



EUROCAPITALES INTERNATIONAL

Minutes of the Fourth Ordinary General Meeting dated June 13, 2026 held in Helsinki and by Zoom

On June 13, 2026 at 15:30 p.m. (Helsinki time), the members of EUROCAPITALES INTERNATIONAL association met at Hotel Hilton Kalastajatorppa, Helsinki, Finland, for its Fourth Ordinary General Assembly, in the presence of:

Jean-Paul Doguet (Chairman of Eurocapitales International), Stavros Vardalas, Nikolaos Vardalas and Polixeni Gorou (Europe House Byron Athens), Ilari Rantakari, Jani Johansson, Päivi Isotalus, Eero Minkkinen, Eeva Maria Parviainen, Pertti Räisänen, Tuomas TalviOja, Ritva Näränen, Liviu Iuliu Petrila, Inka Kervinen (European Movement in Helsinki), Marianna TalviOja (JEF Finland), Diane Dombre (JEF France), Kati Schneeberger (European Youth Federation, Vienna), Maria-Luise Feser, Cécile and Jean-Claude Houdoin, Jean-Louis Rizzoli, Danielle Letellier, Marie-Ange Mattiello, Danielle Schön and Marja-Liisa Strebel-Stigell (Eurocapitales Paris).

The Ordinary General Meeting appoints Mr. Jean-Paul Doguet as session chairman and Mrs. Maria-Luise Feser as session secretary.

The Ordinary General Meeting is called to decide on the following agenda:

1. Presentation and approval of the annual moral report for the 2025 financial year,
2. Adoption of the draft programme for 2026-2027,
3. Presentation of the financial report for the 2025 financial year and approval of the accounts, financial situation as of end of May 2026,
4. Admission of new members and vote on the renewal/reappointment of the Management Committee and the Board,
5. Miscellaneous matters.

The Chairman, Jean-Paul Doguet, opens the meeting and presents the annual moral report for 2025-26, followed by the draft programme for 2026-27.

MORAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2025

1. Presentation of the annual moral report for the 2025

I am happy and proud to open this fourth ordinary general assembly of our association EUROCAPITALES INTERNATIONAL, founded 4 years ago in Paris, on the 19th of September 2022.

We held last year our 25th EUROCAPITALES Meeting in Riga, the 27th, 28th and 29th of June 2025 at the Hotel MARIOTT. On Friday, the 27th of June, we had a welcome reception on the ground floor of the hotel. Then on Saturday, the 28th, we had our working session in the morning at 10 a.m. local time, after addresses by Stavros Vardalas and Jean-Paul Doguet.

The Morning session was opened by Jean-Claude Houdoin (Eurocapitales Paris) who treated the question: **France and Security of Baltic States: Can French nuclear umbrella extend to Latvia?** And then Tyyne Karjalainen, from the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA), spoke

about **Ukraine and European security** and Vaiva Bauze (Producer of IDFF Artdocfest/Riga) on **Art, Culture and Entertainment under the Shadow of War-The Latvian Perspective**.

We had lunch at 1 p.m. and then started our Afternoon session, opened by Nikos Vardalas (lawyer from the Europe House Byron in Athens) regarding the topic: **Trump's trade initiatives and the impact on Greece and developing countries**. Then Jean-Paul Doguet, post-graduate lecturer in Philosophy, and Chairman of Eurocapitales, held the floor on the issue: **France, the EU and the current trade war**.

After that we held our third Ordinary General Assembly at 5.30 p.m. In the end all the following matters were approved: the moral report for 2024-25, the draft programme for 2026 and the financial report for the 2024-25 financial year and the accounts.

A new member was admitted, Mrs Kati SCHNEEBERGER, Vienna, Austria.

The Management Committee was re-elected unchanged and keeps its 9 Members.

We had dinner at the hotel at 9 p.m. Sunday, the 29th of June 2025, was devoted to tourism in Riga. We made a boat roundtrip on the Daugava River.

We held three Management Committee meetings by Zoom in order to coordinate our actions, Sunday the 7th of September 2025, the 11th of January and on Sunday also the 19th of April 2026. And our partners in Helsinki organized the third Eurocapitales pan-European webinar about the **Challenge of Hybrid wars in Europe**. We had three speakers, **Tapio Pyysalo**, Head of International Relations at Hybrid CoE (The European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats), who treated the following topic: **Countering hybrid attacks**.

Then the Austrian **Dietmar Pichler**, analyst specializing in disinformation, Founder of the Disinfo Resilience Network, Head analyst and Editor at platform inved.eu, tackled the topic **Geopolitics of Disinformation**.

And one French military, Captain **Yann Briand** (from the Navy) talked about **The French organization to face hybrid strategies**. Yann Briand is Assistant Director of International Affairs at the General Secretariat for Defence and National Security (SGDN), Paris.

The moral report for the year 2025 was unanimously approved.

2. Adoption of the draft programme for 2026-27

For the year to come Eurocapitales will organize two events: our next Meeting (the 27th) possibly in June 2027. There are several options for the city: Vienna or Athens? We have to decide it. Another event will be our annual webinar due to take place on Friday the 25th of September 2026. The topic treated will be **Europe and the challenge of new space** and we look forward to having 3 speakers, one Frenchman, possibly one Finn and one German. We have invited the French astronaut Thomas Pesquet, by using the ESA website, but our request has remained until now unanswered. We would like our Finnish friends to get in touch with a Finnish speaker.

And in the end, we are here in Helsinki Finland, thanks to our members **Ilari Rantakari** and **Jani Johansson** and to our Finnish partners who made it possible: organizing a new Multilateral Meeting for this year. I would like to express our deep gratitude to everybody. All the knots of our network are precious. We look forward to seeing each other and some more European friends next year at our next 27th Meeting. We will be also delighted if some more members will join our association.

As a conclusion, let me express my pride and gratitude for this event we are now attending today. The pride is for us all, and the gratitude goes to all our members and partners. I think that creating a permanent association was a good option for our network and I look forward to attending some more meetings within that frame. Some partners come and some other ones go, that's life. But the main thing is that the network goes on.

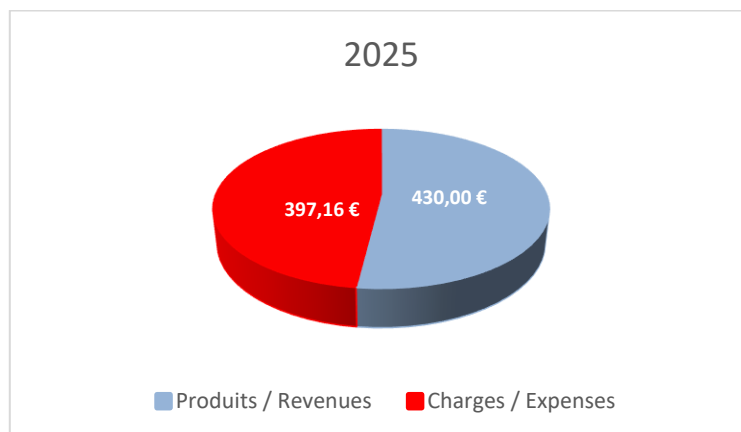
The draft programme for 2026-27 was unanimously adopted.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT from January 1 to December 31 2025, and May 31 2026

Then Cécile Houdoin, our treasurer, presented the financial report at 31 December 2025:

“Our association aims to bring together representatives from European associations across the continent by encouraging exchanges between European citizens, either through video conferences or visits to various European capitals.

We need to increase our visibility and strengthen the ties among our partners. To date, we remain financially fragile, with membership fees (see Annex 1) as our only source of income, the number of which remains modest. Currently, expenses are limited to bank fees only.



We recorded rental (€ 275) and bank charges (€ 122,16) and income of € 430.

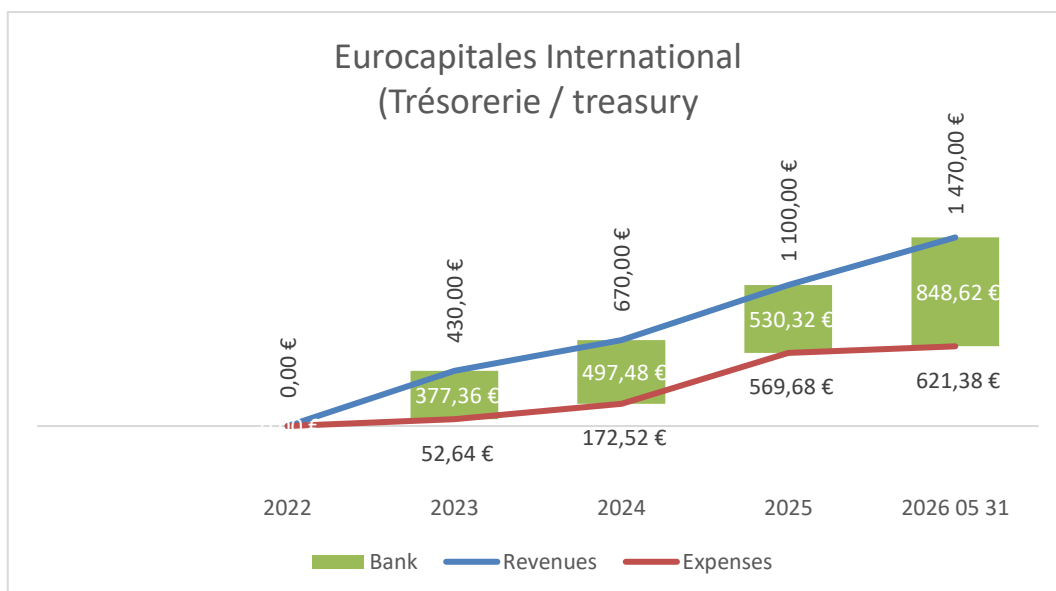
Operating account 2025				
Expenses		Revenues		
610 Subcontracting	0,00 €	750 Contribution		430,00 €
613 Rental	275,00 €	752 Donation		0,00 €
625 Travel expenses	0,00 €	758 Other income		0,00 €
627 Banking services	122,16 €			
Profit pending	32,84 €	Loss pending		0,00 €
TOTAL	430,00 €	TOTAL		430,00 €

The financial result for the year is modest but positive (€ 32,84) and we propose to the General Assembly that this amount be carried forward to retained earnings.

The financial position for the period is as follows:

Balance sheet 2025				
Assets		Liabilities		
		110 Retaining earning		497,48 €
		120 Profit of fin. year		32,84 €
512 Bank	530,32 €	total		530,32 €
		487 Deferred income		
TOTAL	530,32 €	TOTAL		530,32 €

At the end of December 2025, our bank balance was € 530,32.



Before presenting the resolutions to the Assembly, we propose to give an update on the financial situation as of the end of May 2026. Membership fees amount to € 190, and bank charges total € 51,70 (€ 10.34 per month x 5). The provisional result is therefore € 318,30 with a bank balance of € 848,62.”

The General Assembly, having reviewed the Treasurer’s Financial Report, approves the 2025 accounts as presented, which show a surplus of € 32,84.

The General Assembly resolves to allocate the fiscal year result to retained earnings, bringing the total to € 530,32.

The General Assembly grants discharge to the Treasurer for the accounts of the 2025 fiscal year, closed on December 31, 2025.

4. Admission of new members and vote on the renewal/reappointment of the Management Committee and the Office

According to the statutes, the election of new members and the vote on the renewal/reappointment of the Management Committee must be renewed every two years. This year, we do not need to renew our Management Committee and our Board as the vote took place last year at the General Meeting in Riga on June 28, 2025.

The Management Committee remains unchanged and keeps its 9 Members:

- Jean-Paul Doguet, Chairman Eurocapitales International, Paris, France,
- Ilari Rantakari, representing the European Movement in Helsinki, Finland,
- Stavros Vardalas, representing the Europe House Byron Athens, Greece,
- Maria-Luise Feser, Secretary General Eurocapitales International, Paris, France,
- Cécile Houdoin, Treasurer, Eurocapitales International, Paris, France,
- Jean-Claude Houdoin, Eurocapitales International, Paris, France,
- Olga Imbert, Eurocapitales International, Paris, France,
- Jean-Louis Rizzoli, Eurocapitales International, Paris, France,
- Christine Doring, Eurocapitales International, Paris, France.

The members of the Board are: Jean-Paul Doguet, Olga Imbert, Jean-Pierre Morizot, Maria-Luise Feser and Cécile Houdoin.

The official year for the membership contributions 2026 has started on the 1st of January 2026. As to the statutes, the Ordinary General Meeting shall include all Association members who are up to date with their membership fees.

The association has a total of **10 physical members and four moral members/associations**: EM in Helsinki represented by Ilari Rantakari, the Europe House Byron Athens represented by Stavros Vardalas, the ME Paris represented by Jean-Claude Houdoin and the Federal Union UK represented by Dirk Hazell.

5. Miscellaneous matters

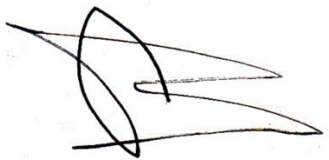
Our Chairman asked our Greek member Stavros Vardalas whether Europe House Byron Athens could host our next 27th Multilateral Meeting in 2027, possibly in June. He said that he would be able to make a decision in December 2026. Otherwise, Kati Schneeberger could host us in Vienna, or a third option could be Paris. Suggested topics: climate change, migration, AI and job losses, European cinema: a specific identity... If Athens: archaeology in Greece?

Concerning our next 90-minute Zoom Webinar in English, organised by Paris, it is scheduled for Friday 25th of September at 2 p.m. (Paris time). The topic treated will be **“Europe and the challenge of new space”**, possibly featuring three speakers from three different countries, France, Finland and possibly Germany. Paris has invited the French astronaut Thomas Pesquet via the ESA website by filling in an application form, but we have not received a reply yet, or we could invite a French expert, for example a specialist from the ESA. Ilari Rantakari will get in touch with a Finnish speaker, specialist in space.

Our next Management Committee meeting by Zoom will take place on Sunday 20 September at 3 p.m. (Paris time).

Having dealt with all the items on the agenda, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

The Chairman of the meeting



Jean-Paul Doguet

The Secretary of the meeting



Maria-Luise Feser