

International Federation for the Economy for the Common Good e.V.

Annual Report 2019
01.01.2019 – 31.12.2019



Introduction

The International ECG Federation (IF) was founded in September 29th 2018 when representatives from nine national ECG associations came together to create a legal body for the ECG movement. They are united in the same vision - to live well in a world in which the economy is aligned with ethical values. The Federation will support the collaboration of existing members and sharing best practice and it will act as the membership body for new countries joining. It will also enter into partnerships and collaborations with other organizations at an international level which share the same goals. The International Federation was registered by German District Court on 18/11/21019. The association is thus legally qualified and starts actually its operative business in 2020.

Federation Members Council

Membership development

The nine representatives from the nine ECG national associations form the Federation Members Council (FMC) and are guided by the Vision of the ECG movement, its policies and code of conduct.

The member associations are:

- Austria - *Verein zur Förderung der Gemeinwohl-Ökonomie, Wien*
- Chile - *Economia del Bien Común Chile, Santiago de Chile*
- Germany - *Gemeinwohl-Ökonomie Deutschland e.V., Berlin*
- Italy - *Federazione per l'economia del bene comune in Italia, Bressanone*
- Netherlands - *Goed-Economie Nederland, Utrecht*
- Spain – *Asociación Federal Espanola para el fomento de la Economia Del Bien Común, Valencia*
- Sweden - *ECG Sverige - Ekonomi för det allmänna bästa, Gothenburg*
- Switzerland - *Verein zur Förderung der Gemeinwohl-Ökonomie Schweiz, St.Gallen*
- United Kingdom - *Economy for the Common Good UK Community Interest Company, London*

New Association entries to the International ECG-Community in 2019:

- ECG Belgium (already end of 2018)
- EBC France
- EBC Luxembourg
- ECG USA
- EBC México

These new associations are not yet part of the International Federation due to the fact that they are not officially registered so far.

ECG Bavaria became an associated member of the IF and is allowed to join the FMC meetings without voting.

2019 saw a strong growth in ECG Local Chapters. Particularly in Germany there were many new chapters formed. Also, in Africa we were happy to welcome numerous new chapters, including Senegal, Guinea, Burundi, Ivory Coast.

Membership Fees

The membership fees 2018 of 6 associations with an amount of EUR 100 each are paid. The membership fees for Austria, UK and Chile were outstanding at the end of 2019. UK and Austria paid in Feb 2020 after reminder. Chile applies for the membership fees to be released because the financial situation is very weak due to the social struggles they live in Chile. That situation will affect Chile association 2020 incomes too.

FMC Meetings

The FMC met three times in 2019 with the following key topics:

- 31.03.2019 - Annual Meeting in Munich, presentation of Annual report 2018, discharge of FMT, final approval of 2019 budget, mandating IT-transformation project, introducing OD team
- 31.08.2019 Hamburg, – amendment of §15 of the association articles were adopted, International ECG strategy paper adopted, IT-migration is adopted.
- 07.12.2019 Munich, – approval of 2020 budget, FMC guest policy adopted

Federation Management Team and ECG Management Team

The following persons are currently members of the Federation Management Team (FMT):

- Bridget Knapper (UK)
- Pedro Olazabal Herrero (Spain)
- Manfred Jotter (Germany)

The election period of FMT terminates in 2020 at FMC meeting 04/04/2020.

The Federation Management Team operates the business of the International Federation.

The FMT is supported by the International Coordination Team (ICT). Together they form the ECG Management Team (EMT). The areas of responsibility of the team are as follows

- Strategy (Bridget Knapper)
- Community management (Gus Hagelberg)
- Operational management (Pedro Olazabal)
- Product management (Anke Schwind)
- External communication (Christian Felber)
- Finance & legal (Manfred Jotter)

Overview

In 2019 the International Federation was focused to establish its organizational setting. In addition, we start to work out basic definitions and procedures of the international movement like the strategy, budget team, IT and Governance Board.

Activities of 2019

- Preparing and facilitating the FMC meetings
- Adjust ECG Movement Budget on reduced budget approach and adopt the Budget 2019
- Introduce ECG OD team as an advisory and supporting body.
- Coordination with the OD team and the issue of the Governance Board
- Start IT-review project. Adopt new IT strategy and start IT-migration project to implement new IT structure. IT migration was planned to finish end of march 2020.
- change the Articles of Association § 15 concerning the duty to set up a Governance Board. The Governance Board will be established by the General Assembly no later than one year after the founding of the Federation **if enough people volunteer**. The amendment was registered by the German court on 25/02/20 and is now valid.
- FMC decided on international ECG strategy: The first 5 TOP strategies decided on DA 2019 are accepted as main strategy for International Federation.
- Budget team is mandated to work out a budget plan 2020. The Budget transparency team is mandated to accompany the budget planning process and work out a budget process for period 2021.
- The international ECG-Movement budget 2020 is approved in time at Dec meeting. Please consider, that there is no International Federation's budget in 2019 due to the fact that there is no registration until 18/11/19. According to the articles §18.c "... *no resolution regarding tasks may be passed except the one resolution to register the Federation*". The international ECG-Movement budget 2019 was operated by the International Promoting Association (Internationaler Förderverein). In 2020 it was planned to hand over step by step the international ECG-Movement budget to the International Federation. From 2021 on, every international budget shall be operated by the International Federation only.
- Agreement on road-map and funding of extra costs. IF and Vienna association fix close collaboration for IT migration and funding of additional transition effort of Vienna association.
- FMC guest policy is adopted.
- Start ECG label project. It will be released by summer 2020
- Start online balance tool. A beta version will be released by summer 2020
- Product Management: Regular contact with hubs (German speaking and International Consultants, Companies-related) and working groups (Product Management Team, International Strategy Team) to obtain a global perspective of their work
- Translations: collaboration process with two universities (London Met University and University of Granada) was set up for translations into English and Spanish done by students
- Coordination with the hubs
- Co-editing the international newsletter
- Liaising with the International Strategy group and the EMT and FMC
- Participation in UNECE conference in Geneva and EU Council in Helsinki;
- meeting of the inter-party working group ECG in the German Bundestag, resulting in the first ECG proposal in the Bundestag;

Financial Statement 2019

Due to the fact that the International Federation was registered late in the year by German District Court on 18/11/21019, we see only reduced operative businesses in 2019. Therefore, we do not actually start operating activities until 2020.

After opening our bank account in early April, the first membership fees for 2018 period are coming in. The 2019 membership contribution of Spain (2.000 € as the first part of the payment according to Partnership Agreement) together with a 1.900 € contribution-donation by education hub (10 % commercial income fee) the total income amounts to 4,500 €.

Costs are bank fees (73,20 €), GLS bank solidary contribution (50 €) and founding costs by notary (98,18 €) comes to a total of 221,38 €.

The surplus as of 31.12.2019 was 4,278,62 € and will be carried forward into the financial year 2020.

Please find attached the Cash Audit report of our tax consultant and Surplus account at 31.12.19:

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Gewinnermittlung gem. § 4 Abs. 3 EStG
zum 31.12.2019

		€
Einnahmen		
Spenden	1900	
Mitgliedsbeiträge	2600	4.500,00
Ausgaben		
Beiträge	50,00	
Rechts- und Beratungskosten	98,18	
Nebenkosten des Geldverkehrs	73,20	221,38
Überschuss		4.278,62

Kassenprüfbericht 2019

Die International Federation for the Economy of the Common Good hatte im Jahr 2019 Einnahmen in Höhe von € 4.500,00 und Ausgaben in Höhe von € 221,38 gem. der beigefügten Einnahme-Überschuss-Rechnung zu verzeichnen.

Das Vermögen des Vereins beträgt zum 31.12.2019 € 4.278,62.

Alle Einnahmen und Ausgaben wurden ordnungsgemäß nachgewiesen.

Ein Verstoß gegen die Satzung wurde nicht festgestellt.

Hamburg, 20.3.2020



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Cash audit report 2019

The International Federation for the Continued Economy of the Common Good in 2019, revenue amounting to € 4,500.00 and expenditure amounting to of € 221.38 according to the attached income statement at record.

The assets of the association amount to € 4,278.62 as of 31.12.2019.

All income and expenses were duly substantiated.

A violation of the statutes was not established.

Hamburg, 20.3.2020

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