



Mars & Mercury Europe 2022 Report of the Secretary General

Since the General Assembly on October 22, 2021 Grundhof (LUX), we have experienced a large number of M&M EU Board meetings, mainly in virtual form. Apart from the traditional points, welcome from the President, review and approval of the previous report, financial situation, situation and evolution of the web page and of the LinkedIn Group, extension to other nations, planning of the next meeting, I will cite only the highlights or topics of these meetings:

- 14 December 2021 - VTC

Debriefing and finalization of the general report of the GA.
Status of the “Data base EU” project.
Launch of New Year's greetings.

- 20 January 2022 – VTC

Discussion on the actions to be taken following the conclusions of the GA.
Exchange of views on the “Roadmap” of M&M EU.
Development of contacts with ASERA.

- 22 February 2022 – VTC

Agreement in principle concerning the candidate for the vice-presidency of M&M EU, Mr Eric Debois, currently President of Club M&M Namur, proposed by M&M Belgium.
Letter to the Presidents of the Circles mainly concerning the "Roadmap" of M&M EU.
Establishment of a European agenda of the activities of all the Circles.
Contact ASERA.
Preparation of the meeting with the Ave Fénix association in Madrid.

- 01 April 2022 – At the administrative headquarters of M&M EU in Alken (BEL)

First real contact with the candidate for the vice-presidency, Mr. Eric Debois.
An exchange concerning the function of Vice-President and M&M EU themes took place.
Mr. Debois accepted the function of Vice-President and was admitted to the Board in the form of co-optation to be confirmed by the GM.

- 04 May 2022 – VTC

Distribution of tasks between the President and the Vice-President General.
Results of the 2021 GA and action to be taken.
Initiation of the establishment of an M&M EU "Roadmap" following the approval during the 2020 and 2021 GAs of the "Vision" and "Mission".
Attempts to relaunch contacts with ASERA.

- 07 June 2022 - VTC

Preparation of the meeting with the Ave Fénix association in Madrid, scheduled for July 3 and 4, 2022.
Organization of the 2022 GA: Program, launch of invitations, agreement on the location (NH Hotel Maastricht).
Cooperation with ASERA seems to have stalled.

- 04 July 2022 – Madrid – Meeting Circulo Ave Fénix / M&M EU

Present: Gonzalo Sanchez Urbon, Julio Serrano, Gaston Reinig, Philippe Gielen
Detailed presentations of the Ave Fénix association by the President,
Gen Brig e.r. Gonzalo Urbon and M&M EU by the President General, Gaston Reinig
Discussion on potential cooperation.
Expression of Ave Fénix's wish for cooperation with M&M EU.
Invitation of a delegation from Ave Fénix to the 2022 M&M EU GA.
Promise of Ave Fénix to distribute their statutes to all representatives of the GA.

The following 5 meetings were and will be dedicated mainly to an attempt to establish an M&M EU "Roadmap" using SWOT analysis and establishing a "Balanced Scorecard" (BSC). In addition to this main theme, the meetings were also dedicated to the preparation of the 2022 GA.

- 25 July 2022 – Meeting in Marchin (BEL), “ Brainstorming day”.

Composition of the SWOT table (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats).

- 05 September 2022 – VTC

Preparation of the 2022 GA: participants, documents, ESP presentation
Exchanges of ideas following Eric Debois' first proposal concerning " Vision –
Mission – roadmap M&M Europe "

- 15 September 2022 – VTC

Simulations of the M&M EU contribution to increase the M&M EU budget.
Discussions of the financial aspects of the Balanced Scorecard (BSC).
Launch of the idea of organizing an important EU event with one (or more) eminent
speaker(s), either in online mode or in physical presence mode.

- 03 October 2022 – VTC

Discussions on potential guest speakers and potential European events to organize.

- Half October 2022 (TBD) – last preparations of the GA

Miscellaneous

Necrology :

October 26, 2021: Death of Mrs. Lidy Daenen, wife of our General Treasurer
The burial took place on November 8 in the presence of the full M&M EU Board.

February 22, 2022: Burial of BrigGen (Ret) Danny Van de Ven, candidate for
Vice-Presidency M&M EU. EU M&M Delegation: G. Reinig and Ph. Gielen.

July 20, 2022: Death of BrigGen (Ret). Jan Baudoin,
Honorary General President M&M EU 2002-2003, buried in an intimate circle.

Participations of M&M EU Board members :

March 25, 2022: M&M NLD General Meeting: Ph. Gielen

April 30, 2022: Academic Session Club M&M Bruges (BEL): Jan Lenière

May 11, 2022: Prov. Cmdt Defense / M&M concert in Hasselt (B): Gaston Reinig

September 16: Autumn Dinner of Club Noord-Brabant/Limburg (NLD): Ph. Gielen

September 21/22: Battlefield Journey “Battle of the Bulge” (BEL): L. van der Zon