

Regional Youth Cooperation Office

Procedure to appoint the Advisory Board - Draft:

Extracts form the RYCO-Statute related to the Advisory Board:

ADVISORY BOARD

Article 31

The Advisory Board is formed of experts on the thematic issues of RYCO, including representatives of the donor community, civil society, international organisations and other relevant institutions.

Article 32

1. The members of the Advisory Board are recommended by the Governing Board and by the Secretary General.
2. The Advisory Board members are formally appointed by the Governing Board.

Article 33

1. The Advisory Board members are appointed on a 2-year term, with possibility of extension.
2. Each Contracting Party has three members in the Advisory Board. For each Contracting Party, two members are recommended by the Governing Board, while one is recommended by the Secretary General.

Article 34

1. The Advisory Board may, on its own initiative and/or on mandate from the Governing Board and/or the Secretary General, conduct research and assessment, and provide recommendations on issues within the scope of RYCO activities and mandate,
2. The Advisory Board may form Working Groups composed of its members and external experts, upon recommendation by the Governing Board,
3. The Advisory Board reports to the Governing Board and the Secretary General.

Specifications:

1. *“For each Contracting Party, two members are recommended by the Governing Board”*: The manner how each Contracting Party is recommending two members is left to the choice of each Contracting Party: youth representative and

governmental representative can choose together two names, or each chooses one ; they can decide to choose on their own, through internal consultations or through an open call.

2. The six Contracting Parties need to send their 12 recommendations and the Secretary General his six recommendations until 30 June 2017 at the latest to the Chair, with a short biographical notice about the recommended persons and a short explanation why they are recommended.

3. The Chair, together with the Secretary General, will then put together the list of the 18 persons with their biographical notices / explanations, and send it to the members of the Governing Board for their information.

4. After the sending of the list, the members of the Governing Board and the Secretary General have ten working days to discuss about possible modifications in the list (in case for example of overlapping of recommended persons/organisations, or if one category of persons is unilaterally dominating the group)

5. After ten days, the members of the Governing Board will receive the final list of the 18 names, for decision and final approval. With the consensual approval by the Governing Board the members of the Advisory Board are then formally appointed.

6. The Advisory Board will normally meet once a year. The travel and accommodation costs to this annual meeting are covered by the RYCO-budget. No fee is foreseen for the members of the Advisory Board.

7. The first meeting of the Advisory Board is foreseen to take place in October 2017. During it's first meeting, the members of the Advisory Board will, among other points, develop their Internal Rules and Procedures, and will be consulted about the Strategic Plan for RYCO.