

Dear President,
Dear Member Federation, and friends of mountaineering,

In the following, we would like to inform you about current issues and news about our association.

Erasmus+ Programme

We submitted an application for the EUMA project in **Erasmus + Sport - Collaborative Partnerships** in early April. (Call EAC-A03-2018).

The project name is "**EUMA - Improving Good Governance of Climbing and Mountaineering in Europe**" with a total budget of 395,000 EUR. If our application is selected in the challenging competition of many other candidates, the project will run over the three-year period 2020-2022.

The goal of the project is to cooperate among national associations, aimed at developing a key mountain infrastructure: mountain huts, mountain and hiking trails and rock climbing areas. The focus of the project is based on principles of EUMA, approved by GA 2018.

The project will share experience and solve problems in the areas of environment, access, maintenance and legal issues. A very important part of the project will be the interconnection of all mentioned areas to the relevant European institutions and active cooperation with them in setting the program priorities and new proposals in the area of European legislation.

The project is structured in an initial phase dealing with deep analysis of the issues, a strategy phase creating strategical concept of structure and mechanism how EUMA should work in cooperation with its members and stakeholders, and an implementing phase spreading the strategy to all member associations and their countries.

We count on the active participation of all EUMA members in the project. The project will be organized by 5 EUMA member associations: CMA, DAV, MMSF, PZS and ÖAV. The project partners will be, along with EUMA, the ERA (European Ramblers Association) umbrella organization with 63 members in 43 European countries and the Institute of International Studies at Charles University in Prague as a specialist in the structure of European institutions.

A decision on the acceptance of the project by the EU is expected by the end of 2019.

Financial Statement

According to the requirements of the Belgian government, a financial statement must be submitted within 6 months of the end of the financial year (which corresponds to our calendar year). We have prepared this statement and had it audited by the two elected auditors. The statement and the result of the audit will be sent to you in the coming days in a separate mail. Irrespective of the above, the final approval thereof within our association is subject to the GA 2019.

Daylight Saving Time (DST)

In the last GA we discussed the time change to permanent winter or summer time in Europe from the mountaineers' point of view and asked for your opinion by the end of April.

So far only 5 feedbacks have been received (3 for DST, one for maintaining winter time, one abstention). Thus, it is still to be determined whether a Europe-wide press release on this topic should be issued. Naturally, federations should feel free to take initiatives themselves.

Events

In April, there was a first meeting with ERA (European Ramblers Association) to talk about a closer cooperation. We want to continue the discussions in May; also we want to engage in consultations with the association Euromontana.

Membership fees

Thank you very much for transferring the membership fees. For a few member federations the fee has not been received yet. We kindly ask you to arrange for payment.

Future events

The next meeting of the EUMA Presidium will take place on May 24, 2019 in Korçe, Albania; on the following day we are invited to attend the GA of the BMU (Balkan Mountaineering Union).

Again, we would like to ask you to save the date for our next General Assembly: **November 3, 2019** in Cyprus (one day after the UIAA GA).

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With best regards,
Roland Stierle
on behalf of the EUMA Presidium