

Minutes from Skype meeting in the NSR IR Committee 7 November 2021

Participants:

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IRC MD104 Norway (NO)	Lars Tveter
IRC MD106 Denmark (DK)	Søren Stensgaard, decision minutes
IRC MD107 Finland (FI)	Heimo Potinkara
IRC MD109 Iceland (IS)	Arni Fridriksson, chairperson

Agenda:

1. Welcome to meeting: Arni
2. Review answers to questions: Per, Lars and Heimo
3. Discussion: All
4. Decision on a proposal to the CC group: All

Welcome to meeting:

Arni opened the meeting by highlighting the facts around the process (according to the NSR Constitutions and By-laws) for the NSR IR Committees task, leading to a recommendation, that shall be sent to the CC-Group and asked the Committee look above “own MD’s project” in the process.

The NSR IR Project is one of the Flagships in the NSR and shall be of a nature where Lions across the Nordic area supports the project and its core values.

In total 3 projects have been send to the IR Committee before the dead-line:

- MD101 Sweden: *A future for the Children – Providing a new start for Survivors of sexual violence. DR Congo.*
- MD104 Norway: *Creating Opportunities through Sustainable Agriculture.*
- MD107 Finland: *Expanding the solar Cooker project in Africa.*

An initial individual assessment of the 3 projects have been done in October by the IR Committee members. The assessment raised several questions to all projects and highlighted a need for additional information and answers to questions.

Review of answers to questions:

All questions from the IR Committee have been distributed among the Committee members and Per, Lars and Heimo (as one point of contact to project leads in own MD) have collected the additional information and answers.

The information and answers were distributed to the Committee before the meeting and Per, Lars and Heimo gave a short sum-up of the projects scopes.

Discussion:

All information (the initial project plans and the after words collected information) have been taken into consideration by the Committee.

An initial voting on preferred project showed the following distribution of support:

- The Finnish project: 1 (FI)
- The Swedish project: 1 (SE)
- The Norwegian project: 3 (NO, IS and DK)

It was established that all 3 projects are prudent and of a quality to be the next project.

After words dialogues and discussions regarding which project in general could gather the broadest support from more/all MD's were taken. During the dialogue Heimo informed that he could support the Norwegian project subject to the IR Committee providing an unanimously recommendation. However, that was not possible and the dialogues and discussions lead to a second voting showing the following distribution of support:

- The Finnish project: 1 (FI)
- The Swedish project: 1 (SE)
- The Norwegian project: 3 (NO, IS and DK)

Decision on a proposal to the CC group:

The outcome of the final assessment is that the NSR IR Committee was not able to give a unanimously recommends to the NSR CC-group.

The Chairperson of the NSR IR Committee shall latest 2 weeks before the November CC-meeting:

- Send the IR Committees recommendation to the Head of the NSR CC-Group.
- Give information about the recommendation to the Head of the OC.

When providing the above recommendation and information it shall be stated that:

- 3 NSR IR Committee members can support the Norwegian project
- 1 NSR IR Committee member can support the Finnish project
- 1 NSR IR Committee member can only support the Swedish project

The country dimension (who voted on which proposal) from the initial and second voting is documented via Minutes of this meeting.

The Committee decided to make an executive summary of recommendations regarding the Norwegian, Finnish and Swedish project. The recommendations shall be given to the CC-Group together with all received project material.

All Committee members (before the CC-Groups November meeting):

- Provide support to own CC's for them to be able to decide on a project.

Per, Lars and Heimo (after the CC-Groups November meeting):

- Information to project leads in own MD regarding the outcome of the CC-Groups recommendation to the NSR Council meeting.