



# Global Compact Netzwerk Österreich

## 28th Steering Committee Meeting

**4th Sept. 2018, 9:00 - 13:00, Hauska & Partner, Kärntner Str. 21-23/2/7th floor, 1010 Vienna**

### Participants

- Lisa de Pasqualin, Saint-Gobain Rigips Austria GesmbH
- Nastassja Cernko, Oesterreichische Kontrollbank AG
- Leo Hauska, Hauska & Partner Group
- Vera Budway, Erste Group Bank AG
- Karin Huber-Heim, Fachhochschule BFI Wien
- Gunter Schall, Austrian Development Agency
- Daniela Knieling, respACT
- Carina Hauptmann, respACT
- Ole Lund Hansen, UN Global Compact
- Partially: Andreas Lummerstorfer, Lummerstorfer Steuerberatung & Wirtschaftsprüfung GmbH

### Minutes

**9:00 – 9:15      Arrival and Breakfast**

**9:15 – 9:50      Overview and Introduction**

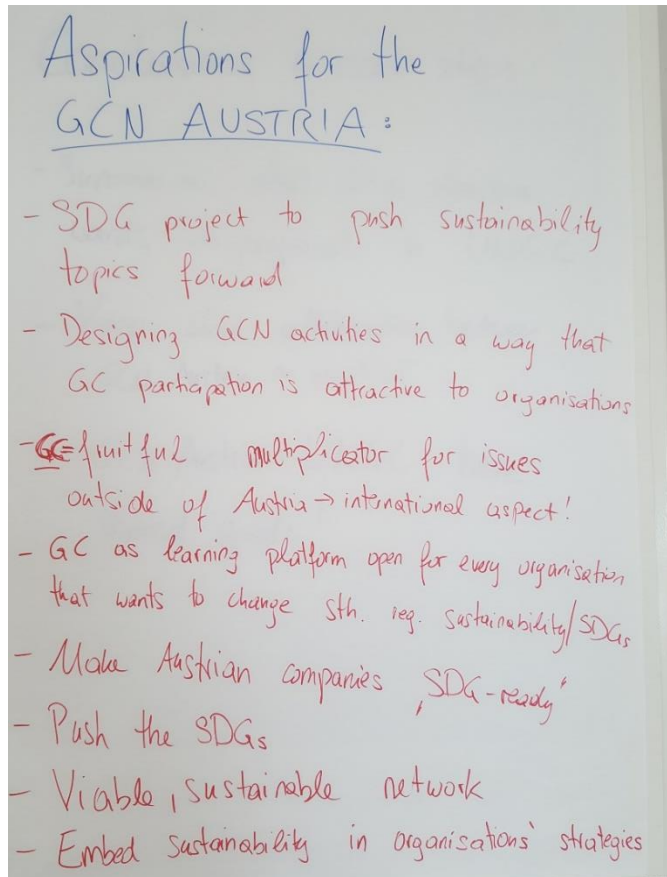
**Facilitator: Carina Hauptmann**

- Opening, Thank you to Leo Hauska for giving us the opportunity to hold this meeting in his office
  - Detailed agenda, Language English
  - Roles of the participants:
    - o Steering Committee members: Elected to decide on what is best for the GCN Austria, everyone can speak openly (Chatham House Rules)
    - o Ole: Lead the discussion as moderator, set the boundaries by UNGC, bring in learnings from other LNs (= Local Networks), support to find a solution and define next steps
    - o Andreas Lummerstorfer: will join the meeting for one dedicated hour, purpose: answer legal questions that arise from our discussions
  - Intention / Goal of today's meeting: Explore the future strategic direction the GCN Austria, how the network will be restructured in order to continue its collaboration with the UNGC (respecting the new Quality Standards)
  - Each participant:
    - o Introduction
    - o Short statement as to how they have come to being a Steering Committee member / since when they're in this function
    - o Aspirations for the GCN Austria / opinions on the strategic position (vision, mission, what is our function, what do we want to achieve)
- Carina writes down comments on flipchart

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### 9:50 – 10:30 Strategic framework

Facilitator: Ole Lund Hansen

- New developments: funding model / mandatory fees, Quality One Global Compact, 2020 Strategy
  - International perspective on the overall UNGC strategy and the role of LNs
  - Value proposition of the Global Compact: in the past two different set ups (local, international), in the future: towards one value proposition
  - Amina Mohammed (Deputy Secretary-General) promotes GC LNs as part of the UN country teams
  - Why do we need the Quality Standards? Advantages for the LN
  - Strengthening the role of LNs also brings along a risk factor – therefore a need of minimum standards arises
  - Quality Standards also bring clarity in governance
- See presentation attached

### 10:30 – 11:00 Q & A / Opening discussion

- What does “hosting” mean in detail? 2 elements: employment, office space
- International examples of hosting organizations: ICC in Switzerland, Confederation of Danish Industry in Denmark
- Offerings of the LN and the host organization should be distinct but not competing



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- Memorandum of understanding (MoU): shall be signed between the Foundation for the GC, the Global Compact Office in NY, the hosting organization (if applicable) and the Global Compact Network in the respective country
- Other international examples: LN in Spain: not hosted but independent organization, LN in Greece: will go for option 1 (see below)

### **11:00 – 11:30 Break**

11:15           Arrival of Andreas Lummerstorfer, introduction to the participants

### **11:30 – 12:50 Group discussion / Interactive part on the reorganization of GCN Austria**

- Carina briefly explains the options as described in Ole's background note and introduces the four whiteboards (see option 1-3 & other possibilities)
- Group discussion on all scenarios while Carina pins the mentioned statements on the relevant boards

#### Option 1: Merging GCN Austria and respACT:

- Pros & Cons
  - o Exit of respACT as political front end organization creates vacuum
  - o No local organization any longer
  - o 100% dependency on NY
  - o Board would lose the authority to decide on the fees
  - o Combined membership
- Important issues regarding implementation
  - o New organization would be multi-stakeholder, not only a business-initiative
  - o Naming of the organization?

#### Option 2: Creating an independent legal entity:

- Pros & Cons
  - o Independency
  - o ADA funding more complicated bc. It's a small, new organization
  - o General organizational effort
- Important issues regarding implementation
  - o Legal accountability?
  - o Board would be liable
  - o Establish cooperation with respACT
- Suitable types of organization
  - o Association



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## Option 3: Securing a new hosting arrangement:

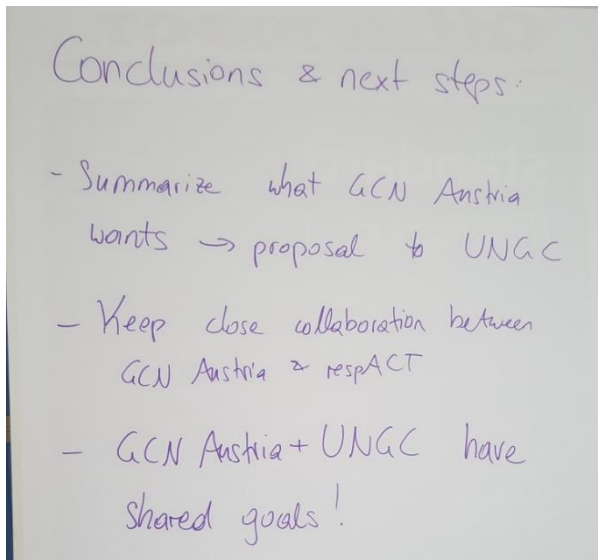
- Pros & Cons
  - Austria = small market
- Important issues regarding implementation
  - Continue relationship with respACT
  - Agenda of the new host organization
  - What does the host organization get out of it?
  - Differentiation between the host's offering and the GCN Austria's offering
- Suitable organizations
  - Forum Alpbach
  - UNIDO
  - WKO
  - ADA
  - ICC Austria

## 4: Other scenarios / possibilities

- UNGC is willing to discuss possible combinations of the three options as well as other solutions/scenarios

## **12:50 – 13:00 Conclusions and next steps**

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- Closing
- Next Steering Committee meeting will be held in December