



# EGEA HALF-YEAR REPORT

— 2022/23 —

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# List of Acronyms

AC: Annual Congress

AB: Advisory Board

BoE: Board of EGEA

BuFaTa: Bundesfachschaf-  
tentagung

CPs: Contact Persons

EA: Event Advisor

EMRC: EuroMediterranean Regional  
Congress

ERC: East Regional Congress

GA: General Assembly

GAW: Geography Awareness Week

LM: Live Meeting

NBRC: North and Baltic Regional  
Congress

PRA: Public Relations Advisor

RCP: Regional Contact Person

RA: Regional Assistant

RTs: Regional Teams

SOSM: Summer Organisation and  
Strategy Meeting

TY: Theme Year

VP: Vice President

WOSM: Winter Organisation and  
Strategy Meeting

WRC: West Regional Congress

# Entity Map

A map of current entities in EGEA as of the 2022 GA in Szentendre, Hungary (including candidate entities as of May 2023)



# Welcoming words

As of the 2022 General Assembly in Szentendre, Hungary, we, the current BoE, took over the reins of EGEA from the previous BoE who had guided EGEA through some novel challenges and we are incredibly grateful for their hard work and dedication.

Just over half a year has passed and we have continued some of the work the previous BoE were pioneering, but we have also begun and are developing our own too. This report shall overview what we as the BoE have been doing in the back and foreground over the past half year; from 3 new working groups, to piloting new forms of information communication, and updating EGEA's outdated manuals and documents - we've been busy on the stage and behind the scenes!

We as the BoE hope you have all enjoyed this EGEA year so far, and we're looking forward to a successful 2023 with you too!

Be well and stay safe,

Your Board of EGEA 2022/2023

*Henrik, Josefa, Jared, Sigrid, Patrycja, Daniela*

## Board of EGEA 2022/23



**President**  
Henrik Stein



**Vice-President**  
Josefa Loreth



**Secretary**  
Jared Young



**Treasurer**  
Sigrid Paavle



**Events Advisor**  
Patrycja Sokołowska



**PR Advisor**  
Daniela Kebertová



# BoE Update

We began our BoE journey at the 2022 GA in Szentendre, Hungary and **it's been fun, challenging and novel task for us all**. We have taken over some projects from the previous Board and revived some old ideas, such as updating the manuals and a working group to restructure EGEA's regions, but also pioneered our own projects such as 'Just a Minute!' for communicating Board minutes more effectively. Below you will see a summarised outline of the Boards progress and a few ideas for the future too!

## Timeline

### September

We join the current BoE for a transition meeting before the AC and begin to learn about our new roles and responsibilities, and we have **our first BoE e-meeting** to get to know each other and discuss what we need to do first.



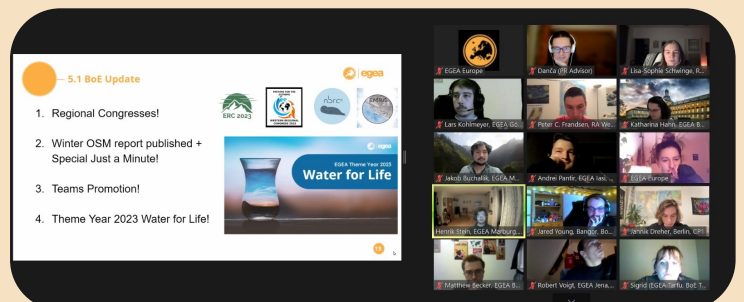
### November

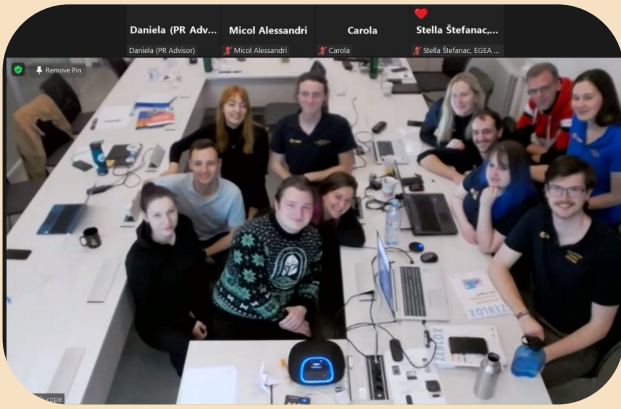
We have our third e-meeting where finalise plans to begin organising a hybrid WOSM with EGEA Tartu, the first regional e-meetings are underway, and we organise our **BoE Evaluation with the AB**.



### October

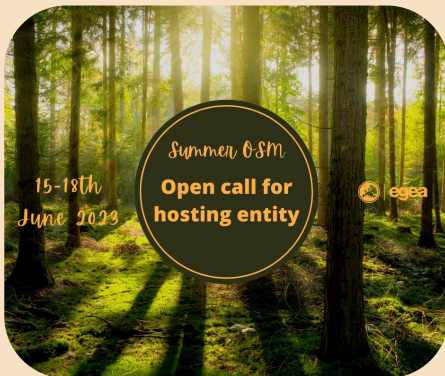
We have our second BoE e-meeting, we begin communicating with our RTs and Team Coordinators, and we organise for Henrik & Josefa to visit our **partner GeoDACH's 'BuFaTa' event**, and we begin discussing the WOSM.





## January

EGEA reopened and we started strong with **officially 3 new working groups** to address restructuring the regions, the Appendix addition as voted upon at the GA 2022, and updating our Strategic Plan.



## March

We began preparing for the congresses, and managed to **meet for our first live meeting!** During it, we hosted a very **productive Regional Restructuring Working group** meeting and progressed well with other

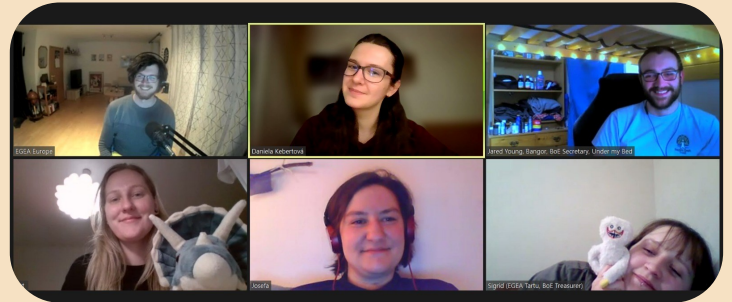
## Future

As we progress through 2023, we are hoping our working groups will have positive outcomes which help build a more resilient, flexible and tolerant EGEA, while also continuing to keep the routine tasks moving.

With the Regional Congresses on finished now and the SOSM at the beginning of summer too, we are sincerely looking forward to continuing our work and seeing you all very soon somewhere in Europe!

## December

We attended **the WOSM in Tartu** and had some very productive sessions, we had our BoE evaluation meeting with the AB and closed EGEA for the festive times after our 4th e-meeting!



## February

Progress is being made on our working groups, the regions are having their second e-meetings, and we **begin our open call for the SOSM!**



# Regions Updates

But it's not just the BoE that's been working, our regional teams and you as members have been hard at work ensuring EGEA continues to be active and fun, with many fantastic opportunities being offered. Below is an update from each region, with an update from the team and a little bit about the activities and events occurring in each of our amazing regions.

## East

Greetings to all kind EGEAns and especially to the Easterners ;) )

The first half of current EGEA year has passed, and this gives me, Andy, a great opportunity to thank you for your entity's activity, relentless support and efforts to invite newbies to our circles. In a few weeks from now we will have the first Congress of this year. With high hopes I am excited to attend the ERC, and would kindly ask if there's anything you could contribute with to make their lives a bit less stressful and the event truly unforgettable. Thank you for that in advance.

During the last couple of months, we have had **three very informative, online, regional meetings**. I am happy we had the chance to catch up there. As the regional team (Jan, Andrei & Andy) we had 3 live meetings – in **Krakow, Prague and Olomouc**. The RT is super grateful to members of the Moravian entity for hosting us. In January, RT has also delivered CP trainings on the topics of leadership, public speaking and presentation. Sorrowfully, there is still war

happening in our region with an end in the unforeseeable future, but more importantly to mention, lives and homes of Ukrainians have never stopped to be in danger. As the regional team, **we sincerely hope for end of the war, and we also take specific actions to always be there for our friends in need.**

I am looking forward to seeing you in real life or online in the coming weeks and hope that we will also meet at at least one summer 2023 event organized by us, Easterners.

*Ondřej Míka (RCP)*  
*Andrei Panțir (RA)*  
*Jan Gwiazda (RA)*



# EuroMed

The Euromed regional team this year consists of three musketeers. Leon is the RCP and Andrej and Eren as regional assistants. Due to various unforeseen circumstances and geographical dislocation, which has always been a problem for Euromed, we still haven't met all three of us in person. Leon and Andrej had two live meetings in Zagreb and Belgrade during November.

**We have 12 entities and 2 candidate entities** which are EGEA Bordeaux and EGEA Pristina. Also, Lisbon joined as a prospective entity so we will see how it will go with them in the future and maybe they joined EGEA. The region itself functions quite well, two years of pandemics have left their mark, so we still have a small problem with transferring knowledge. For this reason, an Online CP training was organised at the beginning of January, where new and future CPs were taught how to run their entities.

During these six months, our entities have organized **numerous educational and entertaining events**, some of which and a lot of exchanges within our region and with entities from other regions. EGEA Zadar visited EGEA Turku and EGEA Belgrade went to Graz. The Organisation of Euromed Regional

**Congress which will be on Murter Island in Croatia in May** is going quite well. A lot of EGEAns are interested in the topic of managing tourism and heritage, so we have a lot of applications. Currently, Orga Team fundraise money for it so we hope that we will see all of you on Murter or somewhere in Europe!

Kisses from the Euromed region!

*Leon Puljević, (RCP)*

*Andrej Jovanovic, (RA)*

*Uğur Daştan, (RA)*





# North&Baltic

The North & Baltic Regional Team is **powered by three ladies**, two from Tartu and one from Turku (trust us, they are not the same place ;D). All the three of us are busy bees volunteering also in other places but we appreciate the EGEA vibe so much that we wanted to work for our organisation's future. The rest of our EGEA year will be full of RT duties and congress organising, but we hope to see many familiar and new Egeans somewhere around Europe!

**This year N&B region has 9 entities:** Bergen, Helsinki, Joensuu, Oulu, St. Petersburg, Tartu, Trondheim, Turku and Vilnius.

This year **our region hosted the WOSM in Tartu, Estonia** and our next big international event

in North&Baltic will be **NBRC 2023**. Our congress will be **the Baltic Sea (I)**. The congress will have five different workshops and also a nice variety of excursions to nearby towns and nature. NBRC 2023 has a relaxing venue close to the coast of the Baltic Sea, with access to a sauna and the chance to enjoy some North&Baltic coastal vibes.

We look forward to seeing you all somewhere in Europe!

*Veera Niemi (RCP)*  
*Agnes Rosenberg (RA)*  
*Elina Maarja Suitso (RA)*



# West

Hello everyone, we are WEST! 'We' stands for Lisa, Lars, Peter and Runa and we are the all-**German Regional Team**, meaning that we always follow the regulations, worship good beer and bread and we never EVER cross red pedestrian lights.

Currently, West is the home to **27 lovely entities, 2 candidate entities and one prospective entity.**

In January EGEA Zürich hosted the Winter Weekend, the Winter equivalent to last year's Alpine Weekend, which was a full success. Winter is also the season to shine for EGEA Augsburg, who hosted their infamous Shack'n'Roll in the Bavarian Mountains. We are expecting lots of awesome events in the summer time, like TTTTtx, the Camp'n'Roll or the annual Germany Weekend.

This year, the Regional Team also planned to revive the BeNDeLux Weekend (btw the Open Call is open until the 31st of March).

**The WRC23 organized by EGEA Bamberg, Berlin, Halle & Jena** takes place in the Thuringian Forest from the 24th until the 29th of April and will cover the topic **'Prepare for the Extreme: Geographical Perspectives on the Consequences of Climate Change'**.

We are excited to meet many of you somewhere in Europe!

*Runa Witte (RCP)*

*Peter Frandsen (RA)*

*Lisa-Sophie Schwinge (RA)*

*Lars Kohlmeyer (RA)*



# Policy Paper Evaluation

Here is the half year evaluation of the Policy Paper, which is a summary of the general tasks and improvements our BoE wishes to tackle throughout our term; it is broken down into tabled sections below. We are generally progressing quite well through the tasks, and we are working on many different projects and working groups while still maintaining the everyday business of EGEA. With loosening restrictions throughout Europe the focus has shifted away a bit from Covid related topics. Most of our set goals are either continuous and thus ongoing or are already in progress. We are on track to at least begin the process of tackling some of our unstarted objectives, but many we shall hopefully complete. We are confident the second half of our term will allow us to complete the important tasks, such as the working groups objectives, and maybe achieve some of the quality of life goals too.

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in progress	This project is currently being worked on, and will be finished hopefully before the end of our term
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<b>Activities</b>	
<i>Congresses</i>	
Introducing different methodologies to organise a congress	ongoing
Supporting congress organisers in choosing their approach	ongoing
<i>Online Events</i>	
Create small online get to know each other events for newbies with Inclusion Team	not started
Create hybrid events to increase accessibility, especially for administrative events	done
<i>Administrative Events</i>	
Organise a live Winter OSM	done
Organise a live Summer OSM	in progress
Have clear and tangible outputs from the OSMs	ongoing
<i>Post-covid live events</i>	
Create clear covid guidelines for events	not started
Focus on smaller/ hybrid/ online events during the winter time	done
Ensure event organisers have a strategy in place to react to restriction changes	done

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<b>Structure &amp; internal communication</b>	
<i>Restructuring of EGEA's regions</i>	
Create a working group for regional restructuring	done
Discuss the Regional Restructuring at WOSM	done
Finalise a 3 Region structure to propose to the GA 2023	in progress
<i>Assessing the success of the Boards restructuring</i>	
Evaluate the impact of the 6th Board member on the performance of the BoE	ongoing
<i>Internal Communication</i>	
Publish minutes from Board Meetings	ongoing
Create an additional short summary of Board Meetings to increase accessibility	done
Assist RTs, Teams, Projects and working groups in maintaining open communication	not started
<i>Entity matters</i>	
Ensure knowledge transfer between experienced EGEAns and Newbies	ongoing
Ensure good communication between all levels of EGEA	ongoing
Update the CP Manual and Newbie Booklet	in progress
<i>Regional matters</i>	
Host live interregional CP trainings and Newbie Weekends	ongoing
Spread out important annual events across Regions	done
Host live Regional Meetings	not started
Maintain official and unofficial communication with Entity reps.	ongoing
<i>Teams, Projects &amp; Working groups</i>	
Evaluate changes to the Teams, Projects and Working groups with the representatives	not started
Improve cooperation between TP&Ws	In progress
Have regular TP&Ws meetings	ongoing
Improve the visibility of TP&Ws within and beyond EGEA	ongoing

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<b>Awareness</b>	
<i>Our impact</i>	
Highlight the importance of geography related topics through the GAW and Theme Year	ongoing
Improve our geographical identity by talking about different geography related topics	in progress
Continuously raise awareness about climate change through promotion of the EGEA climate policy paper	not started
Reducing our carbon footprint through actively following the EGEA Green book	ongoing
Through the Science Team and its activities increase the significance of Geography as a science	in progress
Actively help entities and geographers in Ukraine through support from other EGEAns	ongoing
Support an open-minded and tolerant organisation through cross-regional communication	ongoing
<i>Inclusion</i>	
continue to make EGEA as inclusive as possible through the support fund, Code of Conduct and Inclusion Team	ongoing
<i>Code of Conduct (CoC)</i>	
Create a working group to improve the implementation of the CoC	in progress
Organise trainings on how to deal with CoC related situations	not started
Increase awareness about the CoC	ongoing
<i>Mental Health</i>	
Raise awareness for the importance of a healthy work-life-EGEA-balance	not started
Try and cooperate with external, more knowledgeable partners to organise workshops and trainings for EGEAns	not started



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PR & External Communication	
<i>EGEA Partners</i>	
Determine the core Partners of EGEA	in progress
Renew agreements with core partners	in progress
Find new scientific Partners to underline the geographical side of EGEA	not started
<i>Social Media Strategy</i>	
Emphasise EGEA Official brand marketing	ongoing
Increase the influence and reach of EGEA through social media	ongoing
Create a social media strategy	not started

Finances	
<i>EGEA 2.0</i>	
Secure long term financial stability in EGEA	ongoing
Find new long term financial partners	ongoing
Work on the branding and external visibility of EGEA	ongoing
Create a clear vision for future branding and fundraising	ongoing
<i>Finding new Partners</i>	
Closely collaborate with the finance team to find new partners	in progress
Create a document to present to future partners about EGEA	in progress
Closely communicate with Alumni as connection to relevant organisations	ongoing
Announce potential partnerships within EGEA before closure to ensure transparency and discussion	in progress

## Conclusion

Overall, we hope to begin the projects we have not started yet, and conclude the ones we have in progress. We believe we have done well to maintain EGEA through this year so far, while also tackling 3 important working groups which are set to hopefully make changes in EGEA which will keep it a prosperous, resilient and fun organisation.

# Organisation and Strategy Meeting

Last year, we had a very successful WOSM which instigated the 3 working groups we have and gave our 2022 a productive and thanks to **EGEA Tartu** hosting us in their winterwonder land. Now we look forward to our SOSM, hosted by **EGEA Münster, Germany** where we will discuss many important topics and postively shape EGEA for all its members!



# Financial Report

## Assets Table

Assets	01/07/2022	31/03/2023	Balance
ABN Amro	27028.03	21982.85	-5045.18
Paypal	1319.64	2183.97	864.33
Total	28347.67	24166.82	-4180.85

As shown here, the assets have decreased more than it is shown in the expenses table.

The reason for this is that we had some spendings from last year's budget that transferred to this financial year, for example the AC support.

## Income Table

Income	Budget 22/23	Actual Income by 31.03.2023
ESRI Sponsorship	2000	0
University of Urecht	2000	2000
Donations	2500	1531.76
Affiliate partnerships	200	72.91
Membership fees	1400	0
Total income	8100	3604.67

PayPal account assets have increased by a significant amount because most of the **support fund money collected from the auction** was transferred via PayPal.

By the end of March, most of the incomes and expenses budgeted for this year have not yet happened.

## Expenses Table

Expenses	Budget 22/23	Actual spending by 31.03.2023
Regional Congresses	3000	0
Annual Congress	1500	0
External Trainers	100	0
Training New Trainers	200	100
CP trainings	400	0
Organisation OSM	1000	374
Travel Refunds RCPs	800	62.85
Travel Refunds Boe	2700	1367.1
Reimbursement Secretariat Coordinator	300	0
European Geographer Printing costs	100	0
GA printing	100	79.47
Server costs/subscriptions	1200	561.82
Office Supplies	100	90.1
Bank fees	144	186.04
European Youth Forum Membership	700	0
Statutory Base Change	500	0
KVK Notary Fees	100	69.87
Total	12944	2891.25



# Thank you for reading!

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*Did you find all the pictures of the  
7th BoE member in the report? You  
better find them, before ,It' sees you  
somewhere in Europe!*



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