



EIDD – DESIGN FOR ALL EUROPE

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**4th General Assembly
Berlin, 27-28 May 2014**

Minutes

1. Opening and welcome of participants, apologies for absence

The President, Ewa Golebiowska, declared the 4th General Assembly open at 9.45 on 27 May, welcomed the participants and thanked the Berlin Senate for its hospitality.

The GA was welcomed by a representative of the EU and International Affairs Unit at the Berlin Senate Department for Urban Development and the Environment.

Apologies for absence and proxies, when specified, were noted.

Present

Ewa Golebiowska	EIDD President, Cieszyn Castle	Poland
Peter Neumann	EIDD Senior Vice-President, EDAD	Germany
Josyane Franc	EIDD Vice-President Administration, Cité du Design	France
Markus Haas	EIDD Vice-President Finances, Freiraum	Austria
Pepetto Di Bucchianico	EIDD Special Projects, DdA, University of Chieti-Pescara	Italy
Terhi Tamminen	EIDD Special Projects, Avaava	Finland
Pete Kercher	EIDD Ambassador, Design for All Italia	Italy
Veronika Egger	Design for All Austria	Austria
Karin Bendixen	DfA DK	Denmark
Ilona Gurjanova	Association of Estonian Designers	Estonia
Anna Pisani	Design for All Italia	Italy
Jan Stavik	Norwegian Centre for Design and Architecture	Norway
Onny Eikhaug	Norwegian Centre for Design and Architecture	Norway

Ewa Janczukowicz-Cichosz	Design Centre Gdynia	Poland
Malwina Studzinska	Design Centre Gdynia	Poland
Nuno Sa Leal	Portuguese Design Museum	Portugal
Lea Rollova	CEDA, University of Bratislava	Slovakia
Danica Koncekova	CEDA, University of Bratislava	Slovakia
Javier Blazquez Abril	ONCE Foundation	Spain
Finn Petrén	DfA Sverige	Sweden

In attendance

Dagmar Lautsch-Wunderlich	EDAD	Germany
Siegfried Zoels	EDAD	Germany
Silvia Pericu	DSA, University of Genoa	Italy

2. Apologies for absence

Name	Organisation	Country	Proxy
Severin Filek	Design Austria	Austria	Veronika Egger
Jasmien Herssens	EIDD Belgium	Belgium	----
---	Ornamo	Finland	Terhi Tamminen
Paul Hogan	EIDD President Emeritus	Ireland	----
---	Lithuanian Design Forum	Lithuania	----
Finn Aslaksen	EIDD Norway	Norway	Onny Eikhaug
Alexander Bogdanovic	CRID	Serbia	Pete Kercher
Miodrag Pocuc	Centre Living Upright	Serbia	----
Jesus Hernandez Galan	EIDD Special Projects, ONCE Foundation	Spain	Javier Blazquez
Francesc Aragall	Design for All Foundation	Spain	Ewa Golebiowska
Rama Gheerawo	Helen Hamlyn Centre RCA	UK	Onny Eikhaug

3. Agenda

The agenda was approved as proposed.

4. Minutes of the 3rd GA in Avila

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the 3rd General Assembly, held in Avila on 28-29 June 2013. Markus Haas proposed approval of the minutes and Pepetto Di Bucchianico seconded. They were accepted as a true and faithful record of the proceedings.

5. President's Address and Board Report

The President, Ewa Golebiowska, presented the Board Report, which ended with a round of applause.

Jan Stavik proposed approval of the Board Report and Nuno Sa Leal seconded. They were accepted unanimously into the minutes by the assembled members.

6. Annual Financial Report

6.1 The Financial Report for 2013 was presented by the Vice-President Finances, Markus Haas.

Discussion ensued about fees overdue from some members and the fact that some of these members are "silent members". A consensus was reached that the Board should communicate with these members, so as to determine their intention to pay and play and active part in the life of the association.

Jan Stavik proposed to authorise the Board to decide to allow a leeway of, for example, two years, after which membership shall lapse: lapsed members can always reapply for membership in future. After discussion of this proposal, the GA **decided** to allow for a "gentlemen's agreement" of 13 months.

The approval of the 2013 Financial Report was moved by Veronika Egger and seconded by Karin Bendixen, then approved by the GA.

6.2 Budgets for 2014-2015

The Budgets for the years 2014 and 2015 as proposed by the Financial Vice-President Markus Haas were approved unanimously. The GA moved a vote of thanks to Markus Haas.

7. Membership issues

7.1 Retirement of members

The following members have informed the Board that they have ceased to exist or wish to retire from membership:

7.1.1 The Creativity Zentrum, Bilbao, Spain, ceased to exist on 31 December 2013.

7.1.2 The Design Information Centre, Riga, Latvia, has expressed its intention to withdraw from the association.

7.1.3 The Moholy-Nagy University, Budapest, Hungary, has expressed its intention to withdraw from the association.

The General Assembly took note of these changes and ratified them

7.2 Ratification of new members

The GA was requested to ratify one membership granted by the Executive Board since the previous GA and to deliberate about one further new application presented at the GA.

7.2.1 Gdynia Design Centre

Ewa Janczukowicz-Cichosz and Malwina Studzinska made a short presentation of the work of the Gdynia Design Centre, whose membership had been approved by the Executive Board and was now ratified.

7.2.2 Department of Science of Architecture, University of Genoa

Silvia Perico presented the work of the Department of Science of Architecture and specified that its application for membership was supported by both Design for All Italia and the DdA at the University of Chieti-Pescara, the two existing members from Italy, which both confirmed their support.

The GA then approved the application for membership.

8. Membership survey and future priorities

Terhi Tamminen presented the member survey conducted in the course of the previous year, followed by a summary of its results.

Peter Neumann then presented the strategy and roadmap for 2014-2020, based on the results of the survey.

These presentations were followed by a long discussion, focusing especially on the emphasis attributed the two main approaches to the association as a network and/or as an organisation.

This discussion eventually led to a consensus that the main focus at present is on the need for networking, although this does not preclude the need to remember a secondary focus also on the organisation.

For this to be effective, a two-way flow of information is vital.

9. New website

Pepetto Di Bucchianico presented the new EIDD – Design for All Europe website (www.dfaeurope.eu), which has been designed for use on computers, tablets and smartphones and to allow collaborative working.

The GA then discussed the new website and made suggestions for the best models of site accessibility, advice about matrices etc.

The GA applauded Pepetto Di Bucchianico and approved a vote of thanks to him for his work.

Past President Finn Petrón promised to provide access to the old website (www.designforalleurope.org) so that the technicians working with Pepetto Di Bucchianico can import all relevant material and then close the old site down.

The GA adjourned at 19.00 and reconvened the next morning at 9.00.

10. Working Groups

The GA spent the morning of 28 May working in two groups:

1. Academic research and programmes in Design for All
2. Design for All in public spaces and services

11. Reports from members and calls for participation

The following is a list of reports from members, all of whom stated their readiness to were collaborate to create networks capable of building project proposals to be ready to react in a timely fashion to future Calls for European and regional funding.

Member	Report and/or proposal
Design for All Austria, Design Austria	

DfA DK	Internal reorganisation
Association of Estonian Designers	
Avaava	Communication for All
Cité du Design	IDeALL http://www.ami-communities.eu/wiki/IDeALL "People Olympics"
EDAD	German Ministry (BMWi) project to develop criteria for incorporating DfA into corporate practices http://www.design-fuer-alle.de/
DfA Italia	DfA Italia Quality Label http://www.dfaitalia.it/marchi
University of Chieti-Pescara	DARCY proposal
Norwegian Centre for Design and Architecture	
Zamek Cieszyn	Archives and Research Centre
Gdynia Design Centre	
CEDA	
ONCE Foundation	Amovil project http://www.amovil.es/en
DfA Sverige	Cultural fund applications

12. Date and place of next General Assembly

Pete Kercher repeated a proposal made at the 2013 General Assembly, to the effect that Design for All Italia invites EIDD to hold its 2015 Annual Conference and GA in Milan in the framework of the Expo 2015. This still depends on the feasibility of the 2015 Expo. The GA decided to mandate the Executive Board to make the final decision.

13. Closure

The President Ewa Golebiowska thanked the assembled members for their hard and constructive work and closed the General Assembly at 13.00.