



Final Draft

European Lions WaSH Working Group – Rules of Procedure

Preamble:

According to the Rules of Procedures for the Europa Forum article V 5.10., the European Council at its meeting during the Europe Forum Sofia 2016 approved the proposal / application of MD 111 – Germany, to establish a permanent “WaSH” (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Working Group for the Europa Forum. Its general mission is to coordinate international cooperation for the Lions Wash programs.

International President 2009/2010 Eberhard J. Wirfs kindly enough agreed to take the position of the Honorary Chairperson for this Working Group. By that he underlines the global importance of WaSH.

UN Sustainable Development Goal 6 contains the central idea for the general mission of this WaSH Working Group:

Sustainable Development Goal 6

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

“Clean, accessible water for all is an essential part of the world we want to live in. There is sufficient fresh water on the planet to achieve this. But due to bad economics or poor infrastructure, every year millions of people, most of them children, die from diseases associated with inadequate water supply, sanitation and hygiene.

Water scarcity, poor water quality and inadequate sanitation negatively impact food security, livelihood choices and educational opportunities for poor families across the world. Drought afflicts some of the world’s poorest countries, worsening hunger and malnutrition.

By 2050, at least one in four people is likely to live in a country affected by chronic or recurring shortages of fresh water.”

1. **NAME:** European Lions WaSH Working Group (WaSH WG)
2. **BROAD OUTLINE OF THE WORKING GROUP’S MISSION**
 - 2.1 Sustainability is the centerpiece of considerations to be observed – such as:
 - Adequate use of resources - don’t waste funds, means and money by using assets in situations where these are not suitable
 - Make best use of professional competence and knowledge including that of Lions-(friends)
 - Be cautious of supporters who are primarily focused on their own advantage, avoid the clash of interest; always ensure that financial gain is not allowed
 - Master huge projects by getting other Organizations as well as national and international appropriate authorities and experts involved
 - 2.2 Human Factor
 - Use, maintenance and sustainability depend on people
 - Behavior change is crucial
 - Skills and knowledge are still a barrier to development
 - 2.3 Private good and public good
 - Market driven approach can help, but is not enough

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3. **OBJECTIVES** approved at the constitution of the WaSH WG are:
 - 3.1 Collect, identify, evaluate, discuss, publish and support **WaSH projects** of international importance with main focus on cooperation of European MDs especially by acting in an advisory capacity to the Euro-Africa- (EAC I) and Euro-Asia-(EAC II) Committees as well as further interested constitutional areas of LCI. Primary focus: WaSH projects in low income countries and support of Disaster Relief Operations.
 - 3.2 Invite and encourage European MDs to assist the WaSH WG by appointing a delegate / member according to 4.1.1. and to forward information about their WaSH projects.
 - 3.3 Liaise with relevant officers of LCI / LCIF related to health- and environmental WaSH issues.
 - 3.4 Use the professional experience network of Lions-Friends, leading Universities, Institutes and Research and Development Associations.
4. **MEMBERS:**
 - 4.1.1. Every MD or single District is invited to nominate / certify and send one delegate as a member of the WaSH Working Group in order to be entitled to vote or to be eligible to be a Board Member.
 - 4.1.2. EAC I and EAC II as well as relevant LCI / LCIF representatives are welcome to attend / contribute to WaSH WG meetings.
 - 4.2. Membership ends by:
 - 4.2.1. Withdrawal by the sending MD or D;
 - 4.2.2. Written withdrawal of the member 15 days before an EAC meeting at the latest;
 - 4.2.3. Absence: a member who without due reasons does not participate to 3 successive meetings. Messages are to be sent to the chairperson.
 - 4.2.4. In case of vacancies the chairperson of the WaSH WG may ask the sending D or MD to nominate a new member; in case of vacancies according to 4.2.2. the WaSH WG is free to accept a new proposal or appliance.
5. **MEETINGS:**
 - 5.1. Regular closed and open meetings shall be held during each Europa Forum
 - 5.2. Online conferences shall be held as far as necessary.
 - 5.3. Professional meetings on demand initiated by the Chairperson



6. **BOARD:**

- 6.1. The board consists of a chairperson, a vice-chairperson, a secretary, an IT / SM Specialist, 4 WaSH experienced members from different MDs / Ds (The board should mirror a sound mix of European countries). EAC I and EAC II asked to appoint one observer each.
- 6.2. The board is to be elected by the WG members
- 6.3. The term of the board members will be three years. One re-election is possible;

7. **EXPENSES:**

- 7.1. Expenses of Board Members will be covered by their Multiple District or District accordingly to their national regulations.
- 7.2. The Representative Member's (see 4.) expenses will be covered correspondingly to their MD's / D's regulations or at their own expense.

8. **INFORMATION EXCHANGE MANAGEMENT / PR / WEBSITE**

- 8.1. Currently MD 111- Germany is hosting the website on their system.
See: www.lions.de/web/wash/lions-in-europa
- 8.2. As long as LCI / Europa Forum does not intend to provide an Information-platform for major ongoing international projects and activities, the Board of WaSH WG will be using the website according to 8.1
- 8.3. Member MDs and Ds are requested to pass on relevant WaSH-information in their own national Info systems.

Unanimously approved by the