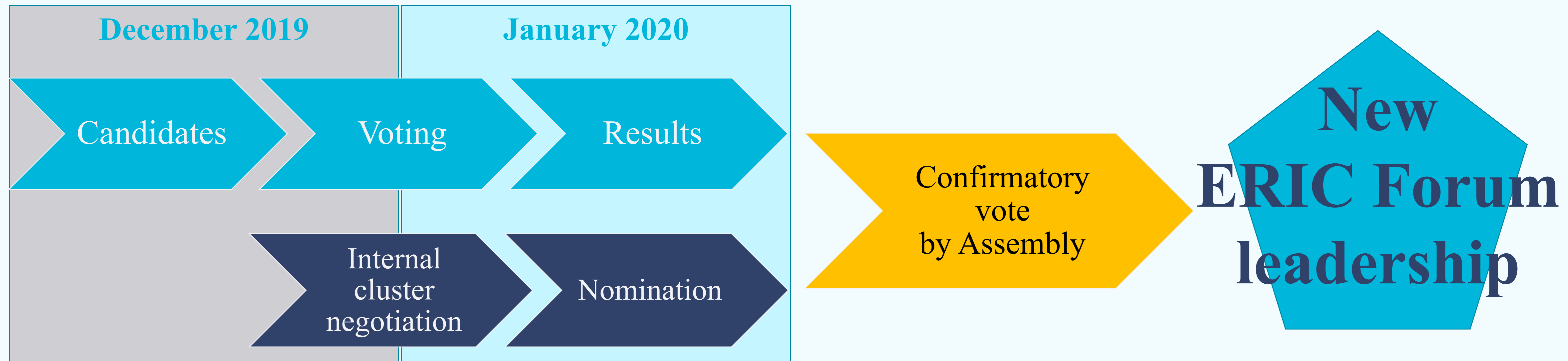
Total number

- The rule
 - The Executive Board is composed of up to seven representatives, including:
 - a. the Forum Chairperson, who will also preside the Executive Board;
 - b. the Vice-Chairperson,
 - c. **at least three other members** coming from different clusters. In case the Forum Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson are from different clusters: **three other members, each coming from another of the three remaining clusters.**

▶ Executive Board members Clusters (based on ESFRI)

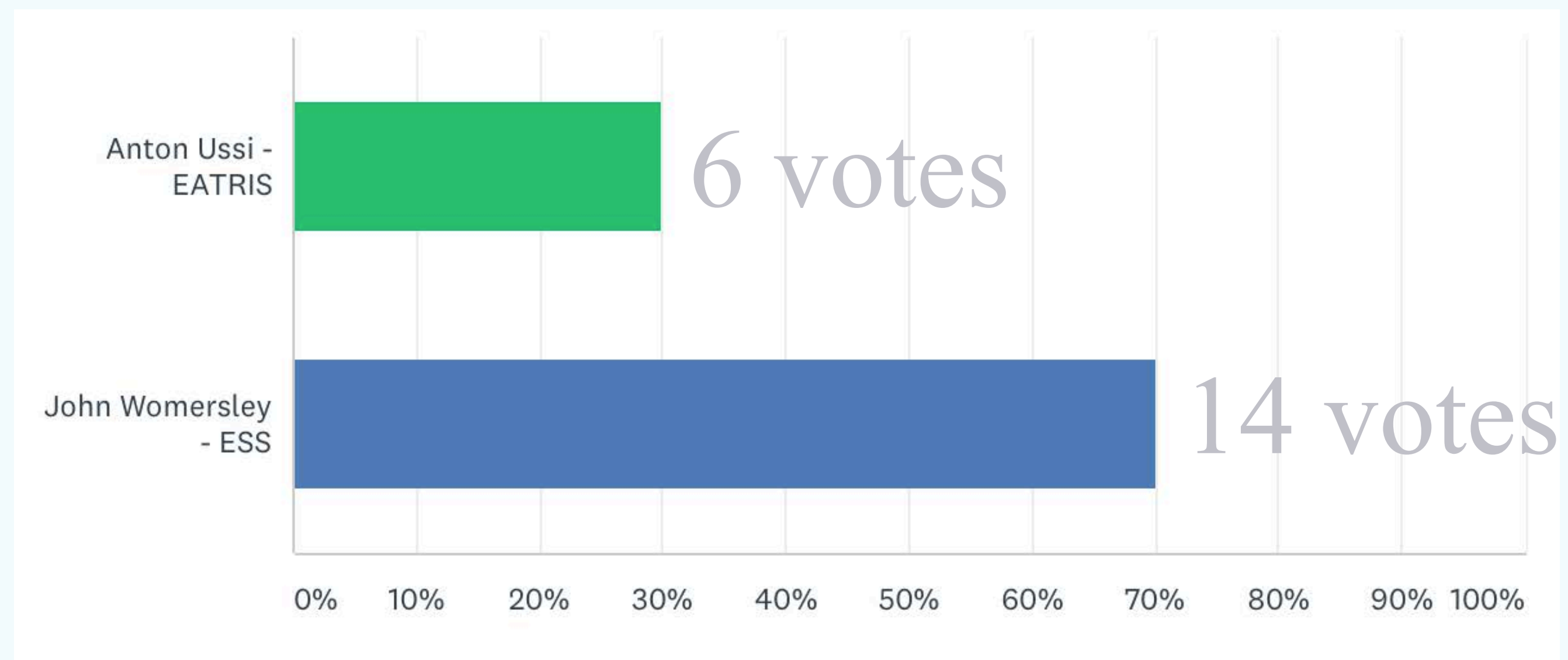
- Environment (5)
 - EMSO, EPOS, EURO-Argo, ICOS, LifeWatch
- PSE (4)
 - ECCSEL, ESS Spallation, JIVE, CERIC
- Social sciences & humanities (5)
 - CESSDA, CLARIN, DARIAH, ESS Social, SHARE
- Life sciences (7 - 2 ExBo slots)
 - INSTRUCT, EMBRC, EU-OPENSSCREEN, BBMRI, EATRIS, ECRIN, EuroBioImaging,

▶ 2 processes interlinked



▶ New Chairs

- 2 candidates – both eligible
- 20/21 ERICs voted
- No technical issues with the voting



▶ The Executive Board



*John Womersley, ESS
Chair*



*Anton Ussi, EATRIS
Vice Chair*



*Franciska de Jong, CLARIN
Executive Board Member*



*Wolfgang Fecke, EU-OPENSOURCE
Executive Board Member*



*Juan Miguel Gonzales Aranda, LifeWatch
Executive Board Member*

▶ Next steps

- Confirmatory vote - TODAY
 - 2/3 majority
- The Executive Board enters into office