



GEM DIAMOND

Consortium Agreement

ART. 7.4: SUPERVISORY BOARD

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Excerpt of the Consortium Agreement

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Responsibilities

The SB is the ultimate decision-making body of the consortium. It is responsible for overseeing the quality of the network-wide training of Researchers' and for ensuring that scientific/technological training is balanced with transferable skills training appropriate to the needs of each recruited Researcher. The SB will also oversee the quality and quantity of supervision of the Researchers.

Specific responsibilities

The SB is specifically responsible for the development of the programme, the overall coordination of its constituent research projects, and the promotion of its training & research agendas. The SB is the sovereign decisional body regarding all matters related to, among others:

- The coordination of administrative & financial management.
- The composition of the consortium (e.g. entry of new Party, withdrawal of Parties).
- The transparency and good governance principles set out by the "European Charter for Researchers" and in the "Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers".
- The follow up of necessary supervision & reporting duties.
- The programming of joint activities.
- The endorsement & support of local implementation efforts.
- The endorsement & awarding of additional activities like guest lectures, Researcher projects, executive briefings and joint sessions at international conferences.
- The project's ethics strategy and its annual "Ethics Audit Declaration" by an external advisor designated by the SB.

Composition

The SB includes as voting members:

- One representative from each of the 17 Parties
- A President designated by the coordinator.
- 2 Representatives of the GEM-DIAMOND Fellows.
- 2 Representatives of the GEM Alumni Community.

The SB includes as non-voting members:

- The PMO.

Upon request further members of the GEM-DIAMOND network can be invited as non-voting members to attend SB meetings by its President.

Presidency

The SB is chaired by its president. The SB's president is elected for a 2-year mandate by the representatives of the Parties following a proposal by the coordinator.

Convocation

The SB is convened by the PMO at least annually and additionally upon written request of any of the Parties. The PMO shall give notice in writing to each member of the SB as soon as possible and no later than 30 calendar days before the meeting.

Agenda

The PMO shall prepare and send each member of the SB, together with the notice, a proposal for an agenda. Each member of the SB will be allowed to complete this proposal until no later than 10 (ten) calendar days before the meeting. The PMO is responsible to send each member of the SB the final version of the agenda no later than 7 (seven) calendar days before the meeting. During a meeting, the members of the SB can unanimously agree to add a new item to the agenda.

Voting process

In all its decisions, the SB will strive towards consensus. However, if need be, decisions can be taken by way of qualified majority voting set at 2/3 (two thirds) of expressed votes. For a decision to be taken, at least 2/3 (two thirds) of the members of the SB with voting right must be present or represented. Any decision taken by qualified majority voting will be done in respect of the rules and regulations of the Parties. A member of the SB, which can show that its own work, time for performance, costs, liabilities, intellectual property rights or other legitimate interests would be severely affected by a decision of the SB may exercise a veto with respect to the corresponding decision or relevant part of the decision. In its capacity as the consortium's main coordinating structure and sovereign decisional body, the SB is called upon to deliberate as a whole – be it either in person or electronically. All matters related to the implementation of the Action are within the purview of the SB and are to be discussed openly among all its members. When necessary, depending on the topic, the relevant voting constituency within the SB will vary as for example only the beneficiaries are held responsible for the management of the EU funding and are therefore also those parties who have final decisional power on these matters.

Considering the varying responsibilities voting within the SB:

- On financial matters pertaining to the EU funding will only involve the Beneficiaries
- Matters pertaining to the Multiple Degrees will only involve the degree-awarding institutions
- Matters pertaining to individual research projects will involve all SB members except for the Reps
- Matters pertaining to the joint research and training agendas will involve all SB members
- Matters set out in the individual Personal Career Development Plans will involve all SB members



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