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

• Executive Committee
  • Build trust among the ERICs
  • Support the Chairs
  • Represent the different souls/realities of the ERICs

Direct election

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-OPENSCREEN, BBMRI, EATRIS, ECRIN, EuroBioImaging,
2 processes interlinked

December 2019
- Candidates
- Internal cluster negotiation

January 2020
- Voting
- Nomination
- Results

New ERIC Forum leadership

Confirmatory vote by Assembly
New Chairs

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

6 votes for John Womersley - ESS
14 votes for Anton Uusi - EATRIS
The Executive Board

John Womersley, ESS Chair

Anton Ussi, EATRIS Vice Chair

Franciska de Jong, CLARIN Executive Board Member

Wolfgang Fecke, EU-OPENSCREEN Executive Board Member

Juan Miguel Gonzales Aranda, LifeWatch Executive Board Member

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Next steps

• Confirmatory vote - TODAY
  • 2/3 majority

• The Executive Board enters into office