



## **EDTC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

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**Date:** February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Time:** 13:00, SE

### **Proposed agenda:**

1. Welcome and opening comment by Chairman
2. Discussion regarding the relation with EC.

### **Those present (alphabetical order)**

Akin Savas Toklu  
Jean Lelievre  
Jørn Ryberg  
Jürg Wendling  
Pasquale Longobardi  
Phil Crombie

### **Welcome and opening comment by Chairman**

Chairman, Jørn Ryberg welcomed the board members and gave brief information why he asked for a Board meeting, earlier than expected.

### **Discussion regarding the relation with EC**

Chairman informed the members that Matthew Heppleston stated that they were unable to arrange a budget to organize a workshop during SLIC Machex Meeting of EC in 2018. They suggested EDTC to organize this workshop together with OSHA in near future. Chairmen asked for other possibilities to organize this workshop, since the suggestion would have taken longer time. He also reminded the aim of the planned workshop as producing a document that will include the minimum standards for professional diving at EU level.

Chairman asked the opinion of the Board members starting with Jürg Wendling. Jürg noted his hesitation about the acceptance of workshop plan by EC. He added that although the aim of workshop is clear, the steps were not set needed for such an organization and he commented that they might not be interested as EDTC does. He added that he had difficulty to understand how EC can have difficulty to arrange a budget for such and activity.

Pasquale suggested getting in contact with Politicians in EC. Jean Lelievre stated that he didn't understand why SLIC Machex did not react although they were presented about the status of fatal diving accidents during last meeting and he added he was not sure what direction EDTC should follow under this circumstance. Phil noted that he didn't know whether the problem arose from the budget or bureaucracy but added that Matthew Heppleston made sensible advice to go ahead to produce a document. Akin Toklu suggested the idea of contacting directly to OSHA, via the director of the organization, since they described themselves that they are an organization working with different committees in EU. He added that EDTC members would be the ones preparing the document for



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minimum standards, since nobody else has background to do that, therefore he suggested to work on a document even if the planned workshop cannot be held in near future. Chairman informed the members that OSHA is working underneath Health and Safety Unit of EC, in the organizational tree of EC. He agreed that EDTC would have been the one who would create the document at the end of the workshop if it could have been organized. He suggested that if it is not possible to come together with SLIC inspectors to prepare the document, preparing the document as EDTC and ask Health and Safety Unit for their opinion. He added that Health and Safety Unit will be the unit who will approve the document and OSHA will be the subunit to distribute the document at EU level. He reminded again that after the inventory document it is essential to prepare a document like an umbrella guidance will be used within entire Europe. Jürg Wendling asked Chairman his opinion if the difficulty in organizing the workshop is really a budgeted problem, and the chairman replied as the cost for accommodations of SLIC inspectors for another day might have been a problem.

Jørn Ryberg added that his personal opinion is that Health and Safety Unit is approaching very supportive and they are ready to do whatever they can. He also noted that he was agree with Pasquale Longobardi about contacting the politicians in EC to ask their support. Pasquale transferred the experiences previously gained by contacting Italian president of European Parliament.

Akin Toklu asked the chairman if EDTC still would have chance to make a presentation even though the workshop is not possible, Chairman replied as he didn't think so. He suggested to push the organizers for a presentation that would be included in SLIC Machex Meeting as last year, to get the attention of the relevant units in EC. The Board members were agreed on the idea. Chairman noted that he would get in contact with EC with this purpose.

Chairman suggested to produce a good practice or minimum standard document that relates the documents EDTC produced previously and sending the document Health and Safety Unit. He added that the previous documents are mainly related with offshore diving and diving medicine, and recent document on competence standards covering inshore diving as well. The board agreed that the document will be prepared should cover both inshore and offshore diving. Chairman gave the example of the document prepared by mining business and Phil Crombie mentioned about the document for agriculture. Chairman repeated his suggestion about preparing a document and sending the document to Matthew Heppleston and get his opinion. The board member agreed on the suggested plan. Chairman explained that the procedure and route should be clarified by EDTC board and the document should be prepared by a workgroup that will be organized during the annual meeting. The plan approved by all board members.

Chairman thanked to Board members for their participation and closed the meeting.

Report compiled by Akin S. Toklu

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