

EaP CSF Steering Committee meeting - Minutes

Wednesday, 6 May 2026

(online meeting)

Steering Committee members present (11): Lana Willebrand, Elen Manaseryan, Ruslan Havryliuk, Nino Elizbarashvili, Sergiu Gurau, Anh Helge, Hovsep Khurshudyan, Lasha Tughushi, Shahla Ismayil, Konstantine Zhgenti, Sergei Drozdovsky.

Secretariat Staff present (2): Andrea Raimondi (Director), Pascal Willaumez (Membership and Governance Manager).

Overview of main decisions approved by the EaP CSF Steering Committee

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- **10:00-11:30 CEST - SESSION. Delegate cycle 2026-2028**

1. **Delegate selection**

The EaP CSF Secretariat presented the list of 160 selected delegates for the 2026-2028 cycle of the Forum to the Steering Committee members.

2. **Guidelines to identify and exclude GONGOs**

Formal question asked to the SC Group: Do you vote for the adoption of the revised guidelines to identify and exclude GONGOs?

Votes in favour (11; Unanimous): Lana Willebrand, Elen Manaseryan, Ruslan Havryliuk, Sergiu Gurau, Anh Helge, Hovsep Khurshudyan, Lasha Tughushi, Shahla Ismayil, Konstantine Zhgenti, Sergei Drozdovsky, Nino Elizbarashvili.

- The revised guidelines to identify and exclude GONGOs were adopted by the Steering Committee.

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Secretariat Staff present (2): *Andrea Raimondi (Director), Pascal Willaumez (Membership and Governance Manager).*

Vote on the adoption of the agenda:

The Chair of the Steering Committee, Lasha Tughushi opened the meeting and welcomed participants, before putting the agenda of the meeting to vote.

The agenda of the meeting was unanimously adopted by all Steering Committee members present (11): *Lana Willebrand, Elen Manaseryan, Ruslan Havryliuk, Nino Elizbarashvili, Sergiu Gurau, Anh Helge, Hovsep Khurshudyan, Lasha Tughushi, Shahla Ismayil, Konstantine Zhgenti, Sergei Drozdovsky.*

1. Delegate selection

Discussion:

Pascal Willaumez, Membership and Governance Manager, presented the list of 160 selected delegates for the 2026-2028 cycle of the Forum to the Steering Committee members.

2. Guidelines to identify and exclude GONGOs

Discussion:

Andrea Raimondi, Director of the Secretariat, introduced the session and presented the revised guidelines to identify and exclude GONGOs. The selected delegates for the 2026-2028 cycle will receive the requirements included in the guidelines.

Lasha Tughushi underlined that having GONGOs in the organisation is an issue. Financial ties with governments are an issue as well. The adoption of the document will be a first step, but nonetheless a great achievement.

Ruslan Havryliuk, Konstantin Zhgenti and Hovsep Khurshudyan expressed their support for the document.

Shahla Ismayil underlined this was an important entry point.

Andrea Raimondi then asked the Steering Committee to vote on the adoption of the revised guidelines to identify and exclude GONGOs.

All the Steering Committee members unanimously voted in favour.

OUTCOME AND DECISIONS:

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- The revised guidelines to identify and exclude GONGOs were adopted by the Steering Committee.

- **END OF THE MEETING** -