



ESC General Assembly

Thursday 26 October 2023, 19.00 - 21.00
Online meeting

Agenda

Welcome by the Chair

1. Election of the moderator by the Membership Assembly proposed by the Board, and of a voting committee of at least two members.
2. Presentation of activities and results from establishing ESC until now
3. Presentation of 2 working groups
4. Q&A to all working groups
5. Invitation to join existing working groups
6. Proposal for new working groups?
(The proposer must find at least 2 more members, preferably more.)
7. Election of substitutes
8. Miscellaneous – the word is free

Closing by the Chair

Report:

Welcome by the Chair

The Chair, Rob van der Boom, opened the meeting and welcomed everybody.
18 organisations were present, thus there were 18 votes available.

1. Election of the moderator by the Membership Assembly proposed by the Board, and of a voting committee of at least two members.

Wolfgang Blüher was proposed as the moderator and was elected. Elisabeth and Michaela were proposed as vote counters and were elected.

2. Presentation of activities and results from establishing ESC until now

Rob had a power point presentation and talked about the goals of ESC (e.g. *to have a powerful alliance, have better regulation and understanding and acceptance in society of EMF risks for man and nature, free flow of knowledge on EMFs*).

Among the important achievements until now, Rob mentioned the very important registration as a non-profit in Belgium and getting a bank account at Triodos Bank Belgium (BE15 5230 8150)

4630). Also ESC has participated in a conference in Belgium in June where new working groups were established. This turned out to be such a success that we intend to have conferences next year in various areas in Europe. This needs to be held at EMF free places. So if anyone knows such a place in his/her country, please tell us.

Present working groups are:

- Health (including WHO ICD 11 group)
- Law and Politics
- Stop mobile phone masts (legal work)
- Have you say (in EU policy and rule making)
- White Zones
- Children
- Phone Gate

Working groups under development

- Education/Communication
- Networking
- Technical solutions

For other tasks to be done, ESC has established, what we call teams. They are presently:

- Website/Logo
- Press/PR
- News letters
- Fund Raising
- Conference 2024

3. Presentation of 2 working groups

Several groups presented their projects, not just two. The first one was:

1) The Law and Politics group (represented by Sophie Pelletier and Tobias Lotz), which started in Belgium in June. with the following goals: *Being aware of development of laws and politics at the European level concerning EMF implementation and to make proposals to the ESC's board to have a say and strategy for a citizen lobbying on the above.*

Their first campaign was about the Gigabit Infrastructure Act (GIA), which is a project from the European Commission introducing a regulation that will review and replace the existing Broadband Cost Reduction Directive and will facilitate very high-capacity networks (optic fibre + 5G) to be rolled out faster and at lower cost.

The Main strategy of the working group has been to focus on the lack of proper impact assessment on environmental and health issues + activate local authorities' lobbies and try to have the project postponed.

Successful achievements: Actions in several countries based on the French campaign (FR, NL, DE, BE, IT, SP, DK, FIN, CZ, SK, SW). Contacts with several shadow rapporteurs 'office and MEPs.

Present situation of GIA: Awaiting position of the council; not a priority for the Spanish Presidency (of the EU). So it is important to continue to put pressure on national governments.

Future plans of the working group: Trying to have the EMF issues on the table for the coming EU elections in June 2024.

2) White Zone working group presented themselves (by Kristien Pottie).

The white zone group has met and agreed to the fact that many people need a white zone. Then they talked about their strategy: How to approach politicians, how to keep the areas white, how to restore EMF polluted areas. They expressed a wish to work together with a legal working group about respecting Human Rights in relation to the UN Treaty on handicap. They intend to write a letter to support the development of white zones for ESC and ESC members to send to local authorities. The UN issues about incapacity could be included in the letter. The group also has the idea to make labels for public buildings that signify whether it is Wi-Fi free or heavy radiation environment with a star system from 1-5 where 5 is the best with the least radiation.

3) Education group came next and Jeanne from Coers D'EHS presented: The group is in the forming stages. 3-4 have volunteered to take part. The group wants to work with information about prevention. An idea is to build a data base – can be hosted on ESC's website – with data and documentation made out in easy brochures or booklets for educational purposes. Then we can all learn from each other and borrow ideas for our own campaigns and exchange successful actions. Please join the group if you are interested.

4) Health Group, Bettina Stöhr presented:

Current focus is to make it easier for patients with EHS to get medical help.

This would include

- to inform doctors and medical students/staff about the condition
- to compile information about EHS that can be handed out to medical staff.
- to try to get EHS into the ICD-11 of the WHO.

This code is what European countries rely on to classify illnesses, and that ends up as what doctors register, therefore a code linked directly to EHS would facilitate actions for doctors as well as make the condition better known generally.

The group is currently working on the third item of this list, the ICD code, The coming up ICD-11 has a new way of interacting with the public, which is a digital proposal system. Giorgio Cinciripini (board member of ESC) has already put in a proposal request more than a year ago. He has not put in a proposal for EHS directly, but start with something called "childcode". For a childcode you take one of the many symptoms of EHS, for example "headache" and link it directly to EHS and give it its own number, so the result is something like: "headache due to electro hypersensitivity", with the number XY 34.5

The proposal is currently under review in the WHO. You can provide your opinion in form of "agree" and "disagree" buttons as well as leave comments. Anyone can register and use this. Go to Giorgio's proposal and hit the agree-button. It could be a great support if people would do this.

There is a short instruction how to register and leave your opinion that is easy to follow. If you also want to leave a comment, please check back with the group before doing so, as the ICD-system is quite complicated and there is a clear risk that comments reflect that the person does not understand the proposal.

Also, there's lots to do on the other topics, so anybody that wants to join is welcome :-). Please contact Bettina from Gesund Vernetzt at wlaninschulen@posteo.de

5) Technical Solutions by Jolanda van den Berg:

The objectives are the following:

- Technical solutions to protect yourself (shielding products, measurement equipment, safer products, radiation surveyors)
- In public places (cabled connections, wi-fi on-off switch on every device, reduce antenna power at night, find alternatives)
- Technical solutions to get awareness (make radiation visible, give technical advice)

More possibilities for technical solutions here: <https://icbe-emf.org/key-issues/scientific-papers/>

4. Q&A all working groups

Q: Why should EHS be a child code, what if you have several symptoms?

A: We test it on 1 symptom as a start. We know from people who know the system that it works better with 1 symptom.

Comment: We would like to have witnesses to tell how others have achieved to get white zones. Contact Kristien on pkristien@yahoo.fr

Comment: We should be able to share with each other.

Proposal: Each working group could have their own place on Discord where they can work together. Petra and Magali are already there. Contact on Discord: PetraBertova/magalileisure

Q: Are there overlaps in certain groups?

A: No.

5. Invitation to join existing working groups

Per wants to join the Health group. (per.segerback@proton.me)

6. Proposal for new working groups?

New group proposed by Per: Smart Meters. Members: Per, Kamil, Marleen, Petra.

Q: Fibre net, it's hot and the router is high frequency?

A: It's emissions from the router when it's on Wi-Fi. It's not the fibre. You can buy routers with a wi-fi button to turn it off or get one that is only for cables.

7. Election of substitutes/deputies

Description of the deputy's responsibility: Charlotte: The job consists mainly of following the work of the board, attending board meetings so that you can be ready to come in, if anyone needs to leave the board. Keeping yourself up to date via the minutes. You can speak your opinion at the meetings but you have no vote.

Candidates: Petra (Slovakia), Judith (Spain). Marleen (Belgium) was proposed, Jan Erik (Norway) was proposed.

Petra Bertova and Judith González de Heredia accepted to be candidates, Marleen and Jan Erik not. The vote for them was:

Petra 15 for, 0 against, 3 abstained.

Judith: 16 for, 0 against, 2 abstained.

8. Miscellaneous – the word is free

Unfortunately very little time for this. The last 5 minutes:

Charlotte (Secretary of ESC) showed the website where all the members are presented. <https://esc-info.eu/en/about-us/esc-members/> If your organisation is missing on this page, then please send your details and logo to our webmaster Kamil (bartosak.esc@protonmail.com) who will add you to the page. There are only 21 members; we need the last 10 to be there as well.

Charlotte has made the mistake of sending open mails to all the members. This is not correct according to GDPR, unless we have permission from each member to share their mail address with all the rest. Please do not use these mails to pass on to others. If you want to get into contact with another member, you can find their mail address at their website, or you can ask ESC's secretary to get the mail address. **In the future all mails will be sent BCC for GDPR reasons.**

Closing by the Chair

Rob thanked everybody for attending and for giving updates on how the working groups are working. We are happy to have a new working group: Smart Meter! -Furthermore a great welcome to Petra and Judith as substitutes. As Rob forgot to mention it, Charlotte thanked Wolfgang for the excellent way he chaired the meeting.

Thank you – end of General Assembly

Signed by the Chair, Rob van der Boom, 8/11/2023

Signed by moderator, Wolfgang Blüher, 10/11/2023

Signed by reporter, Charlotte Ryø, 7/11/2023