

Draft resolution

Application by MD 111-Germany to the Europa Forum 2019 in Tallinn

Topic:

Budget surcharge for the Europa Forum

Explanation:

Recent years have shown that smaller districts in particular face difficulties in raising the necessary funds to hold a Europa Forum. This motion holds that a budget surcharge whereby all European Lions members pay an amount of €0.50 per annum towards financing the Europa Forum would allow such districts to hold Europa Forums.

The resolution should only entail a recommendation as the European Council cannot legally demand financial payments from members of the Europa Forum. The contribution should not be paid to a Forum account, but first to a special account belonging to the particular district or multi-district. The President of the Forum may draw on amounts up to a certain level from the individual districts with the approval of the Forum Treasurer a year before the start of the Forum.

Financial impact:

An annual surcharge of €0.50 for all Lions members in Europe, potential costs to the districts as a result of establishing and maintaining a special account.

Resolution or commendation:

The Council of Governors commends the following motion at the MDM:

The MD 111 – Germany multi-district passes a resolution to table the following motion at the 2019 Europa Forum in Tallinn:

Replacement of Art. VII para. 7.3 as follows:

The members of the Europa Forum are recommended by resolution of the National Convention to request each Lions member to support the financing of the Europa Forum with a contribution of €0.50 per annum. This amount shall be paid into a special account of the particular district or multi-district. The President of the Europa Forum may draw from the account up to a certain level as set by the financial plan at an equivalent rate from each multi-district and district on the approval of the Treasurer of the Forum. This shall not apply to those districts that do not participate in full, regularly, or at all in the budget surcharge scheme.