

Election Guidelines for the Regional Coordinators of Europe North - Europe Central - Europe South

Background and Introduction:

The last few years have seen a growing importance of the role of the ReCo within our organisation. While the role of the ReCo is now clearly defined (see Infofile Document O-16A Job Profile) the selection procedure, in the European Regions, remained an informal task of the ODC (Organizational Development Committee) with the input from the region.

During the regional meetings at AIM 2010 in Berlin, the trustees of Europe North, Europe Central and Europe South agreed on basic principles as regards the adoption of an election procedure for European ReCos.

These principles are as follows:

- ReCos are elected by the region
- 3 year term
- Election to be held annually at the ETG
- Only trustees vote at the ETG
- All NAs and PAs within the region can vote for their ReCo
- Proxies are allowed (only one proxy per NA/PA)
- Alternate rotation within the European regions (meaning that one new ReCo will be elected each year)
- Candidates can decide to run until the last day before election
- Since Europe North has just selected a new ReCo, the rotation will start in the following way:
 - 2010 - New ReCo Europe North
 - 2011 - Election of New Reco Europe Central
 - 2012 - Election of New Reco Europe South
 - 2013 - Election of New ReCo Europe North and so on

The trustees asked ODC to draft guidelines for the ReCo election following these principles.

This document circulated among the trustees for comments during the months following AIM 2010 and a final version of the document was adopted and voted by the trustees at the ETG held in Lisbon, Portugal in May 2011.

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Guidelines:

1. The regions of Europe North, Europe Central and Europe South meet annually at the ETG - European Trustee Gathering - to discuss issues of common interest.
2. The election of the European ReCos takes place at the ETG.
3. The ReCo position has a 3 year term starting at the AIM immediately following the ETG where election took place. This means that the outgoing and incoming ReCo are working together from ETG until AIM.
- 3A. A ReCo can be re elected for another term of 3 years, only once (for a maximum of two terms, in total 6 years)
4. The 3 year term rotates between the 3 Regions. This means that a ReCo for one of the 3 European region is elected every year.
5. All individual CISV members may run for the open ReCo position.
6. Candidates may decide to run for the ReCo position until immediately before the voting starts.
7. All NAs and PAs of the region that is electing a new ReCo are able to vote in the election. To check a list of all NAs and PAs within a region please refer to the document on the Organizational Development Department website (Member Associations).
8. Each NA or PA, that is represented at the ETG by a Trustee, has one vote. Only Trustees are permitted to vote on behalf of the NA/PA.
9. NAs or PAs that cannot be represented at the ETG by their Trustee may give a proxy to any NA or PA attending the ETG (irrespective of the region).
10. Each NA/PA may only have a maximum of two votes (their own and a proxy).
11. The candidate that obtains a qualified majority of 50% +1 in the voting will be elected the ReCo.
12. Elections shall be by secret ballot.
13. At ETG an election committee will be formed to organize and lead the election procedure in accordance with these guidelines.
14. If a serving ReCo is unable to complete their term or a ReCo is not elected then GPS is required to ensure the ReCos responsibilities are fulfilled until someone is elected at the next meeting of European Trustees.