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EVALUATION REPORT

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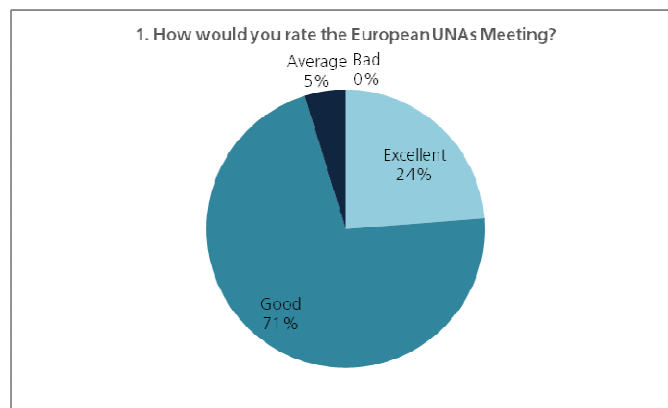
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INTRODUCTION

On 8-9 April 2013 WFUNA held its first European UNAs Meeting in Vienna, Austria, at the invitation of the United Nations Association of Austria. In collaboration with the United Nations Information Service (UNIS), UNA-Austria organized an extensive program of briefings at the Vienna International Center for representatives of the 16 participating UNAs of Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Norway, and Sweden. Delegates were briefed by UN officials and had an opportunity to discuss joint projects and questions of common concern.

KEY FINDINGS / RESULTS ANALYSIS

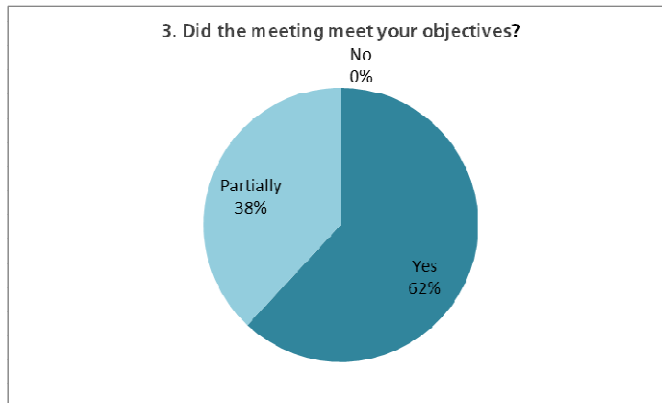
1. Overall Satisfaction



2. Objectives – What were your objectives in participating in this meeting?

- Networking, establishing a cooperation with other UNAs and meeting other colleagues (mentioned by 20 delegates)
- Learning something new about the UN in Vienna and meeting the UN system (mentioned by 11 delegates)
- Looking at best practices among UNAs and NGOs (mentioned by 4 delegates)
- Getting to know the activities of other UNAs (mentioned by 4 delegates)
- Learning about WFUNA and linking with WFUNA projects (mentioned by 3 delegates)
- Discussing about topical issues and learning about world hot topics (mentioned by 3 delegates)
- Finding a common project to work on with other UNAs (mentioned by 2 delegates)
- Presenting my UNA (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- Learning about funding (mentioned by 1 delegate)

3. Did the meeting meet your objectives?



Comment:

“Yes, except for the cooperation with other UNAs on a common project. I hope that next time we can prepare in advance with the UNAs interested in common objectives”.

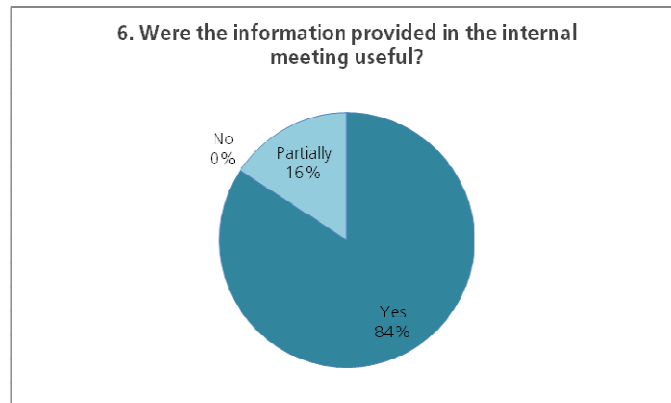
4. Which session did you find most interesting?

| Item | Overall Rank |
|--|--------------|
| CTBTO Presentation | 1 |
| UNODCPresentation | 2 |
| UNOOSA Presentation | 3 |
| Internal Meeting | 4 |
| Visit to the Radionuclide Roof Top Station | 5 |

5. Which topics were missing and you would have liked to hear about

- Meeting with UNIDO and other NGOs based in Vienna (mentioned by 7 delegates)
- The program would have been better if the UNAs’ work was linked to the specific themes (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- A common European topic proposed by UNAs (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- Partnerships (UN, private sector) for UNAs (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- Discussion about war areas (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- Limitations of UN representatives in sensitive issues (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- Analyze IAEA and UNODC topics in depth (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- More detailed presentation of UNIS (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- Challenges problems and results of UNAs (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- More detailed presentation of UNAs’ activities (mentioned by 1 delegate)

6. Was the information provided in the internal meeting useful?



Comments:

"The information was either too narrow or too wide. I lacked also some summary on common position about the discussed topics"

"Partially since most of UNAs distributed their activities' summary before and there was no need to repeat those things again"

"The short sheets about NATL orientation were useful but some UNAs delivered too long papers"

7. What other issues you would have liked addressed at the internal meeting?

- Funding and European procedures on grants (mentioned by 3 delegates)
- World politics, hot issues about security, European hot topics (mentioned by 2 delegates)
- A common European topic for UNAs (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- Mentoring new UNAs (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- Examples of good operational techniques of UNAs (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- Cooperation with the UNRIC in Brussels (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- Youth programs (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- Post-2015 Agenda (mentioned by 1 delegate)

8. Were the organizers helpful?

- Yes (mentioned by all delegates)

9. Please list the strengths of the meeting

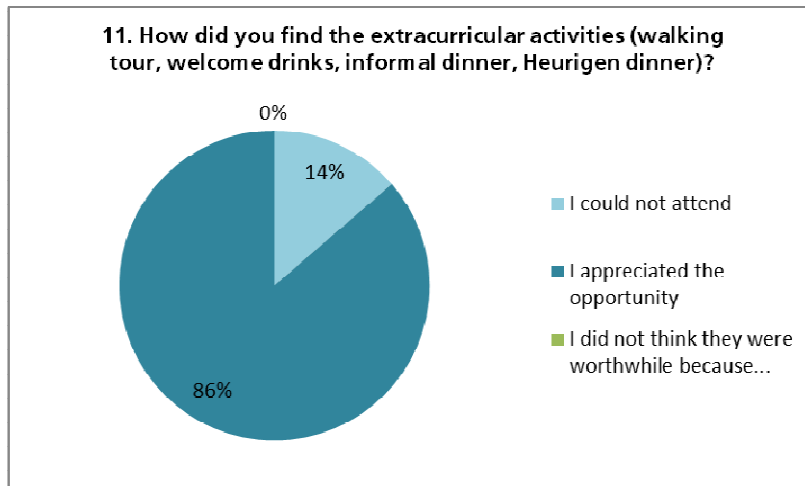
- Well organized (mentioned by 4 delegates)
- The location – Vienna (mentioned by 4 delegates)
- The information exchange and communication (mentioned by 4 delegates)
- The hospitality (mentioned by 4 delegates)

- The topic discussed (mentioned by 2 delegates)
- The visit to the top station and Operation center (mentioned by 2 delegates)
- The possibility to get to know the activities of UN Vienna (mentioned by 2 delegates)
- The number of UNAs present (mentioned by 2 delegates)
- The presentation of WFUNA's activities (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- The personal meetings with UNA members (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- The technical equipment (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- The space left to informal talks (mentioned by 1 delegate)

10. Please list the weaknesses of the meeting

- The internal meeting was not really well planned (mentioned by 4 delegates)
- There were not small working groups on specific topics: that way groups could communicate on regular basis between EUUNAs meetings (mentioned by 3 delegates)
- Speeches were too long and not educational; we need to tell the speakers what is expected from them (mentioned by 3 delegates)
- Not all large UN organizations present in Vienna gave presentation - UNIDO was not present (mentioned by 3 delegates)
- No possibility to share experiences and ideas (mentioned by 2 delegates)
- No common European topic (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- Optimism towards finding a common ground (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- No structured cooperation among UNAs (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- Too little time (mentioned by 2 delegates)
- No possibility to hear about problems in war areas (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- No time to ask questions at the end of speeches (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- UNAs should be asked to send their presentations before (mentioned by 1 delegate)

11. How did you find the extracurricular activities (walking tour, welcome drinks, informal dinner, Heurigen dinner)?



12. Please tell us how we can improve

- Plan the internal meeting better and distribute the agenda before (mentioned by 4 delegates)
- Create working groups (mentioned by 3 delegates)
- Communicate between WFUNA and UNAs about the topics to be discussed at the internal meeting (mentioned by 2 delegates)
- Go in depths of world problems and include more topical issues (mentioned by 2 delegates)
- Leave more time for internal and bilateral meetings (mentioned by 2 delegates)
- Start with the internal meeting (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- Establish a common European topic (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- Make speakers' contacts available (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- Point themes for discussion (mentioned by 1 delegate)
- Invite UNAs that rarely participate (mentioned by 1 delegate)

13. Additional comments

- UNA Austria and WFUNA with the active participation of UNIS (and the exceptionally warm involvement of the staff of all the entities) have organized a truly excellent meeting.
- Thank you very much for your hard work and the very good moderating and the good organization!
- Speakers who use the power point and other forms of presentation tend to be less inspiring and less informative. Axel, as a Vice President, deserves all the compliments.
- The meeting is very nice, just include more actualities. There are a lot of questions in politics for new independent states! We want to discuss it!