

# MINUTES

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Date, Time:** 2025.07.22, 15:00 – 17:00 (CET)

**Location:** Loft&Lumia, Krieau 244, Tribüne 2, 1020 Vienna

## 1. WELCOME AND QUORUM

**Attachment:** PowerPoint „Attending & Voting Figures“

**Voting rights:**

- Attendance on-site: 69
- Attendance online: 21
- Voting authorisations: 47
- Vote transfers: 25

## 2. APPROVAL AGENDA

**Attachment:** PowerPoint „Agenda“  
Note: find all relevant information and documents at  
[www.alpbach.org/generalversammlung](http://www.alpbach.org/generalversammlung) (German) or  
[www.alpbach.org/general-assembly](http://www.alpbach.org/general-assembly) (English)

**Vote:** Agenda approved

## 3. APPROVAL MINUTES OF PROTOCOL EO. GENERAL ASSEMBLY OCTOBER 2024

**Attachment:** Find minutes at [www.alpbach.org/Generalversammlung](http://www.alpbach.org/Generalversammlung)

**Vote:** Minutes approved

## 4. REPORT PRESIDENT & SECRETARY GENERAL

**Attachment:** PowerPoint „Report President and Secretary General”

**Talking points:** Presidency Othmar Karas since October 2024. Role not restricted to control and governance but integration and guidance with vision.

European perspective of EFA: presence in many European cities, invitation of many European guests.

3 topics:

1. Defence Union
2. Capital Market Union
3. Energy Union.

EFA must constantly improve and gain relevance. EFA must be a place to go, not to miss. Alpbach place for dialogue, of encounter, to take time and reminisce, to find solutions and answers. Interdisciplinary and with intergenerational dialogue.

Members are encouraged to get in contact and exchange with FAN Clubs to share expertise. Find all the active clubs here: [European Forum Alpbach | Active Clubs and IGs](#)

Thank you to all volunteers who give their time, their focus, their motivation, their ideas and knowledge. Founding purpose of EFA never fulfilled.

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A look back into last year's EFA24:

Numbers participants and contributors;  
Module structure;  
Scholarship holders at;  
Budget sources;  
Partners at;  
Partner survey;  
Media presence;

Annual Report 2024 was sent out to all EFA members.

## 5. REPORT OF THE FAN

**Attachment:** PowerPoint „Report of the FAN”

**Talking points:** Invitation to everyone to attend “Celebrating the History of the Youth” on 26 August, 10:45 CCA – Flora Heiss Rogger.

## 6. REPORT TREASURER (WITH SECRETARY GENERAL)

**Attachment:** Finance documents and slide Powerpoint “Cumulative View 2024”

**Talking points:** Peter Oberlechner Treasurer since October 2024. During audit for 2024 problems detected due to staff fluctuation; direction of ERSTE Foundation-sum into EFA foundation for Capital Gains Tax saving reasons. Work on audit took longer than expected, led to postponement of General Assembly. Now financial report and auditors report in order and the audit certificate was issued.

An improvement strategy in coordination with Ernst&Young has been worked up.

## 7. REPORT AUDITORS AND ACCOUNT EXAMINERS

**Attachment:** Report Auditors and Account Examiners, [www.alpbach.org/Generalversammlung](http://www.alpbach.org/Generalversammlung)

**Talking points:** Report by Mr. Pessl-Trinko (ECOVIS): see attachment  
Günther Schrems and Karl Sevelde both unable to attend, but audit was carried out, report enclosed.

## 8. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT, DISCHARGE BOARD

**Vote:** Financial statement 2024 unanimously approved  
Discharge of Board unanimously approved

## 9. APPROVAL BUDGET 2025

**Attachment:** Finance documents and slide PowerPoint „Approval Budget 2025“

**Talking Points:** Material expenses compared to 2024 -300k. Personnel expenses -100k, total cost reduction -400k. Higher income of +800k due to reorganisation of association vs. foundation. Current income forecast optimistic.  
Ticket sales: actuals are above 2024.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

## 10. AMENDMENTS STATUTES

**Attachment:** „Amendments Statutes“

**Talking points:** Status quo: one ordinary General Assembly to decide on the **budget** for the year in question, one on the **annual financial statement** for the previous EFA.

Planned change: two ordinary General Assemblies (instead of one) due to amendments of statutes §9 p. 2 and § 10 p. 11:

**January:** General Assembly to decide on **budget** for the year in question

**June** (online): General Assembly to decide on **annual financial statement**.

**Vote:** Unanimously approved

## 11. OUTLOOK EFA25

**Attachment:** PowerPoint „Outlook EFA25“

**Talking points:**

- Unit Experience (Head: Johannes Piller, interim for Clara Rindler-Schantl)
- Unit Communications (Head: Andreas Berger)
- Unit Communities (Head: Andreas Berger, interim for Annamária Tóth)
- Unit Operations (Head: Markus Hafner-Auinger)
- Unit Programme (Head: René Schlee)
- Unit Partnerships (Head: Barbara Zimmermann)

## 12. MISCELLANEOUS

The General Assembly ended at 17:19  
Minutes: Ulla Offenbeck