

Draft agenda discussion

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Dear Professor De Zwaan,

Thank you for your thoughts and suggestions regarding the forthcoming meeting. I think that we can build upon the ideas which we discussed during our recent meeting at MGIMO. My personal view is that the present draft of the agenda is worth staying in its present form. I am not sure if to introduce different changes now and to coordinate them with the members of the Board in the time left will make the agenda much better. As far as I understand there is no substantial divisions in views. Also I wonder if it is possible to distribute papers which became the basis for the decisions taken at the Berlin meeting of the Board members. I think it may be a good idea as well to circulate a draft of the paper which we discussed with you in Moscow and which I signed.

With best regards,
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Dear colleagues,

I hope you all have had lovely summer holidays and are doing well.

With regard to the proposed Agenda of our Governing Board meeting of 27 October next (Annex to the message of Tamara Shashikhina of 30 July last) I have the following observations:

1. Referring to our Governing Board discussion of 18 April, I send you -on behalf of all EU members of the Board- annexed an elaborated document regarding the creation of an Executive Committee. [The earlier version of this document was handed over by me to Rector Torkunov and Director Entin on 26 September last in Moscow.] We would like to have this subject matter discussed as one of the main themes of the meeting of 18 April, for ‘discussion and decision making’ (therefore not purely for an ‘exchange of views’ as presently mentioned in the draft-agenda).
2. I am wondering what the meaning is of Point 1 (personal contribution of Governing Board members). Rather than discussing the personal contribution of Governing Board members it would be better, seems to me, to discuss the way the Governing Board itself is functioning. [See for example the discussion regarding the Executive Committee.]
3. I propose to deal with the subject matters 2.4 (EU Deputy Director) and 2.5 (Alumni Association) separately, therefore not in the -general- context of Point 2.
4. With regard to the Points 2.1 (students), 2.2 (programme) and 2.3 (seminars, conferences) I hope to receive relevant written documentation regarding these substance matters before the Governing Board meeting, in order to be able to study the texts.
5. Points 3.1 and 3.2 concern the same subject matter.
6. I put a question mark with Point 3.4 (Committee of ethic). What is this subject matter about? Is there a document available?
7. I support the amendments and suggestions presented by Gerhard Hafner in his message of 4 August last (see here under)
8. My final point concerns the minutes of the 13th GB meeting of 18 April 2011, also sent by Tamara Shashikhina –by separate mail- on 30 July. Apart from the fact that on several places typing errors have occurred, in my opinion the text under Point 4 doesn’t reflect the discussion we have had in the Governing Board concerning this subject matter. I propose therefore to change the text in the Minutes in the following way: ‘The EU members presented a document concerning the establishment of an Executive Committee. On behalf of the EU members Jaap de Zwaan provided an explanation. After discussion and on the request notably of Alexander Grushko the EU members were invited to draw up a more elaborated document, for discussion and decision making in the next Governing Board.’

My request to the ESI Management is to distribute this message to other members who I mistakenly forgot to mention in the mailing list of this document. I am looking forward to meet you all on 27 October.

Best regards,

Jaap de Zwaan