



Draft Minutes of the
Contact Committee CERP / PostEurop
Doha, 29 September 2012 (17.00-19.00 hours)

Participants:

CERP:

Ulrich Dammann, Germany, CERP Chair
Anna Karolak, Poland, CERP Vice-Chair
Egil Thorstensen, Norway, CERP Vice-Chair
Andreas Hach, Austria, Vice-Chair CERP WG Policy

PostEurop:

Jean-Paul Forceville, La Poste, Chairman of the Management Board of PE
Jan Sertons, PostNL, Vice-Chairman of the Management Board of PE
Elena Fernandez, Correos Spain
Wiesława Mazarska, Poczta Polska
Botond Szebeny, Secretary General, PE

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. Cooperation in Preparation of UPU Congress Doha

The participants agreed that the cooperation and information process in preparation of the Doha Congress was a good exercise and should be continued/renewed for future Congresses. The biggest obstacle was the late dispatch of documents by the International Bureau of the UPU so that it was difficult to receive member opinions in time. Possible exchange of views might be organised also before CA/POC meetings in relation to regulatory topics. For common positions we should focus on the 10 - 15 key proposals only.

3. Experience with the “Code of Conduct”

CERP experienced that the majority of members felt uneasy to submit their opinions within the relative short timeframe. For future exercises it might be valuable to communicate and to explain to all CERP members “difficult” proposals in order to get a better understanding and awareness instead of trying to get some common opinion. PostEurop received opinions from 24 members on the last batch of proposals which is to be seen as a reasonable response rate.

4. Chairmanship of Committees and Working Groups in CA and POC

The procedure of the appointment of the chairs of Committees and Working Groups in CA and POC by the ad hoc group, composed of the committee chairs together with the outgoing and coming Director Generals and Deputy Director Generals, was explained. It was agreed that a close follow-up of this appointment process will be done.

5. Congress proposal “Items for the blind”

The proposal 20.7.1 regarding the change in wording from “literature for the blind” to “items for the blind” was introduced by the vice-chair of CERP WG Policy Andreas Hach. He highlighted that the consequences of the change of wording are not clear at all and that prior to any change a study should be undertaken.

6. Common interests and projects for the future

The contact committee indicated VAT, the Green Paper on E-Commerce, the future development of the Postal Directive and Postal Standardization as possible areas of future common interest.

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PostEurop will relocate their office in December this year. Furthermore PostEurop informed about a letter send to the ERGP chairman regarding the limited timeframe within the consultation process on ERGP documents. The PostEurop Chairman, Jean-Paul Forceville, will attend the CERP Plenary in Cyprus and agreed to participate in the panel discussion “UPU-Quo Vadis?”.

7. Next meetings

The next meeting of the Contact Committee will be organised in spring 2013, venue and date to be decided later on.

Bonn, 29 October 2012

U. Dammann
CERP Chairman