



MILSET Europe General Assembly 2022

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1 Introduction

The MILSET Europe General Assembly was officially opened by the welcoming words of MILSET Europe President, Antoine van Ruymbeke and MILSET President, Roberto Hidalgo.

All participants were invited to introduce themselves.

As per the statutes, only the members who have paid the membership fee are entitled to vote; 17 out of those 24 member organisations are present or represented at the General Assembly.

Unless agreed otherwise, votes take place by raising virtually hands and will be counted separately in the following order: in favour - abstention - against.

For a proposal to be passed, support from a simple majority (> 50%) is required, corresponding to a minimum of 7 votes in favour.

2 Approval of General Assembly 2021 minutes

The minutes of the General Assembly 2021 held online, on 7 October 2021, are approved (1 abstention).

REF: ME-2021-10-001-GA_2021-Minutes

3 Organisation

3.1 Procedure

The procedure to become an associate organisation or member is as follows.

An organisation can contact or be contacted by MILSET Europe if they share the same values and objectives as MILSET. A candidature will then be presented first to the MILSET Europe Executive Committee and then at the MILSET Europe General Assembly, where the present members vote on it. If the candidature is accepted, the organisation becomes an associate organisation of MILSET.

Associate organisation can be both governmental and non-governmental organisations.

After a year of association, an organisation may apply for membership if said organisation is non-governmental, the members at the General Assembly will deliberate on the membership application.

3.2 Members

Before the vote, MILSET Europe was composed of 33 members.

The following candidatures were presented:

- The London International Youth Science Forum CIC transfer from ECE Travel Ltd, United Kingdom, presented its candidature as member and was accepted (unanimously).
- WETSUS, Netherlands, presented its candidature as member and was accepted (unanimously).
- Georgia Young Scientists Union, Georgia, presented its candidature as member and was accepted (unanimously).

3.3 Associate organisations

The following candidatures were presented:

- Manto Circular Lab Italy, presented its candidature as member and was accepted (unanimously).

3.4 Executive Committee

The Committee is the coordinating organ of the organisation. Some of the tasks delegated onto the committee are:

- Day-to-day follow up
- Official meetings with organisations
- Follow up of the activities
- Communication
- Network development
- Missions
- Contact with the institutions

The current composition of the MILSET Europe Executive Committee is:

- Antoine van Ruymbeke – JSB, Belgium, President
- Gionata Pandini – FAST, Italy, General Secretary & Treasurer
- Denisa van Ruymbeke – SNPTM, Czech Republic
- Claudia Marín – ICIIA, Spain

The following persons were elected by acclamation vote and shall compose the MILSET Europe Executive Committee:

- Antoine van Ruymbeke – JSB, Belgium
- Claudia Marín – ICIIA, Spain
- Denisa van Ruymbeke – SNPTM, Czech Republic
- Gionata Pandini – FAST, Italy
- Tim Prezelj – ZOTKS, Slovenia
- Jasin Hodžić, Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Julián Cancino – Sjf, Switzerland

MILSET Europe President, on behalf of the General Assembly, expresses his gratitude to the people ending their mandate as member of the Executive Committee.

3.4.1 Meetings

The Executive Committee is holding a series of meeting between two General Assemblies; members are reminded the minutes of the meetings are available upon request.

- 2021
 - 28 January, Online
 - 15 March, Online
 - 1 April, Online
 - 19 August, Online
 - 29 September, Online
 - 8 December, Online
- 2022
 - 11 to 14 March, Jodoigne, Belgium
 - 4 June, Online

4 Activities

Due to the current pandemic situation, the large majority of events are impacted.

4.1 Expo-Sciences, festivals & forums

More information on: <https://ese.milset.org>

4.1.1 MILSET Expo-Sciences Europe 2022

It is hosted in Suceava in July 2022 by MILSET Romania and Cygnus in collaboration with MILSET Europe.

More information about the activities on: <https://ese2022.milset.org>

4.1.2 MILSET Expo-Sciences Europe 2024

It will be hosted in Sarajevo in summer 2024 by Richmind Park Schools in collaboration with MILSET Europe.

More information about the activities on: <https://ese2024.milset.org>

4.1.3 Other MILSET Expo-Sciences

- MILSET Expo-Sciences Latin America 2020 is postponed to 2022
- MILSET Expo-Sciences International 2023 will take place in Mazatlan, Mexico on 21-27 October 2023

4.1.4 Cross exchanges

One key benefit of having an established network is to established partnership with known and reliable partners.

There are a large series of cross exchanges between national science fairs and opportunities for more.

MILSET Europe is having some recommendation on best principles in these exchanges such as:

- Deal only with organisation, not participants or supervisors
- Host takes in charge a full boarding during the stay for a defined population/period
- Sender takes in charge the international transports and extra days/services
- Finance is balanced on reciprocity.

Some of the attendees showed interest to send and receive students: Belgium, Russia, Georgia, Romania, Bulgaria, Germany. Bosnia, Denmark. Maybe Poland too.

4.2 European Science Day for Youth (ESDY)

ESDY aims at creating a community around organisations with common interests by Organising an activity, spread it to the whole Europe through ESDY, and be in touch with the rest of the participants.

4.2.1 ESDY 2022

ESDY 2022 took place on 14-18 March around the topic: "Weather".

More information on: <https://esdy2022.milset.org/>

4.2.2 ESDY 2023

ESDY 2023 will take place on 13-17 March 2023 around the topic: "Magnetism".

More information on: <https://esdy2023.milset.org/>

4.3 International Science Summer Camp (ISSC)

ISSC is a one-week international science camp gathering usually about 60 participants around an engineering topic.

More information about the camps on: <https://issc.milset.org/>

4.3.1 ISSC 2022

ISSC 2022 is to be held on 1-7 August in Petnica, Serbia, on the topic: "Beyond the data".

More information on: <https://issc2022.milset.org/>

4.3.2 ISSC 2023

The call for the organisation of ISSC 2023 is currently open.

4.4 Young Citizens Conferences (YCC)

A cycle of decentralized conferences dedicated to the views and concerns of youth regarding the social impact of science and technology on the modern world.

Topic 2022-2023: «Our Future in Space»

More information on: <https://ycc.milset.org>

4.5 MILSET STEAM Photo Contest (SPC)

An online photo contest for youngsters between 13 and 25 years old.

Scope: scientific, technological, engineering, or mathematical concept or phenomenon

Dates: till 11 August

More information on: <https://spc.milset.org>

5 Finance

5.1 Financial report 2021

MILSET Europe's 2021 financial report only contains income and expenditure of the accounts of MILSET Europe during the year 2021. It does not include all in-kind contribution provided by the Executive Committee members, the organisations, and other volunteers (including transport, accommodation and meals, materials during the activities, the meetings, and the missions) who spent numerous hours of voluntary work.

On 31 December, we had 22360,83€ with a deficit of 3376,67€.

MILSET Europe owns one bank accounts in Belgium:

- IBAN: BE71 0018 8209 7969 – BIC/SWIFT: GEBABEBB

The income for year 2021 was mainly composed by membership fees, for a total of 6400,00€.

The expenses for the year 2021 have been 5478,91€, and are composed of the missions, the meetings, some administrative supplies, some communications. These are relatively low in comparison with earlier years as the rhythm of activities was significantly reduced by the Covid-19 pandemics.

The financial report was put to a vote and approved (unanimously).

Ref: ME-2022-01-002-Financial_Report_2021.pdf

5.2 Budget 2023

The total budget for 2023 stands at 8900,00€

The need to invest time and effort into networking at the European level to increase MILSET Europe's visibility and potentially increase the chances of landing a generous grant at the European calls is stressed upon.

Beside, following the pandemic, an effort to catch up and reinitiate the life of our organisation shall receive a larger support than usual for meeting and missions.

On the budget, the income from the membership fees does not correspond to the total number of members; this is because unfortunately not all members are in paying order.

The budget was put to a vote and approved (unanimously).

Ref: ME-2022-07-001-GA_2020-Budget_2023.pdf

6 Communication

MILSET Communication manager and MILSET IT Coordinator are presenting the communication aspects.

- MILSET Global Social Media
 - Promotion of Regional and Members activities and events
 - Regional Social Media
 - Branding for regions
 - Categorisation of posts (Regional and International)
 - Special cover video for MILSET Europe Facebook
- MILSET Website
 - Promotion of Regional and Members activities and events (<https://milset.org/milset/web/programs-events/submit-event>)
 - Admin access to region
- MILSET systems
 - Directory
 - Mailing platform
 - Promotion of Regional programmes
 - Registration system
 - **Virtual activities**
 - MILSET Live Streaming support for Regions
 - Software
 - Branding
 - Training
 - Success cases
- Support for regional offices
 - MILSET emails
 - Signatures
 - O365 groups
 - Training
- Newsletter
 - To be sent every two months combining all the events.