

Minutes from the PPEU Conference in Manchester on 01/12/2012 - 02/12/2012

Executive Summary

Delegates: 19

- PP-BE - Koen De Voegt
- PP-CAT - Muriel Rovira Esteva and Gemma Rabal Jurado (day 1 - day 2, 13:17h)
- PP-CH - Stefan Thöni
- PP-CZ - Frantisek Ulc
- PP-DE - Martina Pöser, Jens Seipenbusch
- PP-DK - Koen De Voegt (day 2)
- PP-FR - Maxime Rouquet
- PP-GR - Gregory Engels
- PP-HR - Samir Alloui
- PP-IT - Daniele Monteleone
- PP-KZ - Sebastian Krone (day 1, 15:24h)
- PP-NL - Samir Alloui
- PP-RU - Gregory Engels
- PP-SE - Mattias Bjärnemalm
- PP-SI - Matic Urbanija
- PP-UA - Sebastian Krone
- PP-UK - Jack Allnutt, Ed Geraghty
- PP-PL - Radek Pietron (Remote)
- PP-SK - Martin Tibensky (Remote)

Non-Delegate participants: 5

- Alexander Spieß (PP-DE)
- Jens Stomber (PP-DE)
- Gerd Fleischer (PP-DE)
- Thomas Goede (PP-DE)
- Chris (PP-DE)

A. Arbitration

- 1.PPEU shall have a Body For Arbitration.
 - Vote: ***PPEU shall have a Body For Arbitration.***
 - Voting result: **Approved** (8Y/7N/2A)
- 2.The Arbitrators will be proposed by the Ordinary Member Parties.
 - Vote: ***The Arbitrators will be proposed by the Ordinary Member Parties.***
 - Voting result: **Approved** (11Y/3N/3A)
- 3.Each Ordinary Member Party may propose one Judge.
 - Vote: ***Each Ordinary Member Party may propose one Judge.***
 - Voting result: **Approved** (11Y/1N/5A)
- 4. How each Party will choose their Judge is their own business (But preferably in a democratic election).
 - Counter-proposal by Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE) ("*How each Party will propose their Judge is their own business (But preferably in a democratic election)*") was approved.
 - Vote: ***How each Party will propose their Judge is their own business (But preferably in a***

democratic election).

- Voting result: **Approved** (14Y/0N/4A)

B. Organs

- 16. PPEU shall have a Council and a Board (Council=General Assembly, Board=Executives).
 - Vote: ***PPEU shall have a Council and a Board.***
 - Voting result: **Approved** (19Y/00N/00A)
- 17. Each Member Party and Member Organisation will send two Delegates (First and Second Delegate) for the Council.
 - Counter-proposal by Jens Seipenbusch (PP-DE) ("*Each Member Party and Member Organisation will send Delegates (and name substitutes) for the Council. (optional: exact numbers are to be determined later)*") was approved.
 - Vote: ***Each Member Party and Member Organisation will send Delegates (and name substitutes) for the Council. (optional: exact numbers are to be determined later)***
 - Voting result: **Approved** (17Y/00N/02A)
- 18. The Second Delegate will act as a substitute for the First Delegate and may only decide on the vote, if the First Delegate is not present or unable to vote.
 - Counter-proposal by Jack Allnutt (PP-UK) ("*The substitutes may only decide on the vote if the first delegate is not present or unable to vote.*") was approved.
 - Vote: ***The substitutes may only decide on the vote if the first delegate is not present or unable to vote.***
 - Voting result: **Approved** (19Y/00N/00A)
- 19. The Second Delegate will become First Delegate, if the First Delegate resigns or is rejected by the Court of Arbitration or his own Party or Organisation.
 - Vote: ***The Second Delegate will become First Delegate, if the First Delegate resigns or is rejected by the Court of Arbitration or his own Party or Organisation.***
 - Voting result: **Disapproved** (00Y/15N/02A)
- 20. The Member Party or Organisation may send a new Second Delegate, if the one before either became First Delegate or resigned or was ejected by the Court of Arbitration or their own Party or Organisation.
 - Vote: ***The Member Party or Organisation may send a new Second Delegate, if the one before either became First Delegate or resigned or was ejected by the Court of Arbitration or their own Party or Organisation.***
 - Voting result: **Disapproved** (00Y/16N/01A)
- 21. The rules 17 to 20 also apply to Special Members.
 - Counter-proposal by Martina Pöser (PP-DE) ("*Statements 17 and 18 that got accepted also apply to Special Members.*") was approved.
 - Vote: ***Statements 17 and 18 that got accepted also apply to Special Members.***
 - Voting result: **Approved** (14Y/00N/03A)
- 22. Any other Parliamentary Members of the Council may only attend the Council meetings personally.
 - Counter-proposal by Martina Pöser (PP-DE) ("*Any other Parliamentarian Member of the Council may only attend the Council meetings personally and remotely.*") was approved.
 - Vote: ***Any other Parliamentarian Member of the Council may only attend the Council meetings personally and remotely.***
 - Voting result: **Approved** (12Y/03N/02A)

F. Miscellaneous

- 48. Discuss the next conference and define an agenda
 - Discuss the next official PPEU statutes conference and define an agenda
 - Maxime Rouquet (PP-FR): In Barcelona it was decided to **host the next conference in France**. PP-FR have provisionally booked a venue in **Paris (for February 9th & 10th)**.
 - **Group volunteered for organising the agenda for France:**
 - **Martina Pöser (PP-DE), Frantisek Ulc (PP-CZ), Samir Alliou (PP-NL)**
 - Announce meetings on the pp-eu coordinators-ml so anyone can join the meeting of the "Agenda-Group" and listen in. Proposal for an agenda should be put on the ML to get more input on it in advance.
 - Announce / discuss other miscellaneous PPEU events / conferences
 - December 17th 2012 in Rome, *announcement of PP-IT election campaign*
 - January, 18th-20th 2013 in Hannover, *federal election campaign PP Lower-Saxony*
 - May, 4th-5th 2013 in Kiev, offer from PP-UA to host a conference in connection to the general election
- 49. Discuss the formation of a temporary joint political party at EU level until the pirate parties are strong enough to fulfil the criteria.
 - Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE) holding a powerpoint presentation
 - http://wiki.ppeu.net/lib/exe/fetch.php?media=statutes:manchester2012:piggy_back_proposal_eud_pirates.pdf

Protocol:

Live transcript: <https://eu.piratenpad.de/Manchester-2012>

Day 01 (01/12/2012):

- Session opened at 12:00h.

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- Gerd Fleischer (PP-DE)
- Thomas Goede (PP-DE)
- Chris (PP-DE)
- As chairperson Andy Halsall (PP-UK) was elected (16Y/0N/1A)
- Responsible for the Minutes: Jens Stomber (PP-DE)
- Jens Stomber (PP-DE) was appointed by the chairperson to minute.
- Jens Stomber (PP-DE) was appointed by the chairperson as tabulator of the votes.

The Rules of Procedure (RoP)

- <https://eu.piratenpad.de/Manchester-2012-RoP>
- as of 29.11.2012 http://wiki.ppeu.net/lib/exe/fetch.php?media=statutes:manchester2012:29.11.2012_rules_of_procedure_manchester.pdf
- as of 02.12.2012 http://wiki.ppeu.net/lib/exe/fetch.php?media=statutes:manchester2012:02.12.2012_rules_of_procedure.pdf

RoP were approved (17Y/0N/0A).

- Motion from Stefan Thöni from Switzerland:
 - *"The votes of the delegates and the results of the voting are binding without prejudice to the ratification decision by the respective assembly or other competent body."*
 - Motion withdrawn
- Motion from Stefan Thöni from Switzerland:
 - Remove the 2nd part of Art. 1 section 6 *"The votes of the delegates and the results of the voting are non-binding."*
 - Motion passed 15Y/2N/0A
 - Germany and France voted against the motion all other parties with the motion
- Rules of procedure should be voted by a simple majority
 - Motion passed 13Y/1N/?A
- Session halted at 13:00h (lunch brake)
- Session continued at 14:05h

Additional motions for the rules of procedure:

- Motion from Jens Seipenbusch from Germany:
 - change Art.1.6 accordingly:
 - Every sovereign state has only one vote, regardless of how many parties there are inside this sovereign state. => "Each sovereign state has but one vote" (and strike out Art 3.b)
 - Motion passed (7Y/4N/4A)
- Motion from Maxime Rouquet France
 - change Art.1.6 accordingly:
 - "Each sovereign state has but one vote" -> "No more than 1 vote by a Sovereign State can be taken into account".
 - Motion passed (10Y/1N/3A)
- The following Agenda was approved (16Y/0N/0A):

0. Recap of the decisions that were made in the previous PPEU conferences

A. Arbitration

- 1. PPEU shall have a Court of Arbitration.
- 2. The Arbitrators will be proposed by the Ordinary Member Parties.
- 3. Each Ordinary Member Party may propose one Judge. And if there are less than 10 Ordinary Member Parties the number of judges per Party may be increased until there are at least ten Judges (3 for the First Instance + 5 for the Second Instance + 2 for the concerned Parties which may not sit on the case).
- 4. How each Party will choose their Judge is their own business (But preferably in a democratic election).
- 5. The Court of Arbitration shall offer two instances.
- 6. In the First Instance there shall be three Judges deciding on the case, in the second instance there shall be 5 Judges.
- 7. And if there are less than 10 Ordinary Member Parties the number of judges per Party may be increased until there are at least ten Judges (3 for the First Instance + 5 for the Second Instance + 2 for the concerned Parties which may not sit on the case).
- 8. The Judges for each case will be drawn by lots out of the pool of Judges.
- 9. No Judge may decide on one case in both Instances.
- 10. Judges which are personally involved in a case and those sent by the contesting Parties may not decide on the case.
- 11. Only Member Parties, Parties who have been expelled and those which haven't been accepted as a member, Organs of PPEU and members of such Organs may petition the Court of Arbitration.
- 12. Parties who have been expelled or haven't been accepted as a member may only petition to the Court of Arbitration concerning the expulsion or denial of accession.
- 13. In general, all material decisions and elections of the Organs of PPEU may be contested.
- 14. Regulatory measures may be imposed on all Members, Organs and Members of Organs.
- 15. The Judges of the Court of Arbitration will work out the Rules of Arbitration which the Council has to approve.

B. Organs

- 16. PPEU shall have a Council and a Board.
- 17. Each Member Party and Member Organisation will send two Delegates (First and Second Delegate) for the Council.
- 18. The Second Delegate will act as a substitute for the First Delegate and may only decide on the vote, if the First Delegate is not present or unable to vote.
- 19. The Second Delegate will become First Delegate, if the First Delegate resigns or is rejected by the Court of Arbitration or his own Party or Organisation.
- 20. The Member Party or Organisation may send a new Second Delegate, if the one before either became First Delegate or resigned or was ejected by the Court of Arbitration or their own Party or Organisation.
- 21. The rules 17 to 20 also apply to Special Members.
- 22. Any other Parliamentary Members of the Council may only attend the Council meetings personally.
- 23. The Board will have three members: Chairperson, Secretary General and Treasurer.
- 24. The Chairperson will represent PPEU externally.
- 25. The Secretary-General is responsible for the internal organisation of PPEU.
- 26. The Treasurer is responsible for the financial matters of PPEU.
- 27. Each Ordinary Member Party may propose one Candidate for each of the positions in the Board.
- 28. How each Party will choose their Board Candidates is their own business (But preferably in a

democratic election).

- 29. The Council elects by a secret vote from this Pool of Candidates who will become a Board Member.
- 30. The Candidate with the highest number of votes will have the job.
- 31. The Candidate with the second highest number of votes will become the official Substitute for that Board position.
- 32. But there should be no more than one Board Member per Party.
- 33. The Substitute will become a Board Member, if a Board Member resigns or is expelled by the Court of Arbitration or leaves their own Pirate Party for any reason without becoming a Member in another Member Party at the same time or beforehand.
- 34. The Candidate with the next highest number of votes will become the new official Substitute.
- 35. Therefore all Candidates will be sorted into a list by number of votes and will ascend to a position, if one of the Candidates with a higher number drops out.
- 36. The Substitute has the right to be fully informed of all matters of the Board or respectively at least all matters which his Board Member has legitimate knowledge of and may take part in all Board meetings and has access to all tools and work equipment his respective Board member has to enable them to do their job.
- 37. The Substitute may not vote on matters of the Board.

C. Programme of PPEU

- 38a. The Common Manifesto shall be binding for the Member Parties.
- 38b. The Common Manifesto shall only be binding for those Member Parties for those parts that each Member Party has consented to respectively.
- 38c. The Common Manifesto shall only be binding on the European level, the Member Parties may divert from it in their own Party Programmes.
- 39a. PPEU shall be allowed to decide on subjects for its Common Manifesto which are not part of any of the programmes of its Ordinary Member Parties.
- 39b. Only those topics can be part of the Common Manifesto which are already part of 1/2/3/4/5 etc. programmes of PPEU's Ordinary Member Parties.
- 39c. Only those topics may be part of the Common Manifesto which are part of all Programmes of PPEU's Member Parties (which have already a programme of their own).
- 40. PPEU may also decide on resolutions and statements on current events and topics which are important for Europe.

D. Chamber of Pirates

- 41a. We need a Chamber of Pirates right from the start of PPEU.
- 41b. We don't need a Chamber of Pirates at all.
- 41c. We need a Chamber of Pirates as part of the PPEU later, when we rebuild PPEU to become a real European Party.
- Discussion:
 - How do we implement a Chamber of Pirates?
 - What competencies should a Chamber of Pirates have?
 - Shall we build a Chamber of Pirates independent of PPEU?

E. Voting in the PPEU

- 42. Decisions of PPEU will be taken with a 2/3-majority.
- 43. No single member should have more than one third of all the votes (if we choose a 2/3-majority

for decisions of the Council).

- 44. We will work with transversal votes (meaning that each member may split their votes in any way they like into Yes-, No- and Abstention-Votes).
- 45. There will be a minimum voting weight for each member with a voting right, but if there are several Pirate Parties in one country they have to split the minimum voting weight (e.g. minimum voting weight is 1, if you have to Pirate Parties in Serbia, each will have a minimum voting weight of 0,5).
- 46. The voting weight of each Pirate Party will be decided by their success in elections: The more percent they achieve and the more people vote for them the more voting weight they will get.
- 47. Relevant is the result at the last European or missing that national elections they have been taking part in. If they haven't taken part in national or European elections yet, they may also choose regional elections in different parts of their country. If they haven't taken part in any elections yet, they will have to be satisfied with the minimum voting weight until their first elections.

F. Miscellaneous (to be discussed at the beginning of day 2)

- 48. Discuss the next conference and define an agenda
- 49. Discuss the formation of a temporary joint political party at EU level until the pirate parties are strong enough to fulfil the criteria.
- Start the agenda:

0. Recap of the decisions that were made in the previous PPEU conferences

- 1. All votes need to be recorded publicly. (Yes: 7, No: 1, Abs.: 4)
- 2. Votes are only recorded on request. (Yes: 6, No: 5, Abs.: 5)
- 3. Replace all objectives with: 'Work in the interest of its members. (Yes: 8, No: 5, Abs.: 3)
- 4. Names are 'The European Pirate Party', 'European Pirates', 'PPEU', 'PIRATES' plus the translations into the respective languages. (Yes: 11, No: 0, Abs.: 5)
- 5. The Party seat is in Belgium. (Yes: 11, No: 0, Abs.: 5)
- 6. The seat is 'Rue Gerard 47a, 1040 Etterbeek' (Yes: 12, No: 0, Abs.: 2)
- 7. The party is founded under Belgian law. (Yes: 15, No: 0, Abs.: 0)
- 8. English is the working language. And the language of the official documents. Other languages allowed, but the English is the binding version. (Yes: 15, No: 0, Abs.: 0)
- 9. 'Chairman' is replaced by 'Chairperson' (Yes: 10, No: 1, Abs.: 5)
- 10. The members of the association shall adopt a common manifest which shall reflect the principles and policies of the European Pirate movement. (Yes: 16, No: 0, Abs.: 0)
- 11. The PPEU does not interfere with the relations between a delegate and the delegate's party. (Yes: 10, No: 3, Abs.: 3)
- 12. PPEU will not interfere with the sovereignty of its members. (Yes: 13, No: 1, Abs.: 1)
- 13. PPEU statutes do not mandate a minimum number of members of PPEU. (Yes: 13, No: 2, Abs.: 2)
- 14. The fourth category of members is called 'Parliamentarian Members'. (Yes: 9, No: 2, Abs.: 6)
- 15. The five types of members are 'Ordinary Members', 'Associate Members', 'Observer Members', 'Parliamentarian Members', 'Special Members' (Yes: 13, No: 0, Abs.: 3)
- 16. There shall be 'Registered Supporters' as non-members. (Yes: 8, No: 3, Abs.: 7)
- 17. Ordinary Member requirement: Based in a member of the EU, a candidate state for the EU, a state which applied for candidate status or an EFTA state. (Yes: 11, No: 5, Abs.: 4)
- 18. Ordinary Member requirement: ... or based in a state which is within Europe. (Yes: 10, No: 6, Abs.: 4)
- 19. Ordinary Member requirement: A political party in Europe or something which intends to become one. (Yes: 8, No: 7, Abs.: 4)

- 20. Not an Ordinary Member requirement: Intend to participate in elections to the European parliament. (Yes: 13, No: 3, Abs.: 3)
- 21. Ordinary Member requirement: The party has filed for running in an election at the regional, state or EU elections. (Yes: 11, No: 3, Abs.: 6)
- 22. Ordinary Member requirement: Not subordinate to any other party. (Yes: 18, No: 0, Abs.: 1)
- 23. Ordinary Member requirement: A party which carries the term 'Pirate' or any translation or inflection of this term in its name. (Yes: 17, No: 0, Abs.: 2)
- 24. Ordinary Member requirement: Maintain a democratic political base and a democratic internal structure. (Yes: 16, No: 3, Abs.: 0)
- 25. Ordinary Member requirement: Maintain transparency including financial transparency towards its members. (Yes: 16, No: 3, Abs.: 0) (protocol.html unclear)
- 26. A single delegate can have at most 2 votes. (Yes: 11, No: 8, Abs.: 0)
- 27. Ordinary Member obligation: Pay their designated fee as Ordinary Members in a timely manner. (Yes: 19, No: 0, Abs.: 1)
- 28. Ordinary Member obligation: Report every year to the association on party and policy developments. (Yes: 18, No: 0, Abs.: 3)
- 29. Ordinary Member right: Vote in the council on every matter. (Yes: 15, No: 1, Abs.: 2)
- 30. Ordinary Member right: Participate in political discussions and to speak at Council meetings. (Yes: 19, No: 0, Abs.: 1)
- 31. Ordinary Member right: Appoint delegates and propose candidates for the board. (Yes: 12, No: 1, Abs.: 6)
- 32. Ordinary Member right: Have access to use of the Association's logo and other representational devices. (Yes: 19, No: 0, Abs.: 0)
- 33. Observer Member requirement: Maintain transparency including financial transparency towards their members. (Yes: 17, No: 1, Abs.: 3)
- 34. Observer Member requirement: Non-profit organization. (Yes: 18, No: 1, Abs.: 2)
- 35. Founding will not happen in the first quarter of 2013. (Yes: 11, No: 3, Abs.: 7)
- 36. The next RL statutes meeting will be in December in the UK and the second one in France in early February. (Yes: 19, No: 1, Abs.: 2)
- 37. We create a detailed agenda and a finalised rules of procedure three weeks before the next meeting. (Yes: 21, No: 0, Abs.: 1)
- 38. The official discussion of PPEU statutes will take place on the mailing list, where only delegates can write. (Yes: 14, No: 7, Abs.: 0) (transcript maybe not accurate)
- 39. Any young pirate organization can appoint someone to write on this email list. (Yes: 17, No: 3, Abs.: 2)

A. Arbitration

- 1. PPEU shall have a Body For Arbitration.
 - Vote: ***PPEU shall have a Body For Arbitration.***
 - Voting result: **Approved** (8Y/7N/2A)
- 2. The Arbitrators will be proposed by the Ordinary Member Parties.
 - Counter-proposal by Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE) ("*The general assembly will be the body of arbitration.*") was defeated.
 - Vote: ***The Arbitrators will be proposed by the Ordinary Member Parties.***
 - Voting result: **Approved** (11Y/3N/3A)
- 15:24 h, Change of delegation, Sebastian Krone (PP-DE) is now also representing PP-KZ (Kazakhstan).

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- 3. Each Ordinary Member Party may propose one Judge.
 - Counter-proposal by Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE) ("*Each Ordinary Member and Associate Member Party may propose one Judge.*") was defeated.
 - Counter proposal by Maxime Rouquet (PP-FR) ("*Member parties that can vote in the General assembly may propose one judge.*") was defeated.
 - Vote: ***Each Ordinary Member Party may propose one Judge.***
 - Voting result: **Approved** (11Y/1N/5A)
- 4. How each Party will choose their Judge is their own business (But preferably in a democratic election).
 - Counter-proposal by Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE) ("*How each Party will propose their Judge is their own business (But preferably in a democratic election)*") was approved.
 - Vote: ***How each Party will propose their Judge is their own business (But preferably in a democratic election).***
 - Voting result: **Approved** (14Y/0N/4A)
- Session halted at 16:28h
- Session continued at 16:58h
- Andy Halsall (PP-UK) resigned as chairperson at 17:05h.
- As Chairperson Jens Stomber (PP-DE) was elected at 17:05h.
- Andy Halsall (PP-UK) was appointed by the chairperson to minute.
- Procedural motion by Ed Geraghty (PP-UK) to retable the motion in topic A. 1. (*PPEU shall have a Body For Arbitration.*) was defeated.
- Session halted at 17:23h
- Session continued at 17:52h
- Andy Halsall (PP-UK) resigned from minuting.
- Jack Allnut (PP-UK) was appointed by the chairperson to minute.
- Gerd Fleischer (PP-DE) was appointed by the chairperson as tabulator of the votes.
- Procedural motion by Koen De Voegt (PP-BE) to skip topic A. (*Arbitration*) and switch to topic B. (*Organs*) was approved.
- Procedural motion by Frantisek Ulc (PP-CZ) to revoke decisions 17., 18., 19. from the former PPEU conference in Barcelona ("*only EU state countries can vote*") was defeated.
- Session closed at 18:34h

Day 02 (02/12/2012):

- Session opened at 10:45h.
- Change of delegation, Koen De Voegt (PP-BE) is now also representing PP-DK (Denmark).

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- Gerd Fleischer (PP-DE)
- Thomas Goede (PP-DE)
- Danish man living in the north of Germany, Schleswig-Holstein (PP-DE)
- The chairperson is Jens Stomber (PP-DE)
- Jack Allnutt (PP-UK) was appointed by the chairperson to minute.
- Gerd Fleischer (PP-DE) was appointed by the chairperson as tabulator of the votes.

F. Miscellaneous (to be discussed at the beginning of day 2)

- 48. Discuss the next conference and define an agenda
 - Discuss the next official PPEU statutes conference and define an agenda
 - Maxime Rouquet (PP-FR): In Barcelona it was decided to **host the next conference in France**. PP-FR have provisionally booked a venue in **Paris (for February 9th & 10th)**.
 - Muriel Rovira Esteva and Gemma Rabal Jurado (PP-CAT): Suggests an official mumble session to arrange the agenda.
 - Martina Pöser (PP-DE) suggests re-activating the statutes work-group.
 - Frantisek Ulc (PP-CZ) suggests that the agenda is decided a few weeks in advance so everybody knows what will happen during the conference.

- Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE): Don't like the idea that there would be a set of random people in a mumble session deciding an agenda, would be better for us to delegate the responsibility to a group of people. Samir: Agree, it still allows people to offer their input.
- PP-DK Suggests that the French organising committee also deal with arranging the agenda.
- Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE): Better not to put all of the responsibilities on the organisers, and conflate the two processes.
- **Group volunteered for organising the agenda for France:**
 - **Martina Pöser (PP-DE), Frantisek Ulc (PP-CZ), Samir Alloui (PP-NL)**
 - Announce meetings on the pp-eu.coordinators-ml so anyone can join the meeting of the "Agenda-Group" and listen in. Proposal for an agenda should be put on the ML to get more input on it in advance.
 - Gregory Engels (PP-DE): The agenda planning committee should be able to organise for issues other than the statutes to be on the agenda.
 - Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE): Not all delegates have overlapping responsibilities between statutes and programme etc.
- Announce / discuss other miscellaneous PPEU events / conferences
 - Daniele Monteleone (PP-IT): PP-IT will soon be organising a room to officially announce their election campaign, will invite representatives from other PPs to attend. **(probably date 17th December 2012 in Italy)**
 - Jens Seipenbusch (PP-DE): Justus Römeth from Germany organizes a **Workshop on campaigning in Hannover (Germany) on the 18.-20.01.2013** and invites all international pirates to take part in it. On the 20th of January there are also the elections of the State of Lower Saxony.
 - Maxime Rouquet (PP-FR): **PP-HR (Croatia) is offering to have a PP-EU Conference in Zagreb in March 2013 for the Programme-Group.**
 - Gregory Engels (PP-DE): Offer from **PP-UA to host a conference in 4th and 5th May in Kiev.** PP-UA in the last steps of being registered, and should be registered by then. The next general election will be around the same time, could be used to help drive media attention to the campaign.
- 49. Discuss the formation of a temporary joint political party at EU level until the pirate parties are strong enough to fulfil the criteria.
 - Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE) holding a powerpoint presentation:
 - http://wiki.ppeu.net/lib/exe/fetch.php?media=statutes:manchester2012:piggy_back_proposal_eud_pirates.pdf
 - This is what I call the "piggy back approach". The current progress is not going very fast. One way for us to be recognised by 2014 (which means we have to be registered by 2013). We can group with other small EU groups (e.g. non-racist skeptics and reformists, NOT UKIP etc.).
 - The EU democrats (<http://www.eudemocrats.org/>) have dwindled, but they have representation in 7 member states and 1 MEP (leftist). The rules for Europarties are being renegotiated by the European Parliament, so balancing on the threshold is scary, as if you stop being qualified, you have to repay the EU money.
 - The EU Democrats are willing to adapt a name and statutes to create a joint venture with a kill switch that maintains the identity of both sides, as Pirates aren't Euroskeptic. The joint venture would have a minimal board. We have to have a minimal platform, and there is a small overlap between the two movements so it may be possible to have a common denominator programme. Each side of the joint venture could have a more expansive programme for their own campaigning etc.

- The EUD works as a network rather than as a traditional party. Pirates would probably want to run this on a "community model" i.e. consensus so we don't have to create a lot of statutes for our half of the joint venture.
- The EU gives money to the political parties, but they also give money to foundations. We could have a contract to redistribute the money that the foundation gets for our MEPs. The foundation has to be policy-based, writing papers etc, but could run on LQFB. We can start getting resources by 2014 before the elections (hacking the system) and have access to previously established knowledge.
- We will not have to concern ourselves with administrative dealings as the EUD has that in place already. This is a *temporary* joint venture. Risks: Branding confusions (solution clear divide, as PP-SE in the green group). Would benefit the skeptics, but who cares if it benefits us?
- What needs to be done? We need to draft statutes (*laugh*) including contractual arrangements and kill-switch, in bilateral meetings (e.g. 2 of them to 1 of us), then we need to write the minimalist joint platform.
- It's just a formality to meet the criteria. Then put forward a proposal for us to consider. Timetable: We need to do the drafting this spring, then ratify it in each party. Application for EU funding for 2014 has to be handed in around september 2013 (not exact date). Can use money to hire staff etc. to help build the pirate organisation and campaign etc. Also €15,000 to the foundation, but this should go towards projects and not staff.
- Samir Alloui (PP-NL): What about speaking time in the Parliament?
 - Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE): Groups exist in the parliament, not the parties. The Pirate MEPs in the EP will still be in the green group. Some of the greens will be pissed off with us joining another political party, but they will be anyway during the election as they're not Pirates. Negotiations not started, this is a high-level proposal.
- Martin Tibensky (PP-SK): What is EU Democrats view on copyright law, patents, independence of the internet. Also what (apart from pro/anti integration) is a no go for them in our program? Also, does this only concern pirate parties, that already have MEPs? Why yes/no?
 - Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE): Their policies are on their website, they're not anti-immigration. Their programme is quite minimal, but look at their members and see what they say. They don't really have a viewpoint on their issues. Our issues would stay with our half of the joint venture, not the whole thing.
- Gregory Engels (PP-DE): The EU regulations for founding a europarty has similar requirements as groups in the EP, the Pirates will still be in the green group, but be counted as a different political party and the EU will be ok with that?
 - Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE): The EUD MEP is in the left group but not left party.
- Samir Alloui (PP-NL): Will there be any cross-negotiation?
 - Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE): MEPs are totally independent.
 - Samir Alloui (PP-NL): MEPs can provide perks etc?
 - Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE): The Green party rides on the green group coattails, but the Green Party isn't doing that much for the green group. Parties are so much weaker than groups in the EP.
 - Samir Alloui (PP-NL): Can the EUD make a deal with the green group that would put us at a disadvantage?
 - Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE): They could try... but I don't see what they would gain, they could lose us. Samir: If they don't do it cleverly...
- Martina Pöser (PP-DE): What will happen if we pull out, would we be liable to pay back money?

- Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE): We should leave when we send in our application for ourselves the next year. The other organisation would be liable, not us if we left (*laughs*).
- Martina Pöser (PP-DE): How would we decide on programme etc?
- Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE): The community method = consensus.
- Martina Pöser (PP-DE): the parties have to self-fund part of the organisation. How much would we have to pay in?
- Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE): What this organisation can do, it could be the one that organises conferences like this. Could deal with spending as self-funding.
- Gregory Engels (PP-DE): What's in it for us is that we get access to EU money, organisation etc. What's in it for them? they're already qualified.
 - Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE): They're right on the borderline of qualification, this would give them stability. They're worried they're not safe. They think we're not big enough to go alone after 2014, so they think it can go on for longer.
- Alexander Spies (PP-DE): It will be possible to make a technical relation, but politically it's very very curious, has the political aim of the EUD changed? If it's possible to separate the platforms, it could be a good idea.
- Muriel Rovira Esteva and Gemma Rabal Jurado (PP-CAT): Do the countries that give the qualifications overlap with ours?
- Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE): Only Sweden, not Germany or Czech etc.
- Maxime Rouquet (PP-FR): In France, anything we discuss about working with other parties, the membership is very very skeptical, so it would be very difficult to persuade the membership to go along with it. Just a warning that euroskeptics may not work well for PP-FR members. If everybody else does it, it may provide an incentive for PP-FR to do so as well.
- Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE): What I need to find out here is if we should abort it all together or whether I should take this forward.
- Martina Pöser (PP-DE), Frantisek Ulc (PP-CZ): Need to take this back to the party, but interesting idea (*smiles and nods*)
- Gregory Engels (PP-DE): One party I represent here is outside of the EU (holding up the RU card). Is this an offer only to the EU-27 based Pirate Parties.
 - Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE): I hadn't considered that. It may not be relevant for the non-EU members.
 - Gregory Engels (PP-DE): Ok, so it's not excluding then? need more discussion and thought on this. There's intersection between the platforms even if they're coming from wildly different direction. PP-GR has said they are willing to discuss this further.
- Samir Alloui (PP-NL): This is a very delicate issue. Trying to see what political space there is. What I feel when I see the emotions at this table. It's almost like people are trying to politically gag Mab, when he's just trying to gather information and I think it's stupid. Why do we have to take this home and vote on in? Mab is only looking for very rough sentiment and we should let him talk and let the political process continue.
 - Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE): I definitely think we should talk with this at home. [interruption: No, you have the wrong end of the stick Samir, nobody talks about voting]
- Muriel Rovira Esteva and Gemma Rabal Jurado (PP-CAT): From a practical point of view, this mainly concerns those how have representation.
 - Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE): If we use the pirate name it concerns all of us.
- Session halted at 12:00h
- Session continued at 12:06h

B. Organs

- 16. PPEU shall have a Council and a Board (Council=General Assembly, Board=Executives).
 - Vote: ***PPEU shall have a Council and a Board.***
 - Voting result: **Approved** (19Y/00N/00A)
- 17. Each Member Party and Member Organisation will send two Delegates (First and Second Delegate) for the Council.
 - Counter-proposal by Gregory Engels (PP-DE) ("*Each Member Party and Member Organisation will send a delegate for the Council. Substitutions are allowed.*") was defeated.
 - Counter-proposal by Jens Seipenbusch (PP-DE) ("*Each Member Party and Member Organisation will send Delegates (and name substitutes) for the Council. (optional: exact numbers are to be determined later)*") was approved.
 - Counter-proposal by Daniele Monteleone (PP-IT) ("*Each Member Party sends a delegation of up to three delegates to the council that share their vote.*") was defeated.
 - Counter-proposal by Mattias Bjärnemalm (PP-SE) ("*Use the system the European Greens use*", <http://is.gd/O2msxd>) was defeated.
 - Vote: ***Each Member Party and Member Organisation will send Delegates (and name substitutes) for the Council. (optional: exact numbers are to be determined later)***
 - Voting result: **Approved** (17Y/00N/02A)
- 18. The Second Delegate will act as a substitute for the First Delegate and may only decide on the vote, if the First Delegate is not present or unable to vote.
 - Counter-proposal by Jack Allnutt (PP-UK) ("*The substitutes may only decide on the vote if the first delegate is not present or unable to vote.*") was approved.
 - Counter-proposal by Daniele Monteleone (PP-IT) ("*The Party who sends the delegates, decides who is the first delegate and the substitution list.*") was defeated.
 - Vote: ***The substitutes may only decide on the vote if the first delegate is not present or unable to vote.***
 - Voting result: **Approved** (19Y/00N/00A)
- 19. The Second Delegate will become First Delegate, if the First Delegate resigns or is rejected by the Court of Arbitration or his own Party or Organisation.
 - Vote: ***The Second Delegate will become First Delegate, if the First Delegate resigns or is rejected by the Court of Arbitration or his own Party or Organisation.***
 - Voting result: **Disapproved** (00Y/15N/02A)
- Session halted at 13:16h
- Session continued at 13:36h
- Change of delegation, Muriel Rovira Esteva and Gemma Rabal Jurado (PP-CAT) leaves the conference.

Delegates: 18

- PP-BE - Koen De Voegt
- PP-CAT - --
- PP-CH - Stefan Thöni
- PP-CZ - Frantisek Ulc
- PP-DE - Martina Pöser, Jens Seipenbusch
- PP-DK - Koen De Voegt
- PP-FR - Maxime Rouquet
- PP-GR - Gregory Engels
- PP-HR - Samir Alloui
- PP-IT - Daniele Monteleone
- PP-KZ - Sebastian Krone
- PP-NL - Samir Alloui

- PP-RU - Gregory Engels
- PP-SE - Mattias Bjärnemalm
- PP-SI - Matic Urbanija
- PP-UA - Sebastian Krone
- PP-UK - Jack Allnutt, Ed Geraghty
- PP-PL - Radek Pietron (Remote)
- PP-SK - Martin Tibensky (Remote)
- Gerd Fleischer (PP-DE) resigned as tabulator of the votes.
- Thomas Goede (PP-DE) was appointed by the chairperson as tabulator of the votes.
- Motion from PP-RU to change the rules of procedure Art. 1 (2) from *"This procedure governs the course of the PP-EU Conference in Manchester."* to *"This rules of procedure governs the course of PP-EU working group conferences until decided otherwise."* was approved.
- 20. The Member Party or Organisation may send a new Second Delegate, if the one before either became First Delegate or resigned or was ejected by the Court of Arbitration or their own Party or Organisation.
 - Vote: ***The Member Party or Organisation may send a new Second Delegate, if the one before either became First Delegate or resigned or was ejected by the Court of Arbitration or their own Party or Organisation.***
 - Voting result: **Disapproved** (00Y/16N/01A)
- 21. The rules 17 to 20 also apply to Special Members.
 - Counter-proposal by Martina Pöser (PP-DE) (*"Statements 17 and 18 that got accepted also apply to Special Members."*) was approved.
 - Vote: ***Statements 17 and 18 that got accepted also apply to Special Members.***
 - Voting result: **Approved** (14Y/00N/03A)
- 22. Any other Parliamentary Members of the Council may only attend the Council meetings personally.
 - Counter-proposal by Martina Pöser (PP-DE) (*"Any other Parliamentarian Member of the Council may only attend the Council meetings personally and remotely."*) was approved.
 - Counter-proposal by Frantisek Ulc (PP-CZ) (*"Any other Parliamentary Members of the Council may send a delegate if cannot attend personally or remotely."*) was defeated.
 - Vote: ***Any other Parliamentarian Member of the Council may only attend the Council meetings personally and remotely.***
 - Voting result: **Approved** (12Y/03N/02A)
- 23. The Board will have three members: Chairperson, Secretary General and Treasurer.
 - Procedural motion from Jack Allnutt (PPUK) *"to skip topic B. 23. for now, and come back to it at a later date"* was approved.
- Session closed at 14:17h

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