

Rules of procedure/order of business

§1. General provisions

- (1) This order regulates the PPI conference on April 16-18 in Brussels, more specifically the statutes discussions on Saturday 17th April and the board elections on Sunday 18th.
- (2) The persons that have been appointed by their respective national parties as delegates (“delegates”) are entitled to vote and bring forward a motion. The current coreteam members and the chairman of the meeting are not entitled to vote but can bring forward motions.
- (3) This order has to be approved at the beginning of the first session on Saturday 17th by an absolute majority of the delegates and will be directly applicable.
- (4) This order can be amended at any moment by a decision of an absolute majority of the delegates.

§2. Moderators

- (1) Before every discussion a chairman of the meeting will be elected by the delegates. Until this election a representative of the coreteam will lead through the discussion.
- (2) The chairman will lead the negotiations by
 - moderating requests to speak
 - announcing the results of the votes
 - caring for quietness and order
 - making sure the speaking limitations are respected
 - any other method necessary to ensure the correct and timely course of the discussions

§3. Ballots

- (1) At the beginning of every session one person responsible for the counting of votes will be elected by the delegates. This person can appoint up to 3 assistants.
- (2) The person responsible for the counting of votes and his assistants only has to count the exact number of votes if the result of a ballot is not apparent. The votes have to be counted out at any time on the request of one delegate. The person responsible for the counting of votes will inform the chairman of the results of the counting of votes.
- (3) The delegates will express their vote by raising hands. The vote must be clear and explicit.
- (4) Votes from delegates not physically present
 - (4.1) Delegates that are not physically present at the conference will have to inform the chairman about their way of voting at the beginning of the session.
 - (4.2) The votes have to be clear and explicit.
 - (4.3) At a public vote, the votes of the delegates not physically present at the conference will only be counted if announced by the chairman. If for any reason the delegates not physically present at the conference cannot express their vote it is considered null. The person responsible for the counting of votes or any of his assistants will control this procedure and verify that task until the vote deposit is done.

(4.4) Non-physical delegates do not have the possibility to vote secretly. For verification reasons their vote will always be public.

(5) Every Pirate Party has two votes. If there are two delegates for one party, every delegate has one vote. The delegates vote independently.

(6) The standard voting procedure is the simple majority. Other voting procedures may be used where indicated by this order or where decided by the delegates.

(7) At the end of the session the statutes and declaration of principles are only valid if two thirds (2/3) of the delegates voted in favor of the proposals as a whole.

§4. Motions

(1) A delegate may, at any moment during the sessions, interrupt the session to raise a motion to:

(1.1) Modify the vote mode.

Vote mode can be, but are not limited to:

- a) majority;
- b) absolute majority;
- c) 2/3 majority;
- d) absolute 2/3 majority;

(1.2) End the discussion time.

Ending the discussion time will directly lead to the request vote.

(1.3) Request a session break;

(1.4) Limit discussion time.

Limit the time allocated per speaker during discussions.

(1.5) Change the proposals order.

Change the order in which proposals are voted.

(1.6) Modify a proposal.

Modify the content of a proposal before its voting.

(1.7) Add a proposal.

The new proposal shall be clearly expressed and the session chairman shall repeat it.

(1.8) Ignore a proposal.

If accepted, the proposal will be withdrawn.

(1.9) Modify or amend the order of business

Modify or amend the order of business according to the "General provisions" point 4 of this document.

(1.10) Proceed with a secret vote

If accepted, the delegates will mark their vote on the voting cards distributed for that purpose.

(1.11) Proceed with a non-binding vote.

If accepted, the votes will not be final.

- (2) Once a motion has been raised, an immediate voting for that motion shall occur.
- (3) All motions require a majority to be accepted except motion 1.9 which needs an absolute majority according to the "General provisions" point 4.
- (4) A new motion cannot be raised between the raise of a motion and its vote.
- (5) A motion cannot be raised against another motion.