



Future of CLIMMAR

Preface (1):

- In 2019, first during the Spring meeting in Naples and later on during the Congress in Thun, we discussed the Future of CLIMMAR and the possibility to make some organisational changes.
- During these discussions we came to three main conclusions:
 - We recognised the major added value of CLIMMAR for the national organisations.
 - We recognised that there is a potential to do more.
 - We recognised that we have to be careful in the cost/benefit ratio.
- In Thun, we also came to the conclusion that for the future of CLIMMAR it might be necessary to become an independent organization with an own juridical identity and a more permanent location and dedicated staff for the secretariat. This off course, with respect to the budgetary space and limits.



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Preface (2):

- Beginning February 2021 a letter was send to all CLIMMAR members to investigate their opinion on 4 ideas for change:
 - On Juridical Identity
 - On Location
 - On organizational structure of staff and Presidency
 - On the Statutes
- All reactions of the members were put into one overall document which was send back for this Spring meeting to form the basis for further elaboration on the future of CLIMMAR.
- Result of this Spring meeting consultation on the reactions on the 4 ideas should lead to the establishment of a working group with the mandate to make a total and integrated proposal for the Future of CLIMMAR. This integrated proposal is to be decided on at a later moment by all CLIMMAR members



Discussion on Future of CLIMMAR part: Juridical Identity

Idea:

Suggestion would be to use the Belgian law for the juridical identity of CLIMMAR and form a so called VZW (non-profit association). This type of identity is what most European associations are using.



Discussion on Future of CLIMMAR part: Juridical Identity

	Reactions on Juridical Identity
Belgium	vzw
Italy	vzw
Denmark	vzw
Czech Rep.	vzw or ivzw
France	vzw
Austria	vzw
Sweden	vzw
Hungary	vzw
Slovakia	vzw
Netherlands	vzw
Germany	vzw
Poland	vzw
UK	vzw
Switzerland	vzw
Luxembourg	vzw
Latvia	missing



Discussion on Future of CLIMMAR part: Juridical Identity

Progress:

We have already done some first investigation on the possibilities for setting up a VZW (non-profit association) under Belgian law. We have established first contacts with VSDC, an Belgian organisation specialised in advise on becoming a VZW status under Belgium law. They seem to be the right organisation to handle this item in a professional way.

Advise:

Continuation with the contacts with VSCD to elaborate the idea of Juridical Identity further.



Discussion on Future of CLIMMAR part: Location

Idea:

As most European (umbrella) sector organisations/ associations are based in Brussels, we believe the most logical location for CLIMMAR would be Brussels.



Discussion on Future of CLIMMAR part: Location

	Reactions on location	extra remark on location
Belgium	brussels	
Italy	brussels	safeguard independent association, preferably office into EU insittutions
Denmark	brussels	
Czech Rep.	brussels	Room within Fedragrim office or room within buildings of relevant other organisations
France	brussels	safeguard independent association, room within Fedagrim office not an option, preferably office within EU institutions
Austria	brussels	should fit within budgetlimits
Sweden	brussels	
Hungary	brussels	
Slovakia	brussels	
Netherlands	brussels	
Germany	brussels	Room within Fedagrim office not favourable, best option finding shelter within professional lobby organisation
Poland	brussels	
UK	brussels	Room within Fedragrim office very acceptable
Switzerland	fixed location can be brussel	
Luxembourg	brussels	
Latvia	missing	



Discussion on Future of CLIMMAR part: Location

Progress:

Some first investigations have been made based on the reactions of the members on this Idea:

- Holding office within one of the EU insitution buildings itself > not possible
- Holding office within premesis FEDAGRIM office > first conclusion: not favourable, look further
- Holding office within other (lobby) organisations:
 - First talks with SME-United
 - First talks with AECDR

Both organisations are specialist in lobby activities, have offices in Brussels, will make a first proposal for CLIMMAR on short term

Advise:

Continuation with the established first contacts with the other organisations and wait for their proposals. Mandate the Working Group to elaborte further on this.



Discussion on Future of CLIMMAR part: Organization structure of Staff and Presidency

Idea:

- enlist a dedicated and permanent General Secretary, starting on parttime basis, for CLMMAR, stationed and holding office in Brussels.
- The Presidency (President and Vice Presidents) can rotate every 3 years amongst the members in a fixed scheme. In this way we can ensure better continuation of the day to day work, on the right location for the work.



Discussion on Future of CLIMMAR part: Organization structure of Staff and Presidency

	Reactions on organizational structure
Belgium	agree
Italy	Agree with premanent SG / Secretariat. Precidency rotate amongst all members (3 years with max 2 terms for one memberstate)
Denmark	agree
Czech Rep.	Agree with permanent (full-time) SG. Precidency 3 to 4 yeasr term.
France	Permanent SG would be possible. Precidency rotate on a 2or 3 years term with 1 time reelection
Austria	Precidency on a 3 year term or more. Or re-election possibility
Sweden	agree
Hungary	agree
Slovakia	agree
Netherlands	agree
Germany	agree
Poland	agree
UK	agree
Switzerland	agree
Luxembourg	agree
Latvia	missing



Discussion on Future of CLIMMAR part: Organization structure of Staff and Presidency

Progress:

No further investigate on this subject has yet been done

Advise:

Mandate the Working Group to elaborate further on this idea to formulate a suitable proposal



Discussion on Future of CLIMMAR part: Statutes change

Idea:

The current CLIMMAR statutes date back from 1991. A revision is needed in the light of the suggested changes on the organization of CLIMMAR. Furthermore, as we also discussed at the congress in Thun, one important item in the Statutes to carefully look at, is **the wording of the decision making process and voting system** within CLIMMAR. This is especially important when it comes to decisions on expressing a common CLIMMAR point of view on certain lobby issues where CLIMMAR might be involved in. A possible formulation in the new Statutes is to be made with respect to the opinions of our members in this matter.



Discussion on Future of CLIMMAR part: Statutes change

	renewale statutes
Belgium	new
Italy	new
Denmark	new
Czech Rep.	new. Look for examples like Cema statutes
France	new with carefull attention on decision making
Austria	new
Sweden	new
Hungary	new
Slovakia	new
Netherlands	new
Germany	new with carefull attention on decision making
Poland	new
UK	new
Switzerland	new
Luxembourg	new
Latvia	missing



Discussion on Future of CLIMMAR part: Statutes change

Progress:

By our contacts with the VSDC on the Juridical Identity we came to know they also have the service to advise and help with the judgement of Statutes and formulation of new ones. This is a logical adjustment to their services since the Statutes must be in line with the Juridical Identity of a Non-Profit Association (VZW)

This service might be helpful in the near future.

Advise:

- Mandate the Working Group to make a first draft of the new Statutes of CLIMMAR with respect to the wishes of the members.
- Ask VSDC for legal judgement of the new Statutes when the Working Group is ready drafting.



Discussion on Future of CLIMMAR part: Agreement for mandate to make a Plan of Action / Proposal

	Agreement on making and action plan/proposal
Belgium	agree
Italy	agree
Denmark	agree
Czech Rep.	agree
France	agree
Austria	agree
Sweden	agree
Hungary	agree
Slovakia	agree
Netherlands	agree
Germany	agree
Poland	agree
UK	agree
Switzerland	agree
Luxembourg	agree
Latvia	missing



Discussion on Future of CLIMMAR part: Establishment of WG for drafting Proposal

Advise:

- Mandate was given by all members to the continuation of the project Future of CLIMMAR
- Mandate was given to the Board and SG to working further on a plan of action
- Based on the results of this Spring meeting the advise is to:
 - Establish a CLIMMAR Working Group to make a first integrated proposal
 - Working Group consists of Board of CLIMMAR + SG and several countries who like be involved in active participation
 - Countries that already indicated active involvement are:
 - Belgium
 - Denmark
 - France
 - Czech Republic
 - The Netherlands
 - UK