



Protocol to Ensure
Language Rights

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MINUTES OF THE 1st MEETING

SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Donostia

TABAKALERA (International Centre for Contemporary Culture)

2015/12/01-02



Minutes of the 1ST meeting

Attendance:

EWA. A. CHYLINSKI
MARIA DO PILAR GARCIA NEGRO
ELIN HAF GRUFFYDD JONES
JOHAN HÄGGMAN
DAVYTH HICKS
CONCHÚR Ó GIOLLAGÁIN
MIQUEL STRUBELL TRUETA
FERRAN SUAY
IÑIGO URRUTIA LIBARONA
ASIER BASURTO (Technical Secretary)
PAUL BILBAO (Secretary of the
Committee)

Special guest: Ane Ortega (UNESCO Etxea)

1. The basis principles of the Protocol

The Secretary of the Scientific Committee Paul Bilbao-Sarria has presented the basis principles of the Protocol approved by the Promoters and the Organising Committee:

2. Brief introduction of the members of the Scientific Committee

Each member of the Scientific Committee has introduced himself and herself. Member who have not attended the meeting have been also introduced.

3. Presentation of the Skeleton of the Protocol

The Secretary of the Scientific Committee Paul Bilbao-Sarria has presented the Skeleton of the Protocol approved by the Organising Committee.

4. Metodology

The Secretary of the committee presented the proposed work procedure, which received the members' approval.

5. *Speed brain storming*

Based in the seven fields proposed in the Universal Declaration of Linguistic Rights, we will have made a brief *speed brain-storming* to define the issues that must be



taken into account in each field. Each member of the Scientific Committee took three minutes to write down ideas, words and concepts that should be taken into consideration in connection with each area. In the end all the members filled in all the areas.

6. Defining the issues and key words of the Protocol

Following the brain storming session, Asier Basurto, the technical secretary of the committee, made a compilation of all the ideas and concepts. After this, the Committee worked through the areas one by one. The items listed in the brain storming session were classified. (See the Appendix for the complete list of ideas and the tabulation of the items.)

7. Work schedule, distribution of tasks, next major stages

Paul Bilbao, the chairman of the committee, explained the next steps in the project:

- The minutes of the Scientific Committee will be written up, and all the opinions that have been expressed will be arranged in order so for the development of the guidelines.
- The guidelines document will be conveyed to the Organising Committee for its approval.
- The guidelines document will be presented to citizen groups throughout Europe so that they can give their points of view.

Paul Bilbao also listed short-term tasks:

Before the end of December 2015

- The original minutes (writing up of the contents of the boards + photographs) will be sent out
- Section-by-section summaries/syntheses will be sent out. All will be asked to express their approval or suggest corrections.
- Homework and a calendar will be given in writing
- A Doodle will be sent out specifying the dates for the June meeting
- Roadmap texts will be given out (in the languages we have at present) to get translations and return these to us.

Before the end of January 2016

- A guide for completing the Protocol will be sent out
- Scientific committee members be invited to suggest specific measures for the protocol between January and May.
- The reference documents will be put on-line on the website.



8. Evaluation

The members of the Scientific Committee were invited to evaluate the meeting. This was done in the round with each member giving their evaluation. The most notable points are listed below. The participants' assessment of the project and of the Protocol was very positive. It was emphasised that in the future this will be a document of great significance and value. Participants congratulated the organisers for their hard work.

In addition to the evaluations, some items were also mentioned as being worth considering in the future, and these are listed here:

- The biggest challenge is that it hasn't received publicity yet. This will determine the impact of the document and the process.
- The process is very well designed.
- The meetings and logistics are very well organised.
- It is a very complex challenge. Highly ambitious, but we will really find out whether we're on the right track when we start taking more specific steps.
- The essential characteristics the Protocol must have are: orderly, intelligible, clear and precise.
- The project has been conceived of from an open-minded perspective.
- It has long-term perspective and ambition.
- Empowering citizen movements is the key to everything.
- The open methodology makes the process very good.
- The main thing isn't the text. We must make use of the process to influence and engage a new generation, and also for the actors around us to develop an accumulation of strength.
- Aureli Argemi is an essential reference point for this project. We should find the time and place to make mention of people of such calibre.
- We shouldn't leave it unsaid that adopting the Protocol must imply acceptance of the obligation to ensure that its measures will be carried out. It must be in writing. It needs to be binding.

The meeting was adjourned at 13:15 on the 2nd of December.



Secretary General of Kontseilua
Secretary of the Scientific Committee

