



MINUTES

Board Meeting, 1 April 2026 10am Dublin time via Zoom

Participants:

Sten-Åke Persson	National Association for the Swedish Archipelago
Anetté Larm Johansson	National Association for the Swedish Archipelago
Erika Englund	FOSS: Assoc. of Finnish Islands
Pia Prost	FOSS: Assoc. of Finnish Islands
Annely Holm	Association of Estonian Islands
Lise Thilleman Sørensen	Danish Small Islands
Spiros Argyres	Small Islands of Greece
Agneta Wackstrom	Företagsam Skärgård, Åland
Camille Dressler	Scottish Islands Federation
Ivan Matic	Island Movement, Croatia
Cathy Gill	Comhdháil Oileáin na hÉireann

Host & Secretary:

Rhoda Twombly Comhdháil Oileáin na hÉireann, Ireland

Attending:

Apologies

Luke Fraser	Scottish Islands Federation
John Wrede	Företagsam Skärgård, Åland
Aisling Moran	Comhdháil Oileáin na hÉireann

1. Attendance, Chair and agenda all approved:
 - Minutes 4 March 2026 approved
 - Matters Arising: none
2. Financial report
The report has been sent to the drive but may be seen here ↓



ESIN economy
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Membership invoices have been sent out

3. Chairman's Report & Correspondence
 - There has been progress on the drone project, with the first meeting taking place
 - There was discussion on the invitation to the SEARICA meeting 14 April. Ivan confirmed his availability to attend the meeting in Brussels, with travel costs estimated at around 250 euros. The Board agreed to compensate Ivan for

a previous cancelled meeting where he only received a small refund of 1.75 euros on a 350-euro ticket.

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- An email sent to ESIN on 1 April from ANSIM< GianninaUsai sparked discussion among the Board. It appears that the Italian group would like ESIN to be part of a joint presentation, a new organisation, to the CPMR GA meeting on 29 April.
 - Ivan will send a letter clearly stating the history of ESINs role in advocating for the small Eu Islands through the years esp with CPMR. He will make it clear that, in the Board's opinion, there is no place for ESIN in a new organisation but is very willing to meet with the Italian representatives at the CPMR GA in Italy where he will be participating in roundtable discussion.
 - It will also be made clear that Italy is more than welcome to rejoin ESIN.
- Erika provided updates on collaboration efforts with various contacts, including a draft protocol with Isabel Vera from FIS (Spain?), noting the lack of funding involved in their proposed collaboration. In reply, it is ESIN's position that, while we haven't funding for travel, we would like to otherwise collaborate.

4. AGM and event Planning

There was discussion around plans for an upcoming tourism workshop, as part of the AGM/conference agenda. Camille reported that 6 island groups have registered interest so far. The workshop will be held on Sept 23rd, with a site visit on Sept 24th, and will feature keynote speaker Benjamin Donner (?) discussing regenerative tourism. Pia suggested combining Benjamin's talk with Robin's habitability analysis presentation to provide a comprehensive overview of the area. The group also discussed including a site visit to see organization's implementing sustainability practices and having participants share successful examples from their own communities.

- Erika: Erika provided updates on planning for the upcoming AGM/Conference in Finland, including a proposed joint field trip and dinner with Clean Energy for EU Islands participants. Erika presented a proposed itinerary including the joint dinner with CE4EU Islands on Tuesday 22 Sept, a workshop on sustainable tourism Wednesday 23 Sept, a joint field trip on Thursday 24 Sept before lunch, followed by ESIN strategy discussions in the afternoon, and the ESIN AGM on Friday 25 Sept morning – with a possible visit to Utö.
- The estimated cost per participant was 155 euros, though this was still tentative pending accommodation costs and potential sponsorship.
- Erika is designing the Save the Date for the event and is organising the agenda.

5. AOB

- information about a new IMPACT funding opportunity for cross-border community-led local development projects, with applications due April 10th.
- Agneta informed the group about potential funding challenges for her association, which could affect her role as chair, though this remains unconfirmed pending

official announcements in May. If needed, ESIN will send a letter of support for funding for her organisation in Åland.

- The next meeting was rescheduled to **May 7th due** to a conflict on May 6th.