

Memorandum of Understanding

EUSTORY is an informal network of organisations running history competitions for young people in Europe. Members of the network agree to respect and promote the principles laid out in the EUSTORY Charter and the EUSTORY Rules. Members agree to exercise their membership of the network according to the structures and procedures set out in this Memorandum of Understanding.

1. Aims

Members of EUSTORY agree to strive to achieve the following aims:

- to encourage young Europeans to develop an own understanding of the past and the present;
- to help set up history research competitions for young people in European countries;
- to organize information exchange and mutual review of competition results;
- to initiate international meetings for competition winners;
- to provide specific know-how for teachers involved in EUSTORY competitions;
- to develop ideas, recommendations and joint initiatives regarding history in Europe;
- to contribute to the development of intercultural and mutual understanding among young Europeans;
- to strengthen cross-border dialog in Europe;
- to initiate a discussion about historical culture and identity.

2. Network Structure and Membership

Members of the EUSTORY Network agree to come together once a year for the Annual EUSTORY Network Meeting. This provides a regular platform for members to exchange experiences, discuss topics relevant to the network and to take decisions on membership issues and common EUSTORY initiatives.

The EUSTORY Network is coordinated by the Körber Foundation that initiated EUSTORY together with its partner organisations in 2001. The Körber Foundation provides the professional management of the EUSTORY Network through the EUSTORY coordination office based at the foundation's offices.

Membership in the EUSTORY Network is issued to organisations that share the common aims of EUSTORY as laid out above. Members are accepted to the EUSTORY Network during the Annual EUSTORY Network Meeting based on majority voting.

3. Annual EUSTORY Network Meeting

The Annual EUSTORY Network Meeting is convened once a year. Invitations to the meeting, including the agenda, are sent out to the network six weeks in advance in order

to ensure that every member organisation has the opportunity to take part. Member organisations can reclaim travel and accommodation expenses for one person from the EUSTORY coordination office at the Körber Foundation with prior approval. Each full member organisation has the right to voice its opinion through an appointed representative of that organisation attending the Annual EUSTORY Network Meeting.

The Annual EUSTORY Network Meeting is chaired by the Spokesperson of the Steering Committee or by another person appointed by the Steering Committee. Decisions taken during the Annual Network Meeting will be laid down in minutes that will be made available to all members. English is the working language of the meetings.

4. Steering Committee and its Spokesperson

The Steering Committee (SC) consists of four members. English is the working language of the SC-meetings. The Spokesperson of the committee will be appointed by the Körber Foundation. The remainder of the members are elected for a one year mandate by a majority vote of members in the Annual EUSTORY Network Meeting. Each member holds one single vote for the elections.

Representatives of EUSTORY member organisations who want to candidate for the SC are asked to submit a statement and a short CV to the EUSTORY coordination office at the Körber Foundation in Hamburg before the Annual EUSTORY Network Meeting. The Spokesperson of the SC will distribute the list of candidates, their CV and statements to the members prior to the Annual EUSTORY Network Meeting.

The SC sets its own agenda. It is involved in the decision about membership and strategy as well as in the planning of the ordinary activities of the EUSTORY Network. Each member of the SC also represents EUSTORY during at least one EUSTORY Award Ceremony per year. The work of the SC is coordinated by its Spokesperson.

The Spokesperson is responsible for the implementation of matters agreed by the Annual EUSTORY Network Meeting and the Steering Committee. The Spokesperson of the SC is in charge of pursuing the objectives, general management and external representation of EUSTORY. The Spokesperson conducts the management of the EUSTORY Network in coordination with the SC.

5. Dissolution

In case of dissolution all rights regarding name, entitlements to and from third persons and available properties belong to the Körber Foundation.