

EMiL Committee Meeting Minutes – 18th January 2010

(To be approved by Committee)

Attendees – Petros Fassoulas, Mark Paterson, Alwyn Williams, John Preston, Eva Eberhardt, Anna Arki, Nick Lowe, Hilary Naqvi, Bryony Hoskins, Del Hosain.

1. **Apologies:** Richard Wassell, Soon Yeng Chiam, Arjan Geveke, Catja Gaebel, Chris Maddox, Aine McGuire,

2. Last Meeting's Minutes

6. Young Professional Network event cancelled.

3. Future Events

Post-Copenhagen Event at the Danish Embassy, 11th February 2010

- Date revised from 27th January to 11th February.
- Speakers: The Danish Ambassador and Professor Hoskins have confirmed for the 11th February. PF continuing to pursue the government for a speaker to present the UK government's position on the negotiations.
- Mr. Ole Krog (who is Deputy Director General of the Danish Confederation of Industries) has had to cancel due to change of date.
- Timing: The event will be held between 6.30 and 8.30.

Attendance List – Closing date for applications extended a week to 24th January.

Organisational Details:

- **Greeting & Sign in of attendees:** To co-ordinate with Embassy. We should have a couple of people available to help.
- **Video Footage/Photos:** Aden McGuire will be asked again to video record the event and another member will be asked to photograph.
- **Present for Ambassador and his Secretary:** PF to arrange.
- An information pack to be prepared including a one page document with a short biography for each speaker, a list of attendees and information on how to join the EM.

Other Events

- The Spanish Embassy has agreed to host and sponsor an EMiL event on the Spanish Presidency. PF is in contact with the embassy with a view to fixing the date.
- EU Financial Supervision Event, sponsored by Clifford Chance. Event will focus on the new EU rules for financial supervision currently debated in the EP. PF is organising the speaker.
- Hustings event to be organised prior to the General Election for senior candidates/party representatives to put each parties policy on Europe forward.

Next Monthly Social: Thursday 21st January at 6.30 pm at the Royal Horseguards Hotel.

4. Update

- **EMiL Newsletter** – Articles for the next issue to be submitted by Friday 29th January.

- **Website**

AW organised a very good demonstration of the new website system we are planning to use - Kentico. The website package is free but there is an annual subscription of approximately £100. The package allows for one access for administration and one for content management (although the accesses are not restricted to named persons). The presentation took the Committee through all the features that the new system will offer. The Committee agreed that the new system is easy to use and to administer, modern and a huge improvement to the existing system. PF and AW to work with web designer to finalise site.

Once new site is in the place all visitors accessing www.em-il.org.uk (as well as the old domain www.cleg.org.uk) will be pointed to the new site.

- **Facebook**

Facebook group membership continues to grow and is now 115 members (from a starting point of 25 members 6 months ago). Information on our events and activities as well as our newsletter is posted there, reaching out to users that are not necessarily members of EMiL or EM. Committee members are encouraged to post articles, views and commentary.

5. Upcoming EM meetings

PF reported on progress at the National Executive, National Council and Branches Forum meetings held on 16th January.

The EM current funds are projected to run out by December 2011. Attracting new members identified as the best method of increasing revenue.

Peter Luff has contacted a number of parties for details of who may provide funding but with no success. He was seeking a small amount of money to carry out a membership drive.

Branches will now have to fund the national EM organisation. Committee members agreed that EMiL should support the centre but not all EMiL funds raised should remain within the control of the National EM. A percentage of funds should be held back by EMiL to give some autonomy.

6. Education Initiative

No news.

7. International Activities

No news

8. AOB

MEP's to be invited to future EMiL events.

9. Next Committee Meeting

Monday 15th February 2010