

Joint meeting of AXA EWC On October 11, 2018 in London

Participants : Hedi BEN SEDRINE, Patricia NUNEZ, Steve BLEASE, Scott PASCAL, Chris LILLYWHITE, Adam CARTWRIGHT, Elisabeth THACKER

New stage in London for an articulation meeting with British delegates in AXA XL's offices.

The meeting started with a point on Brexit. Steve BLEASE reminded that after March 29, 2019, the British reps will leave the AXA EWC in accordance with the agreement if the Management does not propose a modification of it, especially on the article concerning membership of the European Economic Union.

Steve BLEASE indicates that the question was put to the President during the last plenary of June in Madrid but to date no response has been made. British officials regret that AXA is not moving forward on this issue because other Groups have already made the effort to find a solution to keep their elected British in their European

The EWC Secretary, Hedi Ben Sedrine, indicates that there is no quick fix but there are some ways to try to find a solution in this direction. The current transformation of the Group and the acquisition of XL have undoubtedly taken over this issue in the background, but with reference to the last report of the June plenary in Madrid, there seems to be a real political will on the part of the Group to keep a British delegation in the CEG.

Moreover, he stresses that the impacts of Brexit could be an economic and social point which will be asked to be developed during the October Bureau meeting or at the November Plenary meeting in Paris.

Replacement of Lionel Julien: The members of the Secretariat have already met Serge MORELLI who succeeded Lionel JULLIEN as vice-president of the CEG and Sophie HUMBERT, who assists him in this mission. (see previous joint meetings on the CEG website www.cegaxa.eu).



Progress of training project for the EWC representatives employees scheduled for November. Patricia NUNEZ, member of the Secretariat and in charge of the coordination of this project, gives to the participants the information that has already been communicated to the Irish, Greek, Polish and Czech teams during the previous trips (cf the reports on the website of the CEG www.cegaxa.eu).

She also gave a brief update on the logistics of this training and recalled that a communication will be sent very soon to all participants.

Hedi BEN SEDRINE informed the participants of the details of the 3 phases of the planning for **the replacement of Bettina CRAMM** who was elected from the German delegation, elected to the Secretariat and appointed as Deputy Secretary:



The first phase belongs to the CCE of AXA Germany, which will be communicating in the coming days to the GIE , the name of the new delegate of the EWC. Then it will be necessary to elect in November the new member of the Secretariat of the EWC. It will then be up to the Secretary to designate, at the appropriate time, his Deputy Secretary

Information was given about the progress being made on the **EWC's roadmap** and the work of its various commissions, progress which according to the Secretary is quite positive after 9 month.

- The rules of procedure were drafted and voted in the first half of the year, and this has helped to clarify many points in the 2009 EWC agreement.
- The training session planned for the delegates at the end of the year is going ahead well (see the item on training).
- The coordination provided by the Treasury commission now makes it possible to have a quick overview of follow-up of budget, and this had enabled the Treasurer to receive full discharge at the June plenary.
- The Organisation commission, which is a key element for a number of projects, is doing well, as evidenced by the success of the meetings being organised, such as the last plenary in Madrid, in June.
- The Communication commission, led by Paul DE TORRES, is using all the tools at its disposal (website, Twitter) and is developing new ones (Sharepoint) to meet the confidentiality obligations for the presentations made available to the delegates.

The Assistance Network Committee is progressing well: Daniel FOLGADO has put in place a questionnaire in preparation for the meeting of this Network which will take place on October 26 in Paris.

Concerning the Commission for Extra-European Relations, Hedi underlines that Steve BLEASE, in charge of this Commission, is very busy with local issues and remains the only full-time representative for the UK. Stratos will help him to continue to maintain the relations established with our Japanese, Swiss and Mexican friends in consultation with the Secretary

Questions from delegations for the plenary meeting: The EWC Secretary proposed to the English delegates to formulate a question and send it to him by early November. It will undoubtedly focus on the impacts of Brexit for British delegates.

Steve BLEASE says he does not have local news items for this meeting

