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**Sept. 4th, 2023**

**EBU AGM 2023**

**Draft Agenda for the weekend**

Venue:

[Maison Notre-Dame du Chant-d'Oiseau](https://www.google.de/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&ved=2ahUKEwi_xt--343_AhUKcvEDHTyQARoQFnoECA0QAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.visit.brussels%2Fen%2Fprofessionals%2Fvenue-details.Maison-Notre-Dame-du-Chant-d-Oiseau.274348&usg=AOvVaw0ipnsYRf9s5-7iCi6UK_Sh)

Av. des Franciscains 3A, 1150 Bruxelles, Belgium

Time: Thursday Sept. 21st to Sunday Sept. 24th

*Thursday, Sept 21st::*

11:30 - 13:00 **Council meeting** at SGI Brussels

15:30 - 17:00 **National Unions Presidents meeting**, including council of the EBU

*Agenda to be sent to the participants by NBU coordinator Gabriela Frey*

17:30 - 19:00:

**All participants: 1st Session: Welcome and short personal introduction** **of everyone. Discussion in small groups: How can me make the EBU more relevant together? Possibilities for a strategy and activities of the EBU beyond 2023.**

Dinner

*Friday, Sept. 22nd*

**Meditation**

**Breakfast 08:00 – 08:45**

**09:30 2nd Session: presentation of SGI Brussels**

**10:30 3rd Session**: **Reports from President and council**

* Report by the President
* Reports from the working groups
* Report from EBU EU Liaison Office in Brussels (Carlo)
* Report from EBU NBU Network (Gabriela)
* Communication Strategy, EBU website (Moritz)
* Podcasts / Videocasts / EBU Magazine (Emilia and Martin Landschein)
* SASCE

11:30 – 12:00 Tea break

12:00 – 12:30 **4th Session. Overview of the topics of the weekend.**

* Elections 2023
* Future format of the AGMs

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 -15:30 (including a break) **5th Session**:

EBU meets EU: politicians from the EU institutions explain about the value and meaning of the dialogue with the religions in general and Buddhism in specific.

Guests: **Nicola Censini** (European Parliament), **Vincent Depaigne** (EU Commission)

15:30 – 16:00 Break

16:30 – 19:00 *"How do we increase sustainability in Buddhist Centres across Europe*?” Workshop with the Eco Dharma (with a break in between)

19:00 Dinner

*After Dinner: Candidates for the elections present themselves and their ideas for the EBU, Q&A*

**End Day 1**

*Saturday, Sept. 23rd:*

**09:30 7th Session: Discussions about:**

* Finances
* EBU activity report
* SASCE project final report
* Future format of AGMs
* Presentations New Membership applicants:
* Dharma Nikethanaya Center Milano (regular membership)
* Amida Order Association UK (regular membership)
* BRG Hamburg (associated membership)
* Compassion in Action (associated membership)
* Lumbini Garden project Association (associated membership)
* Elections

10:30 Break

**11:00 8th Session Legal AGM:**

* Welcoming of delegates
* Apologies of absence
* Quorum
* Clarification on which delegates are allowed to cast a vote
* Election of a committee for the minutes
* Annual Report of EBU activities approval
* Approval of Agenda
* Last minute items to be added to the agenda
* Budget 2022 accounts
* Auditors report on the 2022 accounts
* Agreement and Signing off the accounts
* Preview and Agreement of 2023 and 2024 budgets
* Voting for auditor
* Voting for new AGM cycle
* New members application vote
* Membership termination proposals
* Date and place of the next AGM
* Closing of the AGM
* Elections

12:30 – 14:30 Lunch Break

14:30 – 18:00 **9th Session:** **Buddhism and Education (with a break in the middle):**

EBU project and team leaders present the status of their work and discuss future developments:

 EcoDharma

 Buddhist Chaplaincy

Teach Peace

Contemplative Sciences

Windows into Buddhism

The guiding thread is " Education" which enables future transformations to take root leading to peace, harmony and hope among us European people.

It’s important to involve as many people as possible in order to strengthen the European network. The more people there are, and the higher the number of European countries represented, the more Buddhist teachings will be spread and learnt.

The session is devoted to the presentation of your working group within the context of education. These presentations give a taste of what you have been doing in your respective fields

      I.         **Working group presentations** – Duration 5 minutes per working group for a total of 30 minutes

    II.         Break-out sessions to write questions about introductions – Duration 30 minutes

A 10-minute break

  III.         A panel discussion – Duration 90 minutes

One or two representatives from your team will answer the questions raised during the break-out session.

Break

**18:00 Presentations of other areas of activities and sharing in small groups:**

 Ethics committee (Munisha)

 Buddhist Parenting (Sara)

 Mindfulness at Work (Moritz)

 EBU event team (Isabelle)

**18:55 Presentation of the minutes from the AGM minutes committee; agreement by consensus**

 **End Day 2**

19:00 Dinner

19:30 Social event

*Sunday, Sept. 24th*

**09:30 – 10:30 10th Session:**

 **Presentation: Gelong Thubten** presents and talks about is new book

 **Parallel: Council meeting of new president and council**

10:30 – 11:30 The new EBU president and council present their view and strategy, Q&A

11:30 Tea Break

**12:00 11th Session: Conclusions and final statements.** Outlook to 2024 and beyond.

12:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:30 **12th Session:**

, followed by a **Shared session with the BTE, the Buddhist Teachers of Europe**: How the EBU and BTE can find ways to cooperate in the future and create meaningful activities to share and spread the Dharma together in Europe

17:00 end of 2023 AGM; depart