

## Meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> CERIC-ERIC General Assembly

### RESOLUTIONS

**Time** 28th June 2023, from h. 14:00 to h. 18:00 and 29th June 2023, from h. 9:00 to h. 12:00  
**Place** Budapest - the meeting was held in presence and by videoconference

#### 1. Welcome and adoption of the draft agenda

**Resolution GA2023.1-1:**

The General Assembly adopts the agenda of the meeting.

#### 2. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting (Graz, November 30, 2022) and record of resolutions taken by written procedure

**Resolution GA2023.1-2:**

The minutes of the previous General Assembly meeting held in Graz on 30 November 2022 are approved.

**Record of written consultation executive from 1st February 2023****Resolution GA2023.1-3:**

The General Assembly approves minutes of the agenda item 6.4 of the General Assembly held on 30th November 2022 in Graz on the CERIC new model for members' contributions and the amendment of the Statutes as per the excerpt in the document "GA2022.2 n21 - Agenda ITEM 6\_4 Draft minutes\_20230116" in attachment.

**Record of written consultation executive from 1st February 2023****Resolution GA2023.1-4:**

The General Assembly approves the report on the evaluation of the Expression of Interest Call, as per the document "Report\_CERIC Expression of Interest (EoI) Call - 2022" and in particular the two ranking lists and resulting status presented in its Tables 1 and 2, respectively for infrastructure development and human resources.

The General Assembly gives to the Executive Director the mandate to negotiate the contracts with the successful applicants. The above contracts shall commit the signatories to allow and stimulate the Partner Facilities to participate in projects through CERIC when more than two CERIC's PFs are interested in participating in the proposal for a duration of 5 years

**Record of written consultation executive from 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023****Resolution GA2023.1-5:**

The General Assembly (GA) approves the amendments to the text of the CERIC-ERIC Statutes, including the formula as per the document "*STATUTES OF CERIC-ERIC (Consolidated Version 16.01.2022)\_modifications 20230417*") annexed as Annex 1 to this Resolution. These amendments allow annual cash contributions of the CERIC-ERIC Members. The GA gives the Executive Director the mandate to notify such amendments to the European Commission in compliance with art. 11(2) of Regulation no. 723/2009.

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The new contribution model, as agreed by the present GA Resolution and defined in the amended Statutes, includes the following listed boundary conditions and calculation criteria, which shall be applied in quantifying the annual contribution due by each Member.

1. The total annual contribution of the country presently hosting the Statutory Seat is expected to be maintained at 5,5 MEUR including its Member contribution and the Host premium. The Host premium will be used for CERIC-ERIC's integration and operation, including training, technology transfer and communication, as well as for the operation of the Statutory Seat.
2. The annual monetary contribution by each Member consists of a fixed contribution of 30.000 EUR plus a variable contribution proportional to its GDP calculated according to the formula attached to this Resolution and which is to be annexed to the CERIC-ERIC Statutes.
3. The GDP data to be used in the formula are presented in Table I and are set for 5 years and will then be reviewed by the GA.
4. The total of the variable contributions by the Members (A in the formula) is set at 680.000 EUR for 2024.
5. The total annual contribution by each Member is kept constant unless the annual inflation rate in the European Union is above 2%, in which case this amount should be updated based on the official annual inflation rate of the European Union for the previous year (EUROSTAT's Harmonised Indices of Consumer prices – inflation rate), but with a maximum cap at 3%, unless decided otherwise by the GA. The modified Statutes provide for the voting majority for the update of Table I and of the annual Members contributions.
6. If in the future there is either a change of the Host Member State of CERIC-ERIC or of the commitment of the present Host, the host contribution shall always include, in addition to its Member's contributions, a specific Host premium to be defined by the GA, ensuring the longer-term sustainability of the statutory operations.
7. As long as the contribution by the Host Member State of CERIC-ERIC allows covering the statutory operations fully, 90% of the Members annual contributions is dedicated to supporting actions integrating the capabilities of the Members Partner Facilities, such as PhDs, post-docs, joint research projects, infrastructure investments and promotion of CERIC-ERIC Partner Facilities research offer. These will be agreed upon by the GA, assuring that, over a 5-year average, this support to each Partner Facility will equal at least 90% of the cash contribution provided by the relevant Member during this period.
8. In case of accession of a new Member to CERIC-ERIC, it shall contribute to the CERIC-ERIC budget according to the formula below. In well justified cases, the GA may agree on a different contribution, or that the total annual monetary contribution of a new Member is capped at a fixed amount for a given number of years.
9. The GA may agree on a one-year grace period, during which a Member is relieved from delivering full annual cash contribution, which is to be repaid over the next three years.
10. As provided for by the amended Statutes in Article 12(3b), the updates of the Table I and of the Members cash contributions, including application of the inflation rate and of grace periods, will be approved by a qualified majority of two-thirds of the GA members having voting rights.

The formula (to be annexed to the CERIC-ERIC Statutes) to calculate the annual cash contribution for each Member is the following:

$$\text{Contribution (EUR)} = (A \times B/C + D) + E \times (A \times B/C + D)$$

where:

- A = total variable contribution of the Members (set at 680.000 EUR for 2024)
- B = GDP of a Member, as share of EU total (first five years: GDP for 2021 at market prices in Million EUR, as in Table I)
- C = GDP of all CERIC Members in 2021, as share of the EU GDP (first five years: GDP for 2021 at market prices in Million EUR as in Table I)
- D = fixed contribution, 30.000 EUR per Member for 2024
- E = EUROSTAT's Harmonised Indices of Consumer prices – inflation rate for the EU for the previous year, if above 2%, but with a maximum cap at 3%

Subject to the above criteria the GA approves the following table I indicating the parameters B and C to be used in the formula for the first five years of application. If the annual inflation rate is above 2%, the



total contribution should be updated based on the official annual inflation rate of the European Union (EUROSTAT’s Harmonised Indices of Consumer prices – inflation rate) for the previous year (see point 5 above), but with a maximum cap at 3%, unless decided otherwise by the GA.

**Table I: GDP parameters of the formula for the first five years**

\*Gross domestic product at market prices in million EUR, 2021

<b>Country</b>	<b>% of EU total GDP * (B)</b>	<b>% of EU GDP within CERIC (B/C)</b>
Czechia	1,6400	0,0678
Croatia	0,4010	0,0166
Italy	12,3100	0,5091
Hungary	1,0590	0,0438
Austria	2,7970	0,1157
Poland	3,9580	0,1637
Romania	1,6540	0,0684
Slovenia	0,3600	0,0149
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(C)= 24,179</b>	<b>1,000</b>

The indicative annual contributions resulting from the application of the formula using the parameters in Table I are listed in Table II attached as Annex 2 to the present Resolution

**Annex 1 - STATUTES OF CERIC-ERIC (Consolidated Version 16.01.2022)\_modifications 20230417**

See document in attachment

**Annex 2**

Table II: indicative annual contributions for the year 2024\*

<b>COUNTRY</b>	<b>Indicative annual contribution (EUR) in 2024</b>
Czechia	76.000
Croatia	41.000
Italy	376.000
Hungary	60.000
Austria	109.000
Poland	141.000
Romania	77.000
Slovenia	40.000

\*The amounts for the years following 2024, taking into account the present circumstances, may be increased due to inflation between 2 and 3% per year.



**4.3 Periodic Evaluation of the Croatian Partner Facility**

**Resolution GA2023.2-6:**

The General Assembly welcomes the positive evaluation of the Croatian Partner Facility by ISTAC and approves the continuation of their operation within CERIC-ERIC, asking to the Chair/ED to communicate the evaluation to its Government and hosting Representing Entity.

**6.3 Approval of CERIC-ERIC annual report and accounting for 2022**

**Resolution GA2023.1-7:**

The General Assembly, having heard the presentation of the annual accounts and the positive independent Auditor's report, approves the 2022 annual Report as per Annexes 7 and 8, including the 2022 annual accounts and the independent Auditor's report.

**6.7 Evaluation of the performance of the Executive Director for the period Nov 2021-Nov 2022**

**Resolution GA2023.1-8:**

According to the resolutions of this General Assembly GA2015.3-2, as amended according to resolution GA2019.1-11, and GA2021.1-5, assessing the positive achievement of the results in the period from November 2021 to November 2022, the General Assembly awards to the Executive Director the yearly bonus equal to € 12.000,00 (Euro twelve-thousand/00) net after tax and legal withdrawals and allows the Chair to negotiate an increase connected to inflation of 4.72%, applied from 1.1.2023, of the total salary of the Executive Director including the bonus. The Chair will report on this at next GA.

**6.8 Discussion and approval of the annual members contributions for 2024**

**Resolution GA2023.1-9**

In accordance with Annex 2 of CERIC ERIC Statutes in force, the General Assembly approves the annual members contributions for 2024 as per the following table:

COUNTRY	Total annual contribution per Member 2024 (in Euro)
Austria	108.676
Czech Republic	76.104
Croatia	41.288
Hungary	59.784
Italy	376.188
Italy (Host premium)	5.123.812
Poland	141.316
Romania	76.512
Slovenia	40.132
Total	6.043.812

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