



EUROPEAN ACTION COALITION

FOR THE RIGHT TO HOUSING AND TO THE CITY

Plenary minutes Paris meeting

OPENING PLENARY SESSION EAC MEETING IN PARIS

CICP // Thursday 9th of November 2023 // 10am to 1pm CET

Participating member groups:

Habitat et Participation (Brussels), Action Logement – Bruxelles (Brussels), Right To The City /Pravo na Grad (Zagreb), Action Network for Housing and the City (Cyprus), Cypriot Movement Against Evictions (Cyprus), Aslido - Association of Homeless People (Ostrava, Prague), Aitec (Paris), Droit Au Logement (France), HALEM (France), Bündnis Zwangsäumung Verhindern/Stop Evictions (Berlin), Stop Auctions Athens (Athens), Bond Precaire Woonvormen (Netherlands), Habita! (Lisbon), Căși sociale ACUM / Social housing NOW (Cluj), ZA Krov nad glavom / The Roof (Belgrade, Novi Sad), PAH International Commission (Spain), Ort Till Ort (Stockholm), Mieter*innengewerkschaft Berlin (Berlin), Habitação Hoje! (Porto), Sindicat de llogateres (Barcelona), Zwangsäumung verhindern Wien/ stop evictions Vienna (Vienna), London renters union (London), CATU (Ireland), INN (Prague), Foundation FOR HOPE (Sofia)

AGENDA:

1. Distribution of plenary tasks (minutes, cleaning etc)
2. Introduction Awareness concept
3. Self-introduction in small groups
4. Group introductions – the burning issues and the relation to the EAC of the groups
5. Presentation of working groups and work done between Cluj and Paris
6. Common campaigns / statements

SUMMARY MINUTES:

1. - 3. no minutes

4. GROUP INTRODUCTIONS — what are the burning issues of your group, what are their relations to the eac

BPW Precarious Housing Union from the Netherlands

We are fighting laws in the Netherlands, we help people with few or no right to housing, we organise locally; we've been part of the EAC for 10 years; the main struggle is temporary housing and homelessness, increasing rent and calling for the ban of squatting.

Habita Lisbon

We organise popular assemblies with people dealing with a lot of evictions, we want to politicise people, but it is hard. The new government may be a coalition of far right parties that will make it more difficult for us to fight for housing. Underprivileged people build informal settlements that are often demolished by the state and we are trying to help them, prevent evictions and demolitions.

Stop Evictions Lisbon

We've just joined the EAC. Evictions are the main problem we deal with, they are escalating. We would like to make more international connections and learn from other people.

Action Logement Bruxelles

The main struggle is against the rising rents and evictions. We were formed three years ago. We are connected with an anti-eviction group in Brussels and we are also striving to build a tenants union.

Stop Evictions Berlin

Our main struggle is stopping evictions that are rising in number as there is not enough housing that is affordable. Gentrification, rising poverty are also issues that we face. We have been part of the EAC for more than 10 years. The majority of evictions take place due to big companies selling flats to individual owners (flats that already have tenants).

London Renters Union

There is no rent control in London, there are no regulations in relation to evictions either. We are pushing for rent control. We have been rebuilding the relationship with the EAC since the Athens meeting in 2022. We would like to be part of a transnational housing movement.

INN Prague

The biggest issues is the fight against temporary contracts.

Aslido

Our biggest fight is on the Law on Social Housing and how it is distributed. There are changes in the local government who wants to change the social housing distribution. The second problem is that they want to make evictions easier than before. The third problem is the increase in the price of the social rent. We expect from the EAC is more cooperation in

the region.

Movement against Auctions Cyprus

We would like to join with other movements, this is why we are part of the EAC. Auctions that we deal with are now electronic and we fight against the law that allowed it. We are struggling for the government to apply the European laws that protect the debtors. Lack of social housing is another problem, cost of living, utility bills. We've been working on spreading the organisation in the whole island and join forces across it.

Trade Union Cyprus

For us it is fruitful to participate in different struggles as a union, such as housing, women's organisations, etc. This is also why we are here, we would like to learn from other groups.

La PAH

We started as fighting evictions, but we moved to other issues — rising rents, turistification, gentrifications. We are supporting squatters, too. Mortgages are not available for low income households and there is very little social housing. Big corporations are buying houses and buildings from banks that are now empty and left for speculation. We've been trying to change the laws and collaborate with political parties. We've been part of EAC and we would like to participate in joint actions like HAD.

Casi Sociale Acum Cluj

The Roma people are getting evicted from social housing, we also try to push the local authorities to build more social housing. We are interested in international experiences. We are part of joint actions like HAD and we are part of research group of EAC.

Berlin Tenants Union

Our main struggle is rent increase, we are trying to organise people to struggle against them. We join EAC to share knowledge with other tenants unions, we would like to have regular meetings with them.

Halem France

We deal with alternative housing, we help migrants, or Roma people, we are conceiving alternative housing to the market. We are part of EAC to share experiences and practices with people from other countries. We are fighting against the law that criminalise squatting and alternative forms of housing.

The Roof Overhead Belgrade

We currently struggle to mobilise more people, the topic has lost popularity in public. We are trying to spread the struggle to other fields such as tenants issues. We organise a meeting of tenants unions in Belgrade and would like to continue collaborating this way.

Habitacao Hoje Porto

We help people living in social housing deal with different issues — evictions, repair, rent. We are helping migrants, too. We want to share experiences with other people.

Habitat et Participation Belgium

After covid some money has been distributed to people to renovate their flats, especially the poor owners. There are many questions related to how this law is put into practice and what will happen with it in the future. We would like to talk to others about what happens in that regard in other countries and how we can jointly fight this together.

Ort till Ort Stockholm

We have been fighting for better negotiation in social housing and with private landlords. We are interested in new methods of fighting the landlords.

The Right to the City Zagreb

The biggest problem is the false perception that people will be able to own homes and the lass of will of the state to build social housing. The government invests public money in private real estate and we fight this. We are also trying to push the government to change this and to introduce new housing policies. We are part of local government that is in opposition to the national government. We've been part of EAC for years, we see it as a way to share knowledge and better understand issues we are dealing with.

Catu Ireland

We focus on private rental market, high rents, housing costs, issues with maintenance, evictions. Our main campaigns are against legal and illegal evictions. We are pushing for more social housing. We are part of EAC because we want to share knowledge.

Sindicat de Llogaters Barcelona

We are struggling against evictions and rising rent. We are pushing for a law to ban AirBnB. We also fighting for more social housing and against privatisation of existing social housing

stock. We fight against real estate companies and their fraudulent practices. In the EAC we are trying to participate in joint actions.

Stop Evictions Vienna

We are fighting against evictions and we are trying to help people with low income, temporary contracts get access to social housing or not get harassed by private landlords. We fight against renovictions because new buildings are not subject to regulation. We are trying to tackle waste that construction giants make. We joined last year and we have been active in networking and meetings and we are part of working groups, we are interested in transnational actions.

AITEC

We do research in international context, we focus on financialisation of housing. We are part of the EAC meetings, we are part of the research group.

DAL France

We are a tenants union and we organise collective actions to help people in trouble. We organise protests, blockades and meetings of affected people. We organise squats, too. We face the same problems as others have mentioned — profiteering of renters, renters capitalism, financialisation of housing. We are struggling against the demolition of social housing and the government is proposing to make social housing inaccessible to the poorest people and they focus on the needs of the middle class. We are facing criminalisation in the Kasbarian Law and the coalition has helped us a lot mobilize internationally against it.

United Initiative against Auctions Athens

People are evicted because of very small debts in Greece. We are fighting against it. We are struggling against big urban projects that destroy public space, at the moment a company is cutting trees in Exarchia to build a metro station. I would like us to make a banner to support the local struggle.

La Fondation pour Espoir Bulgaria

There is no housing politics in Bulgaria and we are trying to work with different stakeholders that relate to public spaces and housing. We see that housing is related to other issues that people live. There is no regulation, no social housing as there are many homeowners in Bulgaria (a communist inheritance). There are however more and more tenants and people who cannot afford to buy a flat. As there is no policy related to housing, there are no movements

that deal with housing, gentrification, touristification of the city, etc.

5. PRESENTATION OF WORKING GROUPS AND WORK DONE BETWEEN CLUJ AND PARIS

1. TENANTS' UNION GROUP

In October, a meeting of tenants' union took place in Belgrade, with 20 people

Short meeting focused on organisational issues: how to start, how to keep them involved, it is dying or if it is growing crazy

> MINUTES of the meeting will be shared by email

3 unions from Poland (not yet in the coalition) joined. Together with others, they shared questions specific to post-communists countries.

Other members are joining the group.

The group decided it was better for them to meet in person to work on specific questions.

They managed to gather funding for this first event – an experience to be possibly reconducted.

2. HAD GROUP > ACTION GROUP

Work started in Cluj, with questions to all the groups

- who they were
- main problems faced
- main targets
- dreams

This input was used to build a call for HAD2024

Tried to find common lines to build the first draft of the call, that was shared through the mailing list of the EAC. Needs to be further worked on

> Decisions needed : work on the format / improve from last year / decide the date

Very few people in the working group, to be increased / members invited to join.

The group is also organising different campaigns, the reason why it suggests it is renamed as the ACTION group.

- organised the anti-kasbarian law online seminar > similar events very welcome
- solidarity with a group from Chile

- possibly working on the anti-MIPIM campaign (to be built-up)

Members are invited to propose solidarity campaigns

3. RESEARCH GROUP

Mainly two projects:

A.

- paper on EU elections, asked by Rosa Luxembourg / the coalition applied and was selected
- huge work from Anike in Cluj was done
- once published (edited currently by Rosa Lux)
- how EU policies impacts right to housing : money for renovation, money to the banks for mortgages, ... creates flows of money that goes to landlords and investors, it is really understand for us all to understand this mechanism
- a resume will be made and realised soon, the objective being to build a position

B.

- questionnaire to members on housing and energy
- based on this, the objective was to build a joint position, this work is a bit late, but should be ready for release in two months

4. AWARENESS GROUP

Several meetings during the past 6 months, mostly to develop the text that will be presented this pm

Objective is to make the team grow

Will focus on more long-term ideas/tools to deal with conflicts

Request in Athens to have a quiet space : prepared for this session in Paris

END HOMELESSNESS GROUP:

a discussion planned on Friday pm. But a very small group, meeting in Athens and in Cluj, but each time different people in this group. But in Cluj an agreement between Prague and Vienna (a lot of migrant homeless people from Czech Republic, Balkans, ...). Agreed to have a WhatsApp group, but did not work as expected. Supposed to organised a picnic at some point. Plan in to have the groups meet, and organise event together, did not yet happen, but hoping to make it happen. Willing to discuss how to exchange between groups.

> Proposal from the Prague group to merge it with the public and social housing group.

ANTI-EVICTION GROUP:

gathered anti-eviction leaflets and brochures on the website of the coalition

> build up an archive of anti-eviction tools

CLIMATE & HOUSING STRUGGLE GROUPS

discussed in Cluj, public workshop on Saturday morning planned in the Paris programme, objective to converge with climate movements.

PUBLIC & SOCIAL HOUSING

In Cluj, group reactivated but did not have the chance to further work on this since then.

Several groups participated in a discussion (from Brussels, Berlin, Paris, Cluj, ...) during two days after the Cluj meeting, ended up with a manifesto for public and social housing.

8 MARCH – FEMINIST STRUGGLES

Statement discussed in Cluj, so that there is a general statement that can be supported throughout the years by the coalition (not necessarily updated every year)

LEGAL GROUP

Not active for the moment

For example: French members asked whether there were similar laws in other countries

REMINDER:

How to join working groups?

- in the afternoon, groups will meet: good moment to join

- possible also to send an email to the coordination team or to a group directly to join

> Afternoon : group sessions / 2h per topic + share the work done inside each group <

6. COMMON CAMPAIGNS / STATEMENTS

About the statement on Palestine

With the discussion on the political statement on Palestine, some groups decided not to join the gathering in Paris.

A statement has been written to call for cease fire, as a minimum statement that will be signed by the Coalition itself.

A vote was open, to ask for an agreement on this new statement – more groups welcomed to vote until this Friday.

Another statement has been written by a group of members of the coalition, on Palestine. It will be signed by the specific groups. It therefore does not concern the coalition any more.

About political statements at the coalition in general

The way the proposal for a political statement on Palestine was made was not ideal – a pad, emails, ... - this is being acknowledged. It led to the escalation we witnessed.

Therefore, proposal to think of a procedure

- first, if there is a proposal from a group, a mail is sent to propose the topic to the facilitators
- invite to a meeting so that a discussion can take place in the first place
- if in the meeting, there is an agreement that some work on a text is required / agreed, then a group is appointed to write a proposal for a statement
- needs to clarify timings from the beginning – as there is often a form of emergency.

Needs to be formalised.

BREAK

Food by « La cantine des femmes battantes »

Started after the eviction of a group in St Denis from their squat

Then created this collective to prepare and sell food for movements

12 members / mostly women without papers

Important to stick to timing

INTERNAL PLENARY. REPORT BACK : WORKING GROUPS SESSION

CICP // Thursday 9th of November 2023 // 3pm to 6pm CET

1. **Tenants' union group:**

The group discussed the conclusions of tenant's union meeting held in Belgrade on the 14th of October. Most of the participants of this working group do not yet have a consolidated tenant's union, they are rather trying to build one. For that reason, the discussion focused on the ways to set up and develop a tenant's union. Former tenant's unions (such as Sindicat des Llogateras Barcelona or Londen Renter's Union) shared their experiences on how they organize in a local level.

Future common projects or campaigns:

1. Publish a brochure of the results of tenant's union meeting held in Belgrade.
2. Create video contents about European tenants' union movement, shoot interviews of tenants, speak about their experiences and struggles.
3. Create a common space for sharing information: a folder in EAC's Google drive.
4. Organize physical meetings.

How to ask financial support from EAC for these different projects? There is funds dedicated to working group's activities: first write a project proposal to the treasurers, if it is accepted the project should be presented and voted in the monthly assembly.

2. **Social Housing and End Homelessness :**

The discussion was focused mostly on homelessness. There were different points of views on this issue. For instance, there were strong disagreements on the Housing first policy/program. It has been suggested that the working group could invite other organizations to share their opinions and discuss about this policy. The issues regarding social housing have not been much discussed.

Suggestion : revive the social housing manifesto from the Cluj meeting.

3. **Action group:**

In the next months the group will focus on the EAC's two main campaigns: anti-MIPIM and HADs. The group will nevertheless continue to organize and coordinate solidarity actions. Regular meetings of the Action group will be held every 1st Thursday of each month at 7pm CET.

- **Anti-Mipim campaign** will take place in mid-March. This year, the campaign will again include decentralized actions and a main mobilization in Cannes, where MIPIM takes place. The EAC has expressed its desire to join forces with the climate movement in the organisation of this campaign. Proposal to organise a webinar with the climate movement in December

- **HAD campagin:** will take place between the 29th March till 7th April (It is Easter!).

The working group came up with several propositions :

1. Shoot interviews of EAC's members organizing for the HAD.
2. Organize an online meeting with non-member collectives that have organized HAD mobilizations in 2023 (or are willing to do in the future).
3. Suggested motto for the campaign : We are the neighbors.
4. A draft of the HAD call will be finalized during the Paris meeting and will be published by the beginning of March.
5. Invitation will be send to all EAC members to join the HAD signal group and meetings in order to help on organizing the campaign.

4. **Research Group:**

The group with finalize its two ongoing projects: the brochure on the energy crisis and the paper on EU housing policies.

New project idea : creates a map of housing struggles throughout Europe (social housing, eviction laws...). Use this as a tool of mobilization for the HAD campaign and show that housing is a European wide struggle. The form this can take : brochure or poster. Deadline : beginning of March.

5. **Closing discussion:**

Reactions and Interventions:

6. The topic of **social housing and homelessness** came up again during the closing discussion. There is a need to create a new dynamic on the topic of homelessness. Homelessness should be articulated with squatting and social housing issues. "Stop

evictions Vienna” proposes to organize a meeting with Aslido (and other interested collectives) in Prague to exchange knowledge on this topic.

7. **Monthly assemblies:** how to make the monthly assemblies more interesting?
Proposition : give more space to political discussion and shorten the time spent on technical issues. Monthly assemblies could start by a political discussion on a specific topic or an exchange on the housing situation/latest news on housing in each country.
 8. **Working groups:** a working group should be able to raise discussions and provide tools that are useful to all members of the EAC. Therefore, the working groups should constantly exchange and share the results of their work.
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3RD EAC PLENARY SESSION IN THE PARIS MEETING

CICP (and zoom) // Friday 10th of November 2023 // 10am- 1pm CET

Participating member groups (25 groups in total + one new):

Habitat et Participation (Brussels), Action Logement – Bruxelles (Brussels), Right To The City /Pravo na Grad (Zagreb), Action Network for Housing and the City (Cyprus), Cypriot Movement Against Evictions (Cyprus), Aslido - Association of Homeless People (Ostrava, Prague), Aitec (Paris), Droit Au Logement (France), HALEM (France), Bündnis Zwangsräumung Verhindern/Stop Evictions (Berlin), Stop Auctions Athens (Athens), Bond Precaire Woonvormen (Netherlands), Habita! (Lisbon), Căși sociale ACUM / Social housing NOW (Cluj), ZA Krov nad glavom / The Roof (Belgrade, Novi Sad), PAH International Commission (Spain), Ort Till Ort (Stockholm), Mieter*innengewerkschaft Berlin (Berlin), Habitação Hoje! (Porto), Sindicat de llogateres (Barcelona), Zwangsräumung verhindern Wien/ stop evictions Vienna (Vienna), London renters union (London), CATU (Ireland), INN (Prague), Foundation FOR HOPE (Sofia),

→ Stop Despejos / Stop Evictions (Lisbon) approved in this assembly

AGENDA:

A Technical issues

(new member, new facilitator, communication team, ceasefire statement, next meeting)

B Proposals / Strategy

(Housing Action Days, MIPIM)

C Budget

SUMMARY MINUTES

(full minutes with the discussions as written down are attached)

A Technical issues

1. New member:

Stop Despejos (Stop Evictions) from Lisbon applied to become a member of the EAC. Self-description see here:

<https://housingnotprofit.org/all-members/stop-despejos/>
www.stopdespejos.wordpress.com

They were already linked to the EAC via the collaboration with Habita!

Vote: the assembly approved the request without objections.

The assembly welcomed Stop Evictions Lisbon as a member of the EAC.

2. Facilitation team:

Eva is leaving facilitation team after two years of excellent work.

A call for applications has been send on the 12th of October (deadline 26th of October).

Stela (Droit au Logement) applied to join facilitation team (application letter forwarded to the mailing list on 30th of October). Stela verbally repeated her motivation and visions for her work in that position.

Vote: the assembly voted in favour of Stela without objections.

The assembly welcomed Stela as new member of the facilitation team.

The assembly gave thanks to Eva for her work in the EAC.

3. Communication team

Csenge announced that she wants to step back from the position in the communication team from January.

There will be a call for applications to join the communications team in November including the description of that position.

The aim is to vote for a new person in the monthly assembly of December (14th/ 7pm CET/ zoom), so the new person can start in January.

The assembly welcomed Csenge's offer to continue her involvement in EAC despite not being a member of a member group at this moment.

4. Proposal to implement a technical council

The facilitation team explained how and why a need for a 'technical council' came up in the last month. Basically there is a lack of transparent procedures and legitimacy in some steps for the working groups (when for example there's a need of immediate reaction at a short notice by funders and no possibility to consult all members). This basically concerns the funding of the EAC, administrative work, and advice to as well as problem-solving with the working teams (facilitation, communication, treasury). This technical council wouldn't take decisions for the EAC but only help to decide on minor procedural questions of daily work.

The proposal to implement board of administration or technical council as it was pre-discussed shortly before the Paris meeting with its preparation group was presented verbally and is documented here:

DOCUMENTAION: Technical Council (draft)

functions:

- *relation with (possible) funders (administrative and budget work)
- *support the working teams
- *address problems within the working teams
- *help with the administration of the association (the legal entity)
- *being able to take minor decisions (organize a meeting with a funder)

composition:

- *validated by the general assembly
- *persons need a minimum experience in the EAC
- *persons are not representatives but member of a member group
- *people with functions (facilitation, communication and treasurer) has to assist
- *and participate but are not part of the council

procedure:

- *to have a meeting there have to be at least 3 members of the council plus 1 person of each working team (to be discussed)
- *the council meets every two month
- *members of the council and working teams can call for emergency meetings
- *every 6 month we reevaluate the council
- *the minutes of each meeting has to be send to the general list

In the following discussion were made several points to the general idea, to the relation with the board of administration of our association, as well as to specific points (see full minutes).

Due to a lack of time it was decided to work out that proposal for a technical council in meeting:

on Thursday 30th November // 7pm CET // zoom

The results will be presented in the next monthly assembly.

4. Ceasefire statement.

There was an initiative via our mailing list to write a statement of the EAC in solidarity with Palestine. The draft evoked intense discussions and disagreements via mailing list. A zoom meeting was held in which it was agreed to make a statement as EAC to demand a ceasefire. The statement in support of Palestine would be written and signed by groups that agreed.

The statement was read and is documented here:

The European Action Coalition for the Right to Housing and to the City calls for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza.

In our work across Europe, we fight for everyone's right to a safe home and a good life. In one month, more than 10.000 lives have been lost mainly in Gaza, the majority of whom are women and children. We witness the destruction of 50% of homes in Gaza, as well as hospitals and shelters, and the forced displacement of population in both Palestine and Israel. We want to prevent further death and destruction. We urge everyone involved in the housing movement across Europe to get involved in demanding a ceasefire now.

Vote: no groups opposing the publication of ceasefire statement. Stop Evictions Berlin, Stop Evictions Vienna and The Roof abstaining. Decision to publish statement.

5. Next meeting

Decision on the city of the next physical meeting of the EAC in springtime.

At this moment there is no budget available for this.

Two proposals – one for Barcelona and one for Split.

Barcelona:

Proposed by Sindicat de Llogateres: they will have an international conference (academia and social movements) in collaboration and funding of an university in Brussels. Not sure on dates– some time during 4th-7th of April. Groups of the EAC and other tenant unions will be invited anyway, doesn't have to be the spring assembly.

Problems: the Barcelona proposal is during the time of the Housing Action Days 2024 and is during Easter holidays (France) – for some groups could be difficult to join.

Split:

Proposed by Right to the City Zagreb: for a next meeting either in Spring (potentially in middle of May) or following one in autumn. Could be held in Split in response to touristification because the coast is most affected by this.

Would involve inviting different groups fighting touristification and gentrification from other cities on the coast in Croatia.

Funding: Right to the City exploring possibility of funding from Goethe Institute, Austrian Cultural Found and the European network of Cultural Institutes. They could provide funding for keynote speaker and also possibly for technical aspects. Idea of including other actors like Inside Airbnb – in Zagren they are already collaborating with them.

Having meeting in Croatia could help with campaign against touristification as well as general housing policy fight.

Problems: There were several groups that declared the need of a deeper discussion and transparency of the founding.

No decision made on the next meeting. There need to be a clarification on dates (Barcelona) and funding source (Split) – suggested that this should be discussed at subsequent meeting.

Proposals/strategy

1. Housing Action Day.

This has traditionally been held at end of March due to coincide with end of winter eviction ban, but next year this is Easter.

Action Working Group has suggested period of ten days:

Friday 29th of March until Sunday 7th of April 2024.

There is still the difficulty that the MIPIM will be held 12th to 15th of March.

Question of including or how to put in a common frame.

On the ANTI-MIPIM campaign there couldn't be developed a concrete proposal for the campaign yet.

Decisions:

- **voted to have Housing Action Days from 29th March to 7th of April and separate ANTI-MIPIM campaign.**

2. Budget

General Situation:

Report on funding from FPH, the foundation that financed the EAC the last years. FPH noticed that they won't support the EAC in the future. The reasons are changes in the board and their general policy that they're focusing more on climate and less on housing. Furthermore they will focus more on associations from Switzerland and will minimize the support in other french speaking countries (France and Belgium – which they consider the EAC belonging to).

Their offer for now is to give a final grant of €40,000 for 2024 to end the relation in a good way and enable the EAC a transition to find other funding resources.

Also the second biggest funder of the EAC – the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation is in troubles due to the changes in the laws for political party foundations in Germany and it is not predictable if the EAC will receive support in the future!

→ **There is an urgent necessity to find new funding resources to continue the work of the EAC as it is functioning now!**

Actual provisional budget (April 2023 – March 2024):

The actual provisional budget up til end of March 2024 was voted in Cluj. Since the budget situation for the following period is uncertain, the treasurers and the facilitation team suggested to keep this budget and were proposing not to develop a new budget and vote on for now.

→ **The assembly agreed on this proposal.**

Report on spending:

The EAC has approximately €47,000 in bank account at this moment.

The report on the spendings until that point was delivered verbally and is as spreadsheet attached to this minutes.

→ **the assembly took off the balance sheet and approved the work of the treasurers.**

Actual provisional budget:

In provisional budget, as approved in Cluj, there were €10,000 designated for each physical meeting (Paris as well as the next meeting in spring 2024). This was voted under the condition, that we would get additional funding from the Rosa Luxemburg foundation (RLS). Currently there was no funding accessible from RLS. Decision was taken to take up money for Spring 2024 meeting for Paris so there was €20,000 in total.

Main costs for Paris meeting:

- for international travel for representatives: €6,500
- accommodation: €7,500
- food: €6,500
- translation: €1,600
- meeting venues: €1,600

- Also: printing, banner, travel within Paris

Total (expected): about €25,000.

This leaves a gap of €5000 that needs to be made up.

The suggestion of the preparation group is to fill this gap by reallocation in the provisional budget. That included €6.500 for working groups and nobody has taken this yet.

The concrete proposal is to use the money from the working group budget as well as the position 'unforeseen costs'.

Vote: decided to support proposal to reallocate the working group budget to cover costs of Paris meeting.

Regarding the budget of the Paris meeting it was also decided that the treasurers will ask for compensation for the expenses of the people who didn't appear.

Other funding sources:

Tonia (stop auction/ Athens) mentioned a request from an EU funded research project in Athens to collaborate with the EAC.

They've asked the EAC to be a partner including to provide information and will involve producing a paper. There are not more details now but they would like to have an initial indication of interest and then would work out details.

→ **The assembly decided to answer positively and examine details after.**

In the discussion were mentioned further points on the general funding situation and remarks to specific proposals (see full minutes.)