

Protocol of the General Assembly 2025

Date: 15.03.2025
Time: 15:00-17:10
Location: Quartierhaus Hardau, Raum: Atelier

Participants: 21 total, 15 on site + 6 online (19 members, 2 guests of which 1 auditor)
Able to vote: Total: 19 members (14 non-board members)
Absolute Majority: 10 votes

Board Members:

Emmanuelle Sallin	Online
Alessandra Riva	Present
Daniel Biek	Present
Vera Balmer	Online
Jannis Marabeas	Present
Andrea Blanco Acuña	Absent

List of Participants: Appendix 1

Head of GA: Emmanuelle Sallin

Protocol: Alessandra Riva

1. Welcome

The current president Emmanuelle Salin opened the seventeenth ordinary annual General Assembly of Ingenieure ohne Grenzen Schweiz (IngOG+) at 15:12 by welcoming the participants.

2. Quorum

Since the General Assembly was duly convened, it is quorate.

3. Vote Counter

Alessandra Riva and Daniel Biek volunteered to be the vote counter.

Question: Do you approve Alessandra Riva and Daniel Biek as vote counter?

Yes: 17

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

4. Agenda

The agenda for this year's General Assembly was sent to all invited members in electronic format together with the invitation e-mails on 23.02.2025.

Question: Do you accept the agenda for this General Assembly?

Yes: 19

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

5. Protocol of the General Assembly 2024

The protocol of the General Assembly of 2024 is accessible through IngOG+'s website, and was also forwarded to all invitees on 23.02.2025.

Question: Do you accept the protocol of the General Assembly 2024?

Yes: 19

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

6. Annual Report 2024

The annual report for 2024 was also forwarded to all invitees on 23.02.2025 together with the invitation

to the General Assembly. It will soon be published in electronic format on IngOG+'s website.

6 projects have been presented:

- Water for IAPS, Kenya (Daniel Biek, KEN002)
- Water in Yrdyk, Kirghizistan (Katharina Schulthess, KGZ001)
- Projekt Nyakeyo Village Orphanage, Kenya (Jannis Marabeas, KEN003)
- Improvement of Water Supply in Winter in Khema, Ladakh, (Daniel Biek, IND002)
- School Heating System, Keylong, India IND003 (Christoph Schärli)
- Bridge Project, La Cañada, Nicaragua (Emmanuelle Sallin, NIC001)

The IND002 project is seeking motivated individuals to join and support the team, with the opportunity to eventually take over the project.

Projects IND003 and NIC001 have been moved to the closed projects category. IND003 was discontinued due to a lack of financial support from the government and reduced community engagement. A lessons learned document was created by the IND003 team. NIC001 was discontinued due to the high financial costs, along with the EWB-USA's decision to cease operations in Nicaragua by the end of 2025.

Details and pictures of the projects can be found in the annual report 2024 as well as in the attached presentation.

Question: Do the attendees accept the annual report 2024?

Yes: 19

No: 0

Abstentions:0

7. Events 2024

In 2024, we hosted two international events that helped strengthen our connection with the EWB international community

- EWB European Forum (Mai 2024, 3 days, Belgium)
- EWB-International Global Summit (November, 3.5 days, Kuala Lumpur)
- Christmas Dinner 2024

8. Organization 2024

This year was marked by no evaluation trips; however, as mentioned earlier, one board member participated in two events with the European and international EWB community.

9. Financial Report 2024

Having presented the financial highlights of 2024 and comparisons against the achievements of the previous year (2023), the treasurer Vera Balmer confirmed the closing balances of the organization's accounts for 2024 (see annual report).

The financial report was reviewed by the two auditors Rolf Hartl and Yasser Saalem, who both accepted and signed their confirmation.

Question: Do you accept the financial report 2024?

Yes: 19

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

10. Discharge of the board for 2024

With the annual report and financial report of 2024 accepted, the next step was the discharge of the board. As the board members cannot discharge themselves from their positions, they abstain from this vote. Appreciation was expressed for Andrea Blanco Acuña, a board member since 2022, for her dedication and support, and best wishes were extended to her for the future.

Question: Do you want to discharge the board for the year 2024?

Yes: 14

No: 0

Abstentions: 5 (board members)

11. Elections 2025

President and board

Emmanuelle Sallin is standing for election as President of IngOG+ for 2025. A valued board member since 2020 and a dedicated member since 2016, Emmanuelle has been actively engaged in numerous IngOG+ networking activities. She also shares her expertise as a member of the EWB International Board of Directors, in addition to her strong background as a civil engineer.

Question: Do you accept Emmanuelle Sallin as president of the organization for 2025?

Yes: 18

No: 0

Abstentions: 1

Alessandra Riva, Vera Balmer, Daniel Biek and Jannis Marabeas run again as board members for the upcoming year.

Alessandra Riva is an environmental chemist with further specialization in WASH for humanitarian and developing contexts. She currently holds two scientific positions at the Swiss Environmental Office (FOEN), where she focuses on surface water quality (hydrology department) and the chemical contamination of soils (soils and biotechnology department). She joined IngOG+ in 2021 and is active in the project in Kyrgyzstan as well as in the organization of the project group meetings and the some of the IT tasks.

Vera Balmer is a PhD Student in Civil Engineering at ETH Zurich. She is a member of IngOG+ since Fall 2022 and is highly motivated to support the board in its strategic role. She will continue her role of treasurer in 2024.

Daniel Biek is a PhD Student in Physics at EPFL and member of IngOG+ since September 2022. He already took part to several IngOG+ project group meetings and his experience in other associations will surely be a good asset for the board in 2025. He will continue his role as secretary.

Jannis Marabeas is IngOG+ member since March 2022. He studied Civil Engineering and worked at Jauslin Stebler AG in Basel for 6 years. He is now project manager in BIM at NDS Engineering. Jannis enjoys optimizing processes and already has ideas for improving project management at IngOG+.

Question: Do you accept Alessandra Riva, Vera Balmer, Daniel Biek and Jannis Marabeas as members of the board of the organization for 2025?

Yes: 10

No: 0

Abstentions: 4

Auditors

Rolf Hartl commits again as auditor for the coming year. Although not being present, Yasser awaad Salem also commits again as auditor for the coming year. Yasser brings a wealth of experience in matters relating to management and controlling. Rolf is an experienced lawyer who already assisted IngOG+ with legal advice and has a lot of expertise in organizational processes within organizations.

Question: Do you accept Yasser awaad Salem and Rolf Hartl as auditors for 2025?

Yes: 18

No: 0

Abstentions: 1

12. Outlook 2025

The projects in Suswa (Kenya); Yrdyk (Kyrgyzstan), Nyakeyo Village (Kenya) are continued (see annual report). A new

The projects in Keylong, India and in La Cañada, Nicaragua have been closed.

One project is currently under evaluation. A WASH project in the Iremito village in Kenya which is a collaboration with the EWB Kenya. This project is supported by two Helbing AG engineers.

A new partnership has been established with EWB-Nepal, resulting in the creation of two pilot projects: an immersive study and an internship program in Nepal.

The events and activities for 2025 were introduced. The PG-Meetings will as in 2024 alternate between Project Updates, Workshop and Open Meetings (for new members). The board produced a flyer and already fixed all the meeting dates so that the members get better overview and can organize themselves efficiently.

The following collaboration are continued or will start in 2025

- Continued collaboration with EWB International Network
- Continued collaboration with EWB Nepal
- Potential collaboration with EWB-Sierra Leone and EWB East Africa
- Collaboration with ETH4Development, to be reactivated!
- Continued collaboration with Holinger AG in the Kyrgyzstan-project
- New collaboration with Helbling AG
- Increase our presence among ETH/EPFL, universities and technical colleges.
- Create IngOG+ fundraising working group
- Possibility for new projects

Budget 2025

The budget 2025 is presented by Vera Balmer. The budget for the administrative processes is set similarly to the previous year to 18'500 CHF expenses and 27'000 CHF revenue. Since there were no IT expenses in the previous year and the board is currently working on outsourcing the creation of a new website, the IT expenses for 2025 are set at 10'000 CHF. There is also hope to increase the assets of the unspecified funds for 2025 by launching a general fundraising campaign.

The project budget 2025 was presented. 3 Projects handed in the budget for 2025. The KGZ001 project didn't apply for unspecific fund and have currently an ongoing fundraising campaign.

Compared the net income is comparable to the one of 2024.

Question: Do you accept the budget for 2025?

Yes: 19

No: 0

Abstentions: 0

13. Applications of members

No applications for new memberships were received during the General Assembly meeting itself.

14. Varia

Questions were raised regarding the immersive study in Nepal in April 2025, which will last 8 days. One question was whether some of the costs of the immersive study could be covered. The response was that while the flight ticket will not be covered, the 800 CHF fee for the 8-day program will now be covered. These expenses have been included in the budget.

Another question was raised about the knowledge of existing challenges or if the evaluation is intended to identify them. The response was that some challenges are already known, such as issues with school sanitation and the water treatment system. However, additional information can be gathered on-site during the study.

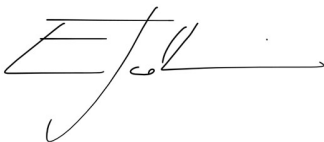
A question was raised about how political tensions are considered when establishing a new project, specifically how IngOG will position itself when collaborating in areas with strong political tensions in order to maintain a neutral stance.

Response President: This issue was also discussed during the EWB-I Summit last year. Decisions are made on a case-by-case basis. If the community is in need and there is a strong willingness to build a project, it will still be considered and carefully evaluated. However, in such cases, advice from the international community will be sought on a case-by-case basis. Strong political parties will always be avoided, as we are not a political community and aim to remain neutral.

15. Closing of the General Assembly 2025

Secretary Daniel Biek closed the formal part of the 2025 General Assembly at 17:12 and leads over to a joint Apéro in a café.

Witnessed and correct:



Emmanuelle Sallin

President 2023 + 2024 + 2025

Koh Samui, Thailand, March 16th, 2025



Daniel Biek

Secretary 2023 + 2024 + 2025

Zürich, March 16th, 2025



Appendix 1: List of Attendees

Board (5)

Emmanuelle	Sallin	<i>President</i>
Vera	Balmer	<i>Treasurer</i>
Daniel	Biek	<i>Secretary</i>
Alessandra	Riva	
Jannis	Marabeas	

Members (14)

1	Katharina	Schulthess	
2	Patrick	Skrobanek	
3	Jörg	Püschel	
4	Andreas	Weber	
5	Giulia	Bovo	
6	Zhenxin	Cao	
7	Jonas	Bittner	
8	Yasser	Salem	Member and revisor
9	Keith	Wilson	
10	Christian	Fankhauser	
11	Rainer	Prüss	
12	Ueli	Kiefer	
13	Maurizio	Tormen	
14	Markus	Reckermann	
	Guests (2)		
15	Rolf	Hartl	
16	Additional person	Name could not be documented	
	Total Attendees:	21	

Appendix 2: Presentation General Assembly