

Minutes

CEPSA Executive Committee (EC) Meeting

 Date: Thursday, 18 September 2025

 Time: 18:00 – 19:00

 Location: University of Warsaw, Room 303

Participants:

Agnieszka Kasinska-Metryka, Poland, Vice President

Simona Kukovič, Slovenia, General Secretary

Harald Edinger, Austria

Davor Boban, Croatia

Petr Just, Czech Republic

Zsolt Boda, Hungary

Ingrida Unikaitė-Jakuntavičienė, Lithuania

Jaroslav Ušiak, Slovakia

Boglárka Koller, President

Miro Haček, Senior President

Karin Liebhart, Senior President

Jerzy J. Wiatr, Senior President

Agenda:

1. CEPSA widening

The EC discussed further widening possibilities, including new members (Ukraine, Latvia, Estonia, Romania, Germany etc.).

CEPSA EC expressed its general support to further enlargement but with two conditions: 1. The candidate country shall have its own functional national political science association 2. This national association is already engaged with CEPSA (attendance at annual meetings etc.) and officially applies for membership. If this happens, the leadership will inform the EC and ask for the members' opinion.

2. Report on CEPSA activities

- 2.1. 29th Annual Conference's organizational issues were discussed. There were some difficulties with Exordo system and the methods of communication etc. Miro Haček, Petr Just and Simona Kukovič will prepare a proposal with guidelines for Annual Conference organization. At next year's conference the role of "Chairs" and "Discussants" of panels have to be determined in advance. EC decided to collect abstracts centrally and will keep paper selection in its hands.
- 2.2. An edited volume has been published by Vice president of CEPSA, Agnieszka Kasinska. CEPSA plans other edited volumes.
- 2.3. PhD paper award is a successful initiative, that CEPSA will continue to implement.
- 2.4. The journal of Polish Political Science Yearbook will be listed among the CEPSA journals.

3. International partnership

- 3.1. An MoU with IPSA was signed in Seoul.
- 3.2. IPSA would like to cooperate with CEPSA about 2026 regional conference in Wroclaw.
- 3.3. CEPSA successfully organized panels at annual conferences of IPSA in Seoul and APSA in Vancouver.
- 3.4. EPSA has also expressed its interest to establish relationship with CEPSA.

4. 2026 / 2027 conference bids

Two bids arrived to CEPSA leadership for 2026 annual conference. Petr Just presented the bid of University of West Bohemia in Pilsen. Boglárka Koller presented the bid of European University Institute in Florence.

EC voted on organizing the **2026 annual conference at EUI in Florence** (1) and **2027 annual conference at University of West Bohemia in Pilsen** (2).

The proposed time for 2026 conference is 24-25-26 September.

Other issues:

- CEPSA is a growing organization, more application to conferences and a higher rate of rejection is problematic and should be managed carefully.

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