

EMiL Committee Meeting Minutes – 18th October 2010

(To be approved by Committee)

Attendees – Petros Fassoulas, Mark Paterson, Hilary Naqvi, Alwyn Williams, Eva Eberhardt, Bryony Hoskins.

1.0 Apologies: Chris Maddox, John Preston, , Richard Wassell, Aine McGuire, Nick Lowe, Anna Arki, Del Hosain, Catja Gaebel.

2.0 Last Meeting's Minutes

Approved

3.0 Past/Future Events

- **EMiL Social Calendar** – Future events have been replaced by the MEP Dinners.
- **Event with Romanian Embassy (14th October 2010).**

A very successful event, with 80 people attending, was held at The Romanian Embassy on the benefits of the free movement of labour in the EU and the experience of the enlargement countries. The event featured speeches from Dr Ion Jinga, Romanian Ambassador, Jonathan Scheele, Head of the European Commission Representation in the U.K. and Jean Lambert, Member of the European Parliament.
- **EMiL Dinners with MEPS's:**

Future events to include Labour MEP Mary Honeyball on 18th November and Sarah Ludford, Liberal Democrat MEP, on 2nd December. Both to be confirmed, with invitations to follow soon.

PF reported that a delegation of members from the European Movement in Oslo will be in London on 2 and 3 December and they plan to attend the MEP dinner on 2 December.

Conservative MEP's Charles Tannock and Syed Kamall have also expressed interest in being guest speakers.
- **Event with the Estonian Embassy (late January 2011 tbc).**

Discussions are underway with the Estonian Embassy for an event on Estonia's accession to the Eurozone on 1st January 2011. Possible speakers include Willem Buiter, Chief Economist at Citigroup. A date has not been confirmed yet but it will most likely be the second half of January.

4.0 Recruitment and Fundraising

Work on the analysis of the EMMA membership database will start soon. We intend to determine the nature of EMiL's membership so we can make our communication with them more efficient and provide them with better services depending on their age, background and exact location.

5.0 Communications and Members' Services - Update

- Website

The committee has appointed Alwyn Williams to act as Website Co-ordinator to deal with the technical aspects of the website. AW presented options for the setting up of domain specific E-mail addresses. The Committee agreed to purchase 5 e-mail addresses from a Microsoft platform. The approximate cost would be £6 per month, for all 5 addresses.

Estelle Rouhaud has been doing great work on the regular updating of the new EMiL website.

- Facebook

Facebook group membership continues to grow and is now 150 members. 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. Also event announcements have given us access to tens, even hundreds, of facebook users. Committee members are encouraged to post articles, views and commentary.

- Twitter

About 70 organisations, political parties, on-line news publications as well as private users are following EMiL on Twitter.

- **EMiL Newsletter** – October Newsletter has been issued on 15th October. See website for details.

6.0 Education Initiative

EMiL Research Group

The research project is proceeding well. A first draft of the different chapters has been produced and work is continuing with the intention of producing a final draft in the next month. This project is focusing on the benefits of the UK's EU membership for London in the following contexts:

- Structural and cohesion funds
- Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises
- Environmental Policies

The project will produce a 10-15 pages pamphlet to be published on-line this autumn.

Considering EMiL now has a research function it was agreed by the Committee that all research and civil society projects carried out by members of the committee on behalf of EMiL should be co-ordinated by BH and approved by the Committee as a whole.

7.0 International Activities

EMiL to consider hosting the Eurocapitales Event in 2011 or (more likely) 2012. The topic proposed is Food Security. A project group is to be set up to produce a work plan and budget. The Committee has asked PF to oversee the establishment and work of the project group.

8.0 AOB

Next Committee Meeting

Monday 22nd November 2010 at 18.30. Venue to be confirmed.