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|  | <h2 style="margin: 0;">Minutes</h2> <h1 style="margin: 0;">ALTER-Net Management Board meeting</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">Remote   26-27 October 2020</p> |
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### Participants

1. Jiska van Dijk (NINA, Norway, MB chair)
2. Allan Watt (MB Vice-Chair)
3. Maurice Hoffmann (INBO, Belgium, Council Chair)
4. Sonja Jähnig (IGB, Germany)
5. Mart Kulvik (IAES, Estonia)
6. Philip Roche (INRAE, France)
7. Adriana Clivillé Morató (CEH, UK)
8. Marie Vandewalle (UFZ, Germany)
9. Petteri Vihervaara (SYKE, Finland)
10. Joan Pino (CREAF, Spain)
11. Juliette Young (ICEH, UK)
12. Tyler Kulfan (ALTER-Net)

**Absent:** Andy Sier (CEH, UK)

## Alternet Management Board Meeting 2020

26-27 October 2020

Present: Tyler, Adriana, Jiska, Joan, Juliette, Maurice, Sonja, Marie, Petteri, Allan, Mart, Philip (joining at 13.00)

### Agenda:

#### Day one

12:30-13:00 Start meeting, official approval of minutes of previous MB meetings, what is expected from us in terms of preparation Council meeting (Jiska)

Jiska started the meeting at 12.30 and welcomed all those present, while voicing regret that the meeting had to be hosted virtually rather than in person in Trondheim. Ten topics and timeslots are to be discussed in the course of the meeting, including updates from the prior meetings of the Alternet iNGO.

The minutes of the previous MB meetings were distributed by Tyler. **The MB unanimously approved the minutes of the past meetings; these minutes will be published on the Alternet website.**

The Alternet Council meeting will be held 10-11 in Aveiro, Portugal, hosted by CESAM. There will be a deadline of Monday 23 November for the preparation of all documents and proposals for the Council meeting. During the next two days, proposals will be discussed, as well as the budget. Following the present meeting, proposals can be adapted and updated, but must be submitted to Tyler by 23 November so that they may be shared proactively with the Council.

The 1st of January will represent the beginning of the new phase of Alternet with the new MoU and the first calendar year of the Alternet iNGO. Tyler and Jiska prepared a spreadsheet showing participation and beneficiaries from the different institutes in Alternet activities; it will be further updated before being shared with the Council. Jiska concluded her introduction to the meeting.

13:00-1330 Outcome meeting funding members (Friday 23.Oct) with proposal on way forward to move from the Alternet network to the official iNGO, letter to the partner institutes (Maurice - briefing on outcome of meeting this coming Friday with founding members)

Maurice presented an updated on the iNGO and the state of the Council and partner institutes. The new prospective member (Dicam) has received 23 expressions of approval and should be smoothly approved and integrated into Alternet.

Maurice stated that Wageningen, formerly Alterra, was reached out to for a final statement concerning if they intend to remain in Alternet after years without payment and minimal activity. If they do not respond by Friday, they will be removed from Alternet.

The majority of present members plan to continue their membership in the Alternet Association, following the outreach of Maurice. He recommends the following procedure: it was accepted during the prior Council meeting by consensus that the Association would be founded, so it is assumed that all members will join by default. Following this present meeting, Maurice will send a mail requesting that members accept the statutes of the new Association, repeat formally who their representative will be, and ask for actual size in terms of employees, thereby joining the Association. It is not intended to ask for a pledge letter, as membership in the Association assumes this.

Maurice stated that looking over the internal rules is critical. Cash contributions in large, medium, and small are outlined in the internal rules. Concerns about enforceability of contributions were addressed in the new rules. Participation in activities is considered to be in-kind contribution and it is assumed that the number of in-kind days corresponds with the size of the institute. Another change in rules states that members that begin as associate members must engage themselves as full members following the first year. If small institutes do not have

the possibility of making cash contribution following one year, they may contribute an equivalent amount of in-kind time. Official delegation of representatives and declaration of institutes size will be shortly forthcoming.

Concerning elections, the Council chair is elected at the end of each period. Presently, the three-year period is coming to an end at the end of this year; as such, a nomination system and election must be arranged. The MB is currently composed of ten individuals. There is no statement in the MoU that election of MB members must happen at the end of the MoU. If it is decided that extra members are needed or if MB members decide that they do not wish to continue, nomination of new members may occur. The composition of the MB must be at least six members; and, in contrast with the prior MoU, the decisions regarding functions of the MB is decided by the MB itself without Council input, including the election of the MB leadership.

Maurice concluded his briefing. Philip Roche joined the meeting.

Joan asked for further clarification about in-kind contributions. Maurice noted that in-kind contributions are currently concentrated in a small number of institutes and persons; monitoring in-kind contributions has been difficult to date. Initiation has not been taken to date to ensure sufficient provision of in-kind contributions; the new updates to the rules and statutes are to help address and resolve this. Mart addressed the new size and cash contribution regulations as a representative of a central eastern European country. Petteri expressed that his future service as an MB member may be better served by another representative and he may step down. This will be further discussed during the Infrastructure agenda point.

Marie questioned the procedure for nomination of Chair and Vice Chair of Council. It will be an open nomination procedure and will be an official agenda item of the Council meeting. Marie also questioned point 5.1 of the new statutes, which states that founding members are not necessarily members of the MB. Maurice stated that the founding members title is somewhat artificial and was used for expediency of establishment of the Association; they have no official role. The founding members may be members of the MB but are not necessarily so.

Jiska is in discussion with NINA about her continued service as MB Chair. If she has to step down, her replacement can be dealt with internally by the MB.

Now that Alternet is a legal NGO, a treasurer is still needed. There have been suggestions, but to date the appointment is unresolved. Currently, Floris van den Broeck has handled the treasurer work. The Council would need to approved Floris as a new MB member if he is to continue in this position. Adriana will replace Andy at the end of the year; Juliette has been added as a supplementary MB member.

By the end of the present MB meeting, Maurice will take the next step to inform representatives concerning the present progress.

### 13:30-14:00 Budget overview and update Alternet side-activities (Biodiv Partnership, PEER, others)

Jiska shared the budget overview and reviewed the items and amounts spent to date. 190,000.76 (CHECK) is the present credit balance. So far only MTA-OK and SYKE have not paid their annual contribution, in addition to Wageningen. A VAT number should be made available by the end of the year. All have made sufficient contributions in 2018 except the Polish institute, which made up for the deficit with in-kind. Wageningen has consistently not paid their membership fee. The current overview only includes costs accounted for in 2020, not necessarily total costs. It was noted that many activities, including the Summer School, accrued much lower costs in 2020 due to the COVID situation. Legal costs were high in 2020 but will not remain in forthcoming years.

Budgets and individual activity contracts will be dealt with further during the activity agenda points.

Alternet has been involved in planning and negotiation concerning the future Biodiversity Partnership, specifically concerning capacity building and alignment with the Summer School and potential conference collaboration. This will be further addressed later on. There is also negotiation and collaboration with Eklipse. Aside from the BP, there has been intensive work on an MoU with PEER. Raoul Mille proposed this MoU to align work and inform each other concerning activity. A proposal was sent to the PEER directors and there has been internal discussion. The directors have affirmed that they do wish to sign an MoU and have presented a reformulated proposal, which Jiska and Maurice accepted. It will be signed at the next PEER director meeting in November.

A mail was circulated on the Green Deal proactively to help ensure impact on subjects. Jiska submitted consultation on behalf of Alternet and a number of partners expressed interest in joint proposals, which are listed on the Call Exchange.

### 14:00-14:30 Communication (Adriana, Tyler)

Tyler presented a communications update. Ask Andy if changing mailing list will require GDPR renewal and renewal of mailing list participants.

Adriana presented an overview of her current and future work as the new Alternet communications MB meeting. She proposes sending survey to members concerning communications needs and to send an activity proposal by November 2020. She wishes to revise social media strategy and create an Alternet newsletter every four months. Adriana has Andy's general communications strategy; she would like to update with more operational objectives. She is also currently reviewing Tyler's web content text drafts. Adriana also addressed the work of CREAf assembling the web and server infrastructure necessary for the hosting of Alternet website, Eklipse website, and the Eklipse database. Internal discussions will

commence within Eklipse to discuss the costs and possibilities for establishing a database at CREAM.

Jiska inquired Adriana's budget proposals. She suggested a proposed budget of between 6-8k but will work on revising and considerations concerning this budget with Andy and Tyler. An update of printed materials was suggested. Jiska will add a rough estimate of 6-8k to the budget spreadsheet.

Break 14:30-15:00

#### 15:00-15:30 MSR (Joan)

Joan presented on the two ongoing (but largely finished) projects: Multi-Lake Research of Fish Ecology and Management (led by BC-CAS) and Roadmap for a European Multi-Site Wildlife Research Infrastructure (led by INBO). In 2019, the Council granted the BC-CAS project 10k for a third year (because they had extensively shared detailed plans and updates on project progress) and ceased funding for the INBO project (no third year funding). Progress made to date was reviewed by Joan.

A budget reallocation has been requested for: personnel costs (originally not allowed in the project call), development costs, and publication costs in open access.

The MB agreed that there is difficult in the MSR projects, as they tend to attract ongoing larger projects and rarely adequately acknowledge Alternet. The MSR is an excellent activity that promotes integration and collaboration; for the future, it was proposed to put the call on hold, but ask for appropriate recognition. The call stipulates that the work done on the project counts as in-kind contribution; as such, the money should be spent on other costs beyond labor.

This raised three keys questions:

Can the money be spend differently than previously established?

Based on yes or no, is there a need for the Council to rethink the current procedure?

Are we to proceed with a new MSR call in 2021?

It was questioned if the money could not be spent as specified, whether we should request the money be returned. Maurice stated that until the rules are changed, there is no way for costs to be spent on personal costs. Philip suggested the possibility of extending the duration of the project as a flexibility courtesy during the corona crisis; the MB agreed, and this message will be passed on to both MSR projects.

Joan raised whether another call should be proposed to the Council; how many; and how much? It was previously 10k annually allocated per project per year for up to three years. Marie suggested that as Alternet transitions, the MSR question should be actively considered. Maurice

noted that research initiatives are still considered very central to Alternet by many members and that we shouldn't close the door on MSR simply because of the poorly managed INBO projects. Juliette suggested that sentiments should be extracted about why partners participate in the initiative and why others don't. In terms of recognition, she suggested that a policy impact element (linked with Eklipse or a different SPI element) could be interesting and further encourage proposals. Philip recommended asserting that MSR project partners should mention Alternet in all their communications and outputs. Allan suggested promoting good examples at the 2021 conference.

Jiska stated that in proposal to Council, we also ask why partners apply and why not. We can then map the conversation and how it progresses from there. Maurice proposed asking the Council directly how the initiative could be improved. He also proposed potentially having thematic calls, like was previously done with AHIA. Marie agreed, stating that the theme of the call could be linked to the conference.

15:30-16:00 SPI Juliette

Juliette updated the MB on SPI-relevant activities, including the UFZ SPI Seminar. Future online seminars to build SPI capacity across Alternet member institutes (rotating between institutes, with three planned for 2021 in March, June, and October) are proposed. There would be an open call for hosting. Seminars would be advertised, livestreamed, and including 2-3 guest speakers.

An online one-stop-shop on SPIs is proposed for the Alternet website, with an aim of establishing a state-of-the-art page for anyone wanting to understand and engage in SPI at the European level. Budget options include Tyler's salary, support from a professional website designed, support from a research assistant, and support from an intern. In terms of time required, establishment of the website would likely not require massive amounts of time; regular maintenance and updating would require regular input from all those involved. Maurice stated that the time needed for this work and relevant to many other activities establishes clearly the need for a full-time secretariat; the work needed for communications and secretariat should be presented at the end of the Council meeting. If they do not vote for continuation of the secretariat at Council, it will compromise the ability to carry out any of the other proposals and activities. Marie further stated that launching such a one-stop-shop is a necessity for establishing Alternet as the European-level center of SPI on biodiversity and ecosystem services. Juliette stated that the budget for a web developer would be approximately 2k.

In terms of technicalities for SPI seminar hosting, it should be clearly established what the technical requirements are (i.e. software issues) so that institutes can consider this when weighing the option of hosting. Juliette stated that Eklipse hosts GoToMeeting and Zoom for up to 250 participants and that institutes could use their video conference resources. Eklipse can also offer technical services. Allan noted that the virtual summer school, working with Tyler and other conveners, was a success and could provide many "lessons learned."

16:00-16:30 Eklipse Marie

Marie introduced the activity and progress of Eklipse as the central element of Alternet's Science Policy Society interface activities. The work of the numerous task forces was addressed, and an overview of past Eklipse activities was reviewed.

Tyler will send website draft and Candice's spreadsheet for comments with the MB members.

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For the 2020 proposal, four scenarios for continuation of the Eklipse Management Body under the umbrella of Alternet were presented. 35k allocated last year remain untouched; it is proposed that this money is carried over to 2021. No additional funding is otherwise needed. The Eklipse Management Body will be composed of Marie Vandewalle, Karla Locher, and Candice Pouget, with Tyler serving as Alternet Secretariat hosted by UFZ.

Option 1: UFZ continues hosting the EMB, funding for requests are received by Alternet, which pays for EMB through UFZ.

--Option 1a: Requesters could pay UFZ full overhead costs.

--Option 1b: UFZ could decrease its overheads in exchange for hosting the Alternet Secretariat.

Option 2: Alternet employs the EMB directly

--2a: UFZ continues to host EMB (guest contracts)

--2b: Alternet finds someone else to host the EMB

Maurice noted that all four members of the Eklipse and Alternet secretariat are already located in eastern Germany and that any hosting of the EMB elsewhere would require them to relocate or to hire/rebuild a new EMB. Options are still being discussed by UFZ; Marie asked for feedback on the option of all secretariat members being hosted at UFZ. Tyler is currently functioning under 2b, where he is employed by Alternet but works at Alternet as a guest scientist. Maurice suggested that the best, most practical way is preferable, but all depends on how we sell it to the Council. If there are no objections, the plan is to move forward with planning how they can be practically carried out. Allan stated that an honest discussion among the MB is beneficial, but that the Council will ultimately decide. If overheads are reduced substantially, it will likely lead to more requests which is beneficial for all. What is needed is to reduce the number of possibilities before presentation to the Council. If all options are valid, the MB should . If one of the conditions are that these four individuals remain in Germany, option 2b would be difficult. Another question is how this will be communicated--as an UFZ, Alternet, or Eklipse activity. Maurice suggests that we first say yes or not to the feasibility of each option and then determine the elements to prioritize. Juliette expressed that 2b is quite risky at the current stage. Jiska agrees that 2b should be eliminated at the moment. She stated that 1a and 1b require a negotiation with Alternet to remove the cash contribution and consider how that decision might set a precedent for cash contribution exceptions for other institutes. Marie stated that she also thinks 1a is not the best option and hopes it will be eventually eliminated.

Marie asked if we should present what Eklipse and the EMB prefer, or abstain from influencing the Council. The four secretariat members would prefer:

Options should be presented in terms of our preferences. UFZ is firm on 25% European Commission requests. Because UFZ is partially funded by the government, its overhead costs are inflexible in negotiability. If there is a cost at UFZ for hosting, Alternet will cover this cost. Maurice noted that the Council may wish to further discuss the necessity of three part-time Eklipse secretariat members and one full-time Alternet secretariat is needed. Explaining the need for three part-time employees to support the EMB is top priority (more important than establishing how exactly we spend the 35k). Marie will further detail the need for these employees. Philip noted that cost as well as benefits and work capacity should be outlined. He suggested ranking options in order of preference.

Option 2b should either be explained as relatively infeasible or eliminate. 1a, 1b, and 2a should be considered and ranked. Maurice expressed preference for 1b, as did Marie. Marie will proceed on solving remaining possibilities and practicalities. Jiska detected general agreement in a proposed ranking of 1b, then 2a, then 1a, then 2b. 2b can be reformulated or eliminated.

16:30-17:00 Are we biodiverse enough? (Jiska)  
Moved to tomorrow as the last item.

Day two

09:00-09:30 Research infrastructure (Petteri)

The schedule was moved and Petteri began the second day's agenda with a review of research infrastructure issues and progress from 2020, including LTER, GEO BON, and LifeWatch, in addition to Alternet itself.

Petteri noted that he has struggled to determine how Alternet can best engage with such research structures, now that they are independent and external to Alternet. He suggested that supporting data flows and provisions (through Eklipse or other means) could be a potential direction for Alternet's infrastructure activities.

The video was discussed. It is largely finished but revisions were requested by Michael Mirtl and LTER. No revision suggestions were ever provided, however. Petteri suggested that a budget of 3-5k could be proposed to support revision and finalization of the video.

Petteri stated that after three years, it is difficult for him to contribute at a sufficient level to the MB. The directors at SYKE have suggested replacing Petteri with another SYKE colleague for this role.

Questions to MB:

- What should we do with the video?
- How should Alternet proceed with the research infrastructure activity?
- How should we replace Petteri?

Half of the allocated 5k was used; the remaining amount will be allocated to finalize the video (with or without input from LTER).

Maurice suggested revising the video with more consideration of end-user service and linking data in societal questions. Allan stated that if Petteri cannot remain (his preferred option), he would recommend Petteri finding an appropriate replacement at SYKE. He also stated that the Alternet niche should be more focused on experimentation than monitoring. Jiska stated that she firmly believes the infrastructure activity should be maintained in the MB. Maurice stated that he also sees value of a SYKE replacement but that partners should also be given an option to add nominees (perhaps state that SYKE has a potential replacement but that other nominations are welcome). Maurice noted that there is not a set number of MB members; CESAM was mentioned, and Allan noted the potential value in having two MB members on this subject (one from Northern Europe, one from Southern Europe). If Petteri steps back, there will be a nomination process before the Council meeting and a vote at the Council.

09:30-10:00 Summer school (Allan)

Allan provided a review of the 2020 Summer School. The in-person Summer School in Peyresq was cancelled and a series of virtual aperitif talks were held nightly in its place. It was noted that the event brought in a high number of participants and was a success.

Proposals:

1. Summer school in Peyresq, 2021
2. Planning for 2022 Summer School
3. To negotiate cooperation with the Biodiversity Partnership for future Summer Schools, provisionally from 2022, underpinned by a MoU.

Allan stated the importance of the independence of the Summer School; as such, he is supportive of the BP support so long as there is an MoU. Marie agreed with the importance of the MoU and avoiding the Alternet Summer School becoming the European Commission Summer School.

The 35k budget for the 2020 Summer School was unused. The Peyresq Foundation may need to raise costs, but this will not affect the 35k allocation. Juliette asked about the cooperation with the BP, stressing the Summer School's independence as crucial to its success and added value. The BP has suggested providing 20% of funding. Allan stated that, in the context of the partnership, it would be possible to set up an advisory board separate from the conveners, who ultimately make the decisions.

The BP is offering the following:

-2-4 Person Months support provided by Partnership partners

-4000 E/ speaker

-950 - 1800 E/ participant (depending whether or not the Partnership also pays for the registration fee)

Because the funding possibility is not clearly established, Jiska suggested asking for the same full 35k allocation from the Council for 2022 in case the 20% funding falls through. Maurice stated that Alternet's activities are exceeding its income in terms of cost (annual budget = 55k). External funding is thus needed. Concerns for independence should be addressed in an MoU, but extra funding should be pursued.

Allan noted that the possibility for a new summer school targeting a new user group was rejected for now. Funding would be to support the current summer school. Maurice stated that we should establish ourselves as the stronger partner in an MoU. He suggested stressing independence not only in the MoU but also in Alternet branding and advertising. The BP could freely suggest topics, speakers, etc. so long as Alternet retains the freedom to reject suggestions.

It is proposed that the MB supports negotiations regarding development of BP support, underpinned by an MoU that establishes the independence of the Alternet Summer School.

10:00-10:30 Conference 2021 (Philip, Sonja)

Sonja reviewed the outputs of the 2019 Alternet Conference, including three major paper publications and the publication of the Key Messages.

The state of conference planning for 2021 was likewise reviewed. The proposed title is "Biodiversity and Health: Time for Transformative Change." A working group has met three times to plan the conference, under the leadership of Philip. Tyler, Tessa, and Adriana are providing support in organization, advertisement, and dissemination.

The 2021 Conference will be hosted at the usual venue (Augustinian Monastery in Ghent, Belgium) from 18-21 May. It is intended that at least some plenaries will be livestreamed; further consideration needs to be given to options concerning streaming and virtual capabilities in case the conference can not be held in person.

Philip shared potential goals and outcomes of the 2021 conference. The main topic sessions include: Biodiversity and ecological health (Ana Lillebo/Philip Roche); Biodiversity and human health (Jenni Lehtimaki/Tania Ploumi); time for a systematic change of food systems (Nicolas Dendoncker); How to deal with transformative changes (Jiska/Francesca Leucci); and Actionize scientific knowledge (SPI) (Allan Watt/Marie Vandewalle. The proposed Conference presentation text has been prepared; and Philip suggested that it is now time to begin advertisement and promotion.

Juliette suggested that societal engagement is missing in the conversation of transformative change and recommended intentional inclusion of this in our conference. She also recommended using the conference to push transformative change from discourse to establishing clear ideas of what changes are needed and how they may be implemented. She stated that she is willing to serve on the steering committee. Allan noted that the conference is an opportunity to promote Alternet activities--in particular, Eklipse. A session on Eklipse should be arranged.

Budget: A budget allocation for 2021 is needed. To proved sustainability, a minimal budget should be used; the fee should be raised; and means of external funding should be pursued. It was questioned if allocation from the Council should be considered a buffer, etc. Philip noted that we should keep in mind that technical costs for livestreaming will increase the cost of hosting the conference. Joan suggested that moving funding from activities under discussion (i.e. MSR) to the conference may be beneficial. Allan stated that the fee should be raised.

Marie stated that there are three possibilities: all livestreamed, streamed with speakers at the monastery, and standard in-person with streaming. Allan agreed that laying out these scenarios should be top priority. Maurice stated that there should be a significant difference between Alternet and non-Alternet fees; he also stated the strong added value of having a standard in-person conference and that we shouldn't be afraid of postponing the conference to a later date, unless transformative change will lose its relevance.

Tyler has been in touch with the technical staff at the Ghent Monastery and can obtain a price estimate, once the scenarios for streaming, etc. have been established; he requested that these scenarios and what they would require be shared with him once they are composed. Allan suggested another option: an all-virtual conference at no/low cost followed by an in-person conference as soon as possible.

A new meeting of the scientific committee will be organized soon by Philip.

Proposal: An allocation of 10k is requested, potentially as a buffer with funding support also coming through alternative means.

Break 10:30-11:00

11:00-11:30 AHIA (Philip)

Philip reported on the ongoing AHIA projects, including the 2018 project of Per Angelstam (SLU), which is in its finishing stages; and the second ongoing 2019 project of Thibault Datry (INRAE), which is likewise in its finishing stages. An online video presentation of the AHIA has been shared, along with a substantial policy brief. The 2020 project of Bede West (CEH) has been started and one workshop was organized. However, there are issues related to travel and expenses due to COVID. They have requested a reoriented budget; a budget updated from the

project has been requested but not yet received. The contract has not yet been received, either. Guidelines may need to be reconsidered, as the money is typically used for in person meetings, etc. which cannot currently be held.

5k each are yet to be sent to Per Angelstam and Thibault Datry. Marie noted that the project of Bede West should have the budget shared by Friday, 30 October. Mart questioned the status of standing issues concerning the project of Per (i.e. SLU not paying partnership fees). Philip stated that new guidelines and requirements were made in response to this project; and that, ultimately, Per's project is delivering valuable and interesting outputs. Philip questioned if the 15k should be fully requested, as it is likely that in-person meetings may not be possible.

Maurice questioned if the call will be thematic. Philip expressed openness to thematic or open calls; Jiska suggested alignment with the conference theme. Joan noted that AHIA has been more successful than MSR specifically because the high-impact has been achieved; and, as such, it should be maintained and promoted.

Proposal: A new call will be released in 2021 and a budget of 15k is requested. It was noted that the AHIA projects are producing valuable outputs and outcomes.

--The MB will decide on a theme prior to the call release; the 23rd is the deadline for creating a theme list

--The conference topic themes will be used as potential themes

--We will ask the council how they wish to proceed with attracting more MSR proposals for future calls.

11:30-12:00 Call Exchange (Mart)

Mart presented on Alternet's clearinghouse mechanism, the Call Exchange. He shared an overview of interest expressed in the Green Deal calls. Tyler noted that he has recently begun uploading the clusters of new Horizon calls. He also posed that, with the website being overhauled, we will have to consider how to continue the call exchange on the new website--a similar simple grid design? Or if we are hiring a web engineer for the SPI page, would it be worth spending a bit to also create a more modern, user friendly clearinghouse mechanism?

Maurice asked if the call exchange could be subscribed to per the GDPR. He generally advised that the activity should be approached more proactively rather than reactively by partners; and questioned how the Call Exchange should be considered in light of the new legal entity. Marie noted that this issue of legal entity will be raised by the Council in terms of consortium proposals, etc., noting that UFZ was concerned about competing with Alternet for proposals.

Proposal: Allocation of 2k for a web developer to make a modern, integrated Call Exchange clearinghouse mechanism on the new website. Council members are likewise encouraged to proactively send information to Tyler about new and upcoming calls.

We should recommend to the Council network development. If any questions are raised in the council on the intentions of Alternet to get active on the proposal market, we can state that this is not the case on short term, in this activity Alternet remains in my opinion a facilitating organisation for its members, rather than an initiative taker [12:00 PM] maurice hoffmann (Gast) (Guest)  
But this doesn't mean that we could not try to put more effort in the facilitation role

[12:00 PM] maurice hoffmann (Gast) (Guest)

Our facilitating role should aim at bringing people together with shared interest in certain calls

12:00-12:30 Are we biodiverse enough (Jiska)

Jiska invited her boss to join the video conference to participate since it was not possible to meeting in person or to have a social event.

12.30-13.00 Wrap up and closure

Deadline of 23rd November for submitting your documents and final proposals to Council. Jiska shared the final allocated budget document. The budget proposal was finalized with input from the MB members and can be adjusted if activity proposals are revised prior to 23 November.

A balance of 190k stands; 55k should be incoming. 168,500 will be spent between ongoing activity costs and new proposals. It should be stated that there is an intention to hire a full-time secretariat and that the 20k allocation will not be sufficient for this position. It is the position of the MB that Alternet should hire Tyler as full-time secretariat serving all activities (including Eclipse). Jiska stated that all activity proposals should stress their dependency upon a full-time secretariat in order to be actualized. Maurice will pursue an estimate with Floris of what this cost will entail but presented 53k as a cost estimate. The decision upon an Eclipse secretariat funding option will have an impact on the Alternet secretariat as well. Maurice suggested that it might be appropriate to distribute the secretariat costs across the different activities.

Philip suggested proactively composing a 2022 budget. Jiska, Maurice, and Tyler will work on this. External funding needs to be further pursued. Maurice stressed how low cash is relative to in-kind contributions and that there needs to be recognition of the amount of time that is spent on Alternet maintenance. Jiska proposed that a small TF of Jiska, Tyler, Floris, and Maurice works on how to present budget practicalities. Marie suggested displaying the in-kind contributions on the budget, or on a separate budget document. Philip stated that incomes of Eclipse should be included.

The meeting closed at 13.10.

Music Game:

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGwpsdD82u8>
2. (<https://youtu.be/aLnZ1NQm2uk>)
3. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKyj6lYHfT8>
4. (1.40) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FH8vgAp4VDU>
5. <https://youtu.be/bpEmjxobvY> Jiska
6. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BhNdXr5wey0> Allan
7. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fsAMAlaas94> Petteri
8. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGFk295eW9o> Marie
9. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-Yh6rnOchs> Joan
10. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMYI8OW7oJE> Maurice
11. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCLp7zodUil> Mart
12. <https://youtu.be/3Z5qEKxfrm8> Sonja
13. (0.32) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FwkrrU2WYKg> Tyler
14. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wP8A9rtg0il> Allan
15. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjic59FgUpq> Marie
16. ([https://youtu.be/A02\\_GJtE9yM](https://youtu.be/A02_GJtE9yM)) Philip
17. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjFsZj1aHow> Joan
18. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jo\\_-KoBiBG0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jo_-KoBiBG0) Jiska
19. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3Nr-FoA9Ps> Petteri

Mart 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KGwpsdD82u8> Sonja wins  
 Mart 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eCLp7zodUil> (Petteri wins)  
 Me 1 (0.32) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FwkrrU2WYKg> Philip  
 Me 2 (1.40) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FH8vgAp4VDU> Juliette  
 Marie 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wGFk295eW9o> Philip  
 Marie 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjic59FgUpq> Jiska  
 Petteri 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fsAMAlaas94> Philip  
 Petteri 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s3Nr-FoA9Ps> Maurice

Philip 1 ([https://youtu.be/A02\\_GJtE9yM](https://youtu.be/A02_GJtE9yM)) Maurice  
Philip 2 (<https://youtu.be/aLnZ1NQm2uk>) Juliette  
Joan 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3-Yh6rnOchs> Sonja  
Joan 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjFsZj1aHow> Allan  
Sonja 1 <https://youtu.be/3Z5qEKxfmm8> Allan + Philip  
Sonja 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MKyj6lYHfT8>  
Jiska 1 <https://youtu.be/bpEmjxobvbY>  
Jiska 2 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jo\\_-KoBiBG0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jo_-KoBiBG0)  
Maurice: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMYI8OW7oJE>  
Allan 1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BhNdXr5wey0>  
Allan 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wP8A9rtg0il>