

Minutes of the PCC Plenary

Venue: Hotel Hilton Strand, Helsinki, Finland

Time: November 21, 2019, 13:00 - 14:30

Represented member countries:

Austria	Germany
Belgium	Italy
Bulgaria	Latvia
Croatia	Malta
Czech Republic	Netherlands
Denmark	Poland
Estonia	Romania
Finland	Spain
France	Sweden

1. Opening

The Chairman of the meeting, Arvo Kokkonen, Director General of the National Land Survey of Finland, opened the meeting and invited Pekka Halme to act as secretary.

2. Roll call

The secretary ran a roll call to record the member country representation.

3. The quorum

According to article 4 of the PCC Statutes a quorum requires the presence of at least six members, which requirement was met. The Chair declared the Plenary quorate.

The Chair also pointed out that the invitation and the agenda for the meeting were circulated in accordance with article 4 three months in advance.

4. Admission of observers

The State Service of Ukraine for Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre had applied to be admitted as observer through a letter to Director general Arvo Kokkonen or the Finnish Presidency dated October 29, 2019. Secretary presented the letter to the Plenary.

According to article 2 the decision on admission of observers must be taken through a qualified vote by two thirds of the present members.

The vote on admission was unanimous and consequently The State Service of Ukraine for Geodesy, Cartography and Cadastre was admitted as an observer of the PCC.

The Ukrainian representative, Ganna Tkachenko, thanked the Plenary for the trust and warm welcoming of Ukraine to the PCC family.

5. Working Group on PCC Statute Review

The Working Group Chair, Pekka Halme, presented the proposals of the group. The proposals had been sent to the members on November 4, 2019, by email.

After discussion the Plenary took the following decisions:

1. The PCC will not register itself as a legal not-for-profit entity.
2. Extended Steering Committee of six members i.e. the past, current, and the four incoming presidencies, is introduced.
3. Secretariat is introduced as a new body.

One volunteering member agency at a time provides the resources for the task for a set period of 3 years with a possibility of extension.

4. The corresponding revised the statutes were accepted with minor corrections agreed during the discussion. Worthwhile to point out is that from now on the quorum of a plenary requires the presence of at least ten members.

Concerning point 3 above Romania, ANCPI, will consider being the first to take over the secretariat. They will inform about their decision soon.

6. Report on the Finnish Presidency

Pekka Halme reported on the activities taken place during the Finnish Presidency i.e.:

- Run the Working Group on Statute Review and report in this Plenary.
- Assist the CLGE in complementing the Questionnaire, European Requirements for Property (Cadastral) Surveyor Activities – Revision of 2019.
- Pekka Halme represented the PCC at CPCI2019 (Comité Permanente sobre el Catastro en Iberoamérica) in Granada on November 12-14.
- Organise the PCC Conference and Plenary in Helsinki on November 19-21.

7. Introduction of the Croatian Presidency of the PCC

Maja Pupačić Presented the plans of the incoming Croatian Presidency.

The Conference and Plenary will be held on June 16-17, 2020 in Zagreb at Hotel Dubrovnik. The Conference theme is “The Importance of Spatial Data for Strengthening Competitiveness and Economic Development”.

8. Handover of the PCC flag

Arvo Kokkonen handed over the PCC flag to Maja Pupačić to illustrate the transfer of responsibilities to the Croatian Presidency.

9. Closing of the Plenary

As no other issues arose, Arvo Kokkonen announced that the meeting minutes and the revised statutes will be placed on the PCC website in due time. He thanked all participants and closed the meeting.