

PPI Proposal to PPEU

On behalf of the PPI Board, we would like to submit following proposal to the PPEU council.

PPEU did not establish a legal personality or AISBL during the first year of it's operations. We see no benefit in setting up a new legal entity for PPEU at this time.

We would like to offer to PPEU that PPI (PPI HQ) provides administrative support for PPEU. This would mean that both organizations share the same legal structures and bank accounts. All transactions on the shared account will be clearly labeled as being either PPI or PPEU.

PPI would be responsible for filing consolidated financial statements to the Belgian government and submit it's annual tax returns. Both the PPI and PPEU treasurer would get full access to the bank account. Currently this is an account in Luxembourg with support of PPLU. A well established Pirate Party that has secured governments financing for it's own operations and in that regard is highly unlikely to fail and cause problems for the operation of either PPI and PPEU.

PPEU would have absolute control over it's own financial resources as long as it maintains a positive balance. Both PPI and PPEU would not be allowed to draw on each others funds without explicit permission of the relevant board. It would at all times be possible for PPEU to pull back from this agreement. For example when a separate legal entity becomes more relevant in the year leading up to the next European elections. In that case all remaining funds in the name of PPEU would be transfered to the new entity.

Why?

There are not an excessive amount of pirates willing to volunteer their time and effort to maintain a functional administration as it is mostly tedious and boring work. We should avoid competition between our international organizations in attracting such volunteers.

Setting up a new AISBL in Brussels requires the involvement of a notary and has a cost of over 1600 Euro's, every time to board of PPEU changes a cost of 120+ Euro is charged to make statute changes. These costs could be saved during the first years of PPEU operations.

The time and effort saved by the PPEU board could be invested in more relevant work defending our common objectives.

More:

As there is considerable overlap between PPEU and PPI members this action would clearly be considered as acting in the interest of PPI's members and thus be within the goals of PPI.

Obviously PPI would be willing extend the same kind of support to similar associations of other groups of it's members.