

**MOTION FORM FOR SI GA 2018****EXC-017****1. Heading for motion (No more than 10 words)**

Improve Servas International Conference and General Assembly (SICOGA)

**2. Member Group(s) proposing motion (note that only SI Exco and Member Groups may propose motions)**

SI Exco

**3. Exact wording of the motion to be voted on**

SI General Assembly 2018 decides that there is a need to improve the planning and execution process for arranging the Servas International Conference and General Assembly (SICOGA) which is normally held every three years.

This motion focus on two main areas to improve the SICOGAs:

- a) Introduction of measures to increase active and passive participation from the Servas community by members of Servas who are not able to be physically present at the venue in the country where the SICOGA takes place.
- b) Introduction of measures to minimize the environmental impact of the SICOGAs.

A team named SICOGA Development Team, SDT, will be appointed by the SI Exco for 2019-2021 to lead the project to develop the SICOGA concept.

Budget: 200 CHF per year during 2019-2021 for communication software for the members of the SICOGA Development Team, SDT.

Planning for extended remote participation needs to be balanced against the requirements for a suitable venue.

**4. Background information and reasons for proposing the motion**

Servas International (SI) holds a General Assembly (GA) normally every three years. The Servas International General Assembly (SI GA) is the highest decision making authority in the democratic structure of the SI federation of member groups. A SI GA is normally part of a larger Servas International conference, a Servas International Conference and General Assembly (SICOGA).

There is reason to believe that the concept of the SICOGA'ss can be improved and developed in a way that meetings better meet the needs of each and individual Servas members who are the ones who finance the events by paying their membership fees to the Servas member and country groups.

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**5. Who is responsible for accomplishing the results of the motion?**

SI Exco should appoint a team that by June 30 2019 will present an action plan that will support the ideas behind this motion. The action plan should contain concrete measures that should be implemented by SI Exco during the upcoming mandate period with the aim for SI Exco and the SICOA host country in 2021 to improve the

- a) participation of non present Servas members at SICOAs
- b) decrease the environmental impact of SICOAs

**6. Benefits for SI**

By increasing the participation of non physically present Servas members at the SICOAs SI strengthens the individual members sense of belonging to the organisation.

By introducing concrete measures to decrease the ecological footprint from SICOA:s SI gains credibility as an organisation that advocates the need for sustainable travels and sustainable tourism. The measures to decrease the ecological footprint from SICOA:s also gives SI credibility as a champion in the support and work for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals for 2030 (SDG 2030).

<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/post2015/transformingourworld>

**7. Resource needs - time, human resources and specialist expertise**

See 5.

**8. Budget implications**

200 CHF per year during 2019-2021 for communication software for the members of the SICOA Development Team, SDT.

**9. Does it affect the SI statutes?**

No

**10. What is the impact if the motion is not passed?**

Servas International will lose its credibility as an organisation that advocates the ideals of sustainable travels and other principles that are aimed at decreasing the impact on mother earth, the world that we and future generations depend on for our survival.

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| <b>Amendments (Passed or defeated)</b> |
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| <b>Final Motion (Passed or defeated)</b> |
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