



**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF THE
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1. President election for the period 2023-2025

1.1. Welcome opening: President and Secretary General

The President welcomed the participants and make his opening remarks highlighting the general vision of the European Club as shown in the 2016 Manifesto, and the related achievements of his presidency during the period 2018-1022.

- **OBJECTIVE 1:** Increasing the links between national committees
ACHIEVEMENT: Website improved by Portuguese National Committee, 15 newsletters, XI EURCOLD Symposium (Chania, Crete), 3 new European Working Groups and 1 Task Force.
- **OBJECTIVE 2:** Funding European R&D on dams
ACHIEVEMENT: The HYDROPOWER EUROPE project (2018-2021) releases a list of R&D projects to be funded by the European Commission.
- **OBJECTIVE 3:** Developing EU support to our professional sector
ACHIEVEMENT: The ETIP HYDROPOWER (2022-2025) is a platform devoted to fund R&I projects and to do hydropower and dams advocacy into the Energy, Environment, Agriculture, Climate, etc. EU Directorates.

The Board warmly acknowledged the work done by Jean Jacques Fry during the past five years, with a special focus on the HYDROPOWER EUROPE project.

Then, the Secretary explained the election organization, which is basically articulated in three steps: i) registration and census, ii) presentation of the candidates, iii) ballot and counting.

1.2. Registration and census

The Secretary check, country by country, by alphabetical order, which were present; then he also check that the first elected ICOLD Vice-President for Europe was present.

The Russian representatives explained that their country will be neutral and won't participate in the ballot.



The census (17 present national committees -without Russia- and first elected ICOLD Vice-President for Europe) was appointed by the Board. This is shown below:

- Albania (Arjan Jovani)
- Austria (Gerald Zenz)
- Finland (Jyrki Kotola)
- France (Denis Aelbrecht)
- Germany (Dirk Carstensen)
- Greece (Panagiotis Papanikolaou)
- Italy (Giovanni Ruggeri)
- Netherlands (Monique Sanders)
- North Macedonia (Ljupcho Petkovski)
- Norway (Anne Marit Ruud)
- Poland (Piotr Sliwinski)
- Portugal (Paulo Buisson Castro)
- Slovakia (Roman Ivanco)
- Spain (Alfredo Granados)
- Sweden (Maria Bartsch)
- Switzerland (Robert Boes)
- Turkey (Tuncer Dincergok)
- ICOLD Vice-President (Enrique Cifres)

After this, the observers were also appointed by Board. Names are shown below:

- Eija Isomäki (Finland)
- Goranka Grzanic (Norway)
- Andrea Balestra (Switzerland)

1.3. Presentation of the candidates

The candidates were presented by a representative of their respective nominating committees and explained their vision for the next presidency.

- First, Anne-Marit Ruud (NNCOLD) introduce **Juha Laasonen** (FINCOLD) and he explained his vision for the next three years.
- Then, Robert Boes (SwissCOD) introduce **Sera Lazaridou** (GCOLD) and she presented her thoughts for the 2022-2025 period.

1.4. Ballot and counting

The ballot was carried out by means of the adoodle application (www.adoodle.org).

During the ballot, which lasted ten minutes, Jean-Jacques Fry gave an address on the ETIP HYDROPOWER.



The result of the ballot was:

- Juha LAASONEN, 8 votes.
- Sera LAZARIDOU, 9 votes.

In consequence, **Ms. Sera Lazaridou was appointed to be the President of the ICOLD European Club for the period: 1st January 2023 – 31st December 2025.**

Mr. Laasonen was the first to congratulate Ms Lazaridou for her election as EURCOLD President for the next three years.

Then, the members of the Board, the President and the Secretary General, expressed their gratitude to Mr. Laasonen and to the observers and congratulated Ms Lazaridou.

2. Closure

President Jean-Jacques Fry acknowledged the involvement of the national committees in the European Club activities, pointing out that the success of the club is based on their collaborative action. He gave special thanks to the Italian National Committee for its help with the first contacts with the EU authorities, to the Portuguese National Committee for maintaining and updating the European Club website, and to the Spanish National Committee for managing the General Secretariat.

Finally, the elected President, Sera Lazaridou expressed her gratitude to the Board and encourage their members to continue their collaborative work during the following term.

Jean-Jacques Fry
President

Alfredo Granados
Secretary General