

## Europlanet General Assembly | Minutes

Tuesday 10 September 2024 at 12:00 CET, Berlin, Germany.

### Agenda

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1. Approval of the agenda
2. Approval of the Annual Report 2024
3. Approval of the 2024 balance sheet and the 2025 budget
4. Approval of the changes to the Europlanet Association Statutes
5. Appointment of the new board members
6. Discussion of the future activities
7. Date of the next General Assembly meeting
8. Any other business

### Minutes

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The meeting was held in person during the EuroPlanet Science Congress (EPSC) held in Berlin, Germany. The President, A.C. Vandaele, opened the session at 12:00.

#### **Board Members (Effective Members):**

Ann Carine Vandaele (President)  
Stavro Ivanovski (Vice President)  
Edita Stonkute (Secretary)  
Didier Moreau (Treasurer)  
Federica Duras (Vice Secretary)  
Leigh Fletcher  
Livia Giacomini  
Melissa Mirino  
Luca Montabone

**Apologies:** Julia de Leon (Board Member), Angelo Pio Rossi (outgoing Vice President)

#### **Were also present:**

Anita Heward (Sustainability Working Group and Incoming Vice President)  
Nigel Mason (Sustainability Working Group)  
Arianna Piccialli (Diversity Committee)  
Lena Noack (EPSC Chair)  
Noah Jäggi (EPSC Vice Chair)  
Members of the Europlanet Society

With 4 Effective members of the Europlanet AISBL present or represented from a total of 5, and 9 Executive Board members on 11, the General Assembly can be validly held, including the discussion on the changes of statutes. The different items on the agenda were treated successively.

The Europlanet AISBL and Europlanet Society President, A.C. Vandaele, welcomed participants to the Europlanet General Assembly.

## 1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda was presented to the participants. The agenda was approved by the members present as well as by members who had access to the voting system earlier.

The President gave an introduction to the Europlanet Society. Anita Heward of the Sustainability Working Group reminded the audience of the steps leading to the formation of the AISBL in 2023, and the purpose of creating a legal structure for Europlanet. She described the Sustainability Plan of Europlanet, including how the changes in the Society Membership, allowing for new organizational membership associated with increased benefits.

## 2. Approval of the Annual Report for 2023

The Europlanet Annual Report 2024 had been shared with all members beforehand. A summary was presented during the General Assembly. Anita Heward reminded participants of the range of available communication and dissemination channels for Europlanet. Stavro Ivanovski presents a survey that will soon be launched on the activity priorities in the coming years. The 2024 activities of the different committees and working groups were presented:

- Diversity Committee by Arianna Piccialli
- Outreach Working Group by Federica Duras
- Europlanet Early Career Network (EPEC) by Melissa Mirino
- Regional Hubs by Edita Stonkute
- Policy and Industry Working Group by Edita Stonkute

A poll to approve the Annual Report was launched previously. The motion was carried.

## 3. Approval of the 2024 balance sheet and the 2025 budget

On behalf of the Treasurer, Anita Heward presented projects funded through the Europlanet Society in the past year. She gave an overview of the Europlanet Society's income and expenses.

The balance and budget were part of the Annual Report that was shared beforehand with the members. As the Annual Report was accepted in its entirety, the motion on budget was carried.

## 4. Appointment of the new board members

The results of the election of the new Board Members for the Europlanet Society were revealed as:

- New Vice President: Anita Heward

No other position was opened this year

Participants congratulated the new Board Member. 116 members of the Europlanet Society voted in the elections. The full details of the results can be found at:

<https://vote.electionrunner.com/election/6CA4r/results>

The composition of the Europlanet AISBL executive board has been adopted:

- ✓ President: Ann C. Vandaele

- ✓ Vice-presidents: Anita Heward, Stavro Ivanovski
- ✓ Secretary: Edita Stonkutè
- ✓ Treasurer: Didier Moreau

In the coming weeks, A.C. Vandaele will submit the new composition of the committee to the Belgian Monitor, and to the UBO database (Ultimate Beneficial Owner - <https://financien.belgium.be/nl/E-services/Ubo-register>).

## 5. Approval of the changes to the Europlanet Society constitution

The motion to approve changes to the Europlanet Society's statutes was included in the ballot for the new Board members. The main changes were introduced to align the Europlanet AISBL statutes to the Europlanet Constitution while respecting the Belgian law. 126 votes were cast for the motion, exceeding the 50 required for quorum under the Society's constitution. One vote was cast against it, and 16 abstained (<https://vote.electionrunner.com/election/6CA4r/results>). The motion was carried.

Thus, the following are considered Effective Members of the AISBL:

- ✓ Ann C. Vandaele
- ✓ Anita Heward
- ✓ Stavro Ivanovski
- ✓ Didier Moreau
- ✓ Federica Duras
- ✓ Edita Stonkute
- ✓ Leigh Fletcher
- ✓ Livia Giacomini
- ✓ Melissa Mirino
- ✓ Luca Montabone
- ✓ Julia de Leon

## 6. Discussion of the future activities

Anita Heward, Chair of the new Sustainability Working Group, reported on the results of the discussions of the working group relative to the future activities and the new sustainability plan for the next years. The Sustainability plan was sent beforehand to all members. 126 votes were cast for the motion, exceeding the 50 required for quorum under the Society's constitution. One vote was cast against it, and 18 abstained (<https://vote.electionrunner.com/election/6CA4r/results>). The plan was carried.

## 7. Date of the next General Assembly meeting

The next General Assembly will be held during EPSC2025 in Helsinki, Finland in September 2025.

## 8. Any other business

The meeting is adjourned at 13h30.

On behalf of the Board of Administrators

Uccle, 10 October 2024

A.C. Vandaele  
President