Re: Invitation to the 55th ERA Conference,

3 - 6 October 2024

From: Boris Mićić, ERA President

To: ERA Member Organisations

Date: 27 June 2024

Dear walking friends,

I would like to invite you to this year's ERA conference taking place from 3rd to 6th Oct. 2024 in Montserrat, Catalonia, Spain.

The programme of the conference will be following:

Thu 3 October Arrival of participants and welcome

Fri 4 October Know-How sessions, hikes of 5,3 km or 10 km on E4
Sat 5 October General Meeting, networking & presentations event,

Excursion to Vilafranca del Penedès, gala dinner at the caves

Sun 6 October Departure of participants home

The following topics will be presented and discussed at the Know-How sessions/Presentations meeting:

- LQT-BE (practical examples, Day Walks)
- Accessibility of walking in private areas
- Study on the digital behaviour of hikers
- "Hiker friendly" accommodation criteria
- Exchange among members, among different countries (Twinning)
- Better communication outside MO-community
- Improvement of ERA membership, economical and strategical aspects (SLIDO working group)
- E-paths (overview, projects in Europe)

The conference will take place in the <u>Hotel Abat Cisneros</u> (incl. accommodation) in Montserrat, Spain.

The hostel next door Abat Oliba Hostel offers cheaper accommodation.

The online registration and all details are available here:

https://www.era-ewv-ferp.org/event/era-55th-conference/

Please book and pay your stay before the 8th September 2024.

For further questions please contact the organisation team: era2024@feec.cat

If persons with legal rights are unable to take part in the meeting in person and would like to make use of the assignment of their right to vote (procuration) they will require to do so in writing (Constitution § 10.2). The form is enclosed this invitation and also available online on the ERA website. Please note that one delegate can represent only one further organisation.

I would also like to draw your attention to the fact that additions to the agenda of the meeting and proposals for decisions to be voted on must be delivered to the ERA secretariat in Prague by regular mail or e-mail six weeks before the meeting, i.e. **before the 23rd August 2024**.

You can download meeting documents, including the final agenda, in all three languages from the ERA website after the 6th September 2024.

Best regards

ERA President

After the results of the SLIDO working group for improvement of the ERA membership, held on 29 September 2023 in Iława (PL), the ERA Board approved a compact version of the General Meeting for 2 hours and extension of the time for the networking and presentations. This change is reflected in the programme of the 55th ERA Conference.

Preliminary agenda

ERA General Meeting, the 5th October 2024, at 9.00 a.m.

1	Opening and welcome
2	Approval of the Minutes of the General Meeting 2023
3	ERA Board annual report 2023
4	Treasurer annual report 2023
5	Auditor's annual report 2023
6	Approval of the ERA Board's activities 2023
7	ERA membership: a) Approval of new member organisations b) Exclusions of member organisations
8	Election of the deputy auditor
9	Proposals: a) Change of the ERA Constitution b) Change of the ERA logo and Bylaw No. 1 to the ERA Constitution
10	Approval of membership fees for 2025
11	Plans 2025 for the ERA Strategy
12	Budget 2024 and 2025
13	ERA Foundation
14	Information about the General Meeting 2025 in Macôn, F
15	Location and dates of the General Meetings in 2026 and 2027
16	EURORANDO 2026
17	Any Other Business
18	Closing speech

The deadline for the proposals is before the 23th August 2024.