

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

We are pleased to inform you that on December 10, 2018 EUMA was finally registered in Belgium, and – what is most important – was recognized as a Belgian International Non-Profit Organization (“Association Internationale Sans But Lucratif, AISBL”)!

This means that a simplified financial report must be submitted to the Brussels commercial court by June 30, 2019; a tax return must be filed by October 1, 2019, if applicable.

The entry can be found under the link <https://www.companyweb.be/bedrijf/european-union-of-mountaineering-associations-union-europeenne-des-associations-d-alpinisme/vzw/696898973>

On January 18/19, 2019 the first meeting of the EUMA Presidium in 2019 was held in Skopje. During this meeting we had informative discussions with FPSM and BMU (Balkan Mountaineering Union) on current issues. We express our gratitude to FPSM for the excellent organization and great hospitality.

At the time being, we investigate the possibilities of achieving some of the aims decided upon at our General Assembly 2018 via an EU project, where application, however, is rather complicated.

We would like to remind you of the issue of “Daylight Saving Time”. At the GA 2018, the delegates agreed that the EUMA member federations internally discuss the issue under the mountaineering point of view and inform us whether steps should be taken to campaign for “permanent summertime” in Brussels and in public. As the issue has been deferred in Brussels, we would like to ask for your comments by **April 30, 2019**.

In February, the invoices on the membership fees 2019 will be sent to the member federations; the same amounts as in 2018 are applicable. The deadline for payment is **March 31, 2019**.

As regards the issue of membership fees in 2020 and 2021, the delegates at the GA 2018 in principle agreed to amend the fee system. A formal decision shall be taken at the GA 2019. Therefore, we herewith attach our proposal for the future membership fee system as the basis for discussing this matter within the national federations. **This document is meant for internal use only**. Please send us your remarks as well as the number of individual members of your federation as of December 2018 by **April 30, 2019**. [*Document attached for member federations only.*]

Please save the date for our next General Assembly: **November 3, 2019**. On this occasion, we again thank the Mountaineering and Climbing Association of Cyprus (KOMOAAP) for offering to host the GA 2019.

The next meeting of the EUMA Presidium will take place on March 4, 2019. 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