

# 42th EURAF Executive Committee Report

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## Present:

2 officers: Rosa Mosquera Losada, Joana A. Paulo, Jeroen Watté

5 countries represented by national delegates: Robert Borek (Poland), Andrea Vityi (Hungary), Bohdan Lojka (Czech Rep.), Norbert Lamersdorf (Germany), Andrea Pisanelli (Italy).

Staff: Anja Chalmin

Apologies:

The quorum was not achieved.

## ISSUE 1: EURAF accounting

**Rosa**: Agroforestry festival needs to be organized within AGFORWARD project. The festival should include agroforestry related and leisure activities (e.g. open air concerts). It is not specified where the festival should be carried out. No financial support available, but Anja can help with preparations, e.g. registration.

**Rosa summarizing results of a previous conversation with Norbert (as the AGFORWARD responsible within EURAF):**

- Suggestion to organize a 1 day festival, with farmers speaking about agroforestry, followed by a round table to discuss with farmers, a trip to an agroforestry plot/farm and an agroforestry market (local products from agroforestry).
- The Marciac – Festival in France was discussed as an option too, since it is an already well-established festival, but only in French.
- Offers to host the festival came from Italy (Andrea Pisanelli) & UK (Mike Strachan).
- Since EURAF has not funds at all to pay such an event, it would be good to be attached to an already existing festival/event

**Jeroen/Rosa**: Marciac festival is an already existing Jazz festival, organized in an agricultural environment

**Jeroen**: How about linking the festival to an international fair close to Paris?

**Norbert**: Let's fix the goal. Within EURAF no money to travel. Let's have just one language and an event made for local people. Let's organize a local example. To show that knowledge of agroforestry can be transferred by such an event, we can use an easy, funny and nice way. A compromise between a fair & festival with music needs to be found.

**Bohdan**: Agrees with Norbert. No huge difference between fair and festival. Event should be organised on local level, e.g. a mix between fair and festival. Now a place needs to be chosen.

**Rosa**: How about organizing such local events in two places as two EURAF members seem to be interested?

**Norbert**: Is there further information available from Italy?

**Rosa**: Andrea Pisanelli would be willing to find a venue. He mentioned that there are options, but those need to be discussed (in Italy). We need to make very clear that there is no budget to organize. The only support is Anja helping from Germany.

[Andrea Pisanelli joining the call]

**Rosa:** clarifying again the possibilities the above mentioned means of EURAF to support a local event.

**Andrea P.:** Very nice places to organize such an event, but money will be an issue.

**Rosa:** Are there any specific events, already planned?

**Andrea P.:** Not yet, but he will clarify possibilities.

**Rosa/Andrea:** Sponsors should be found on local level and by EURAF. Rosa is asking to have a reply for the next EC call.

**Andrea Vityi:** A shepherd festival could possibly be linked with the AGFORWARD festival, this festival is situated near Balaton. A traditional public festival with markets is hold in the Great Plain region. Andrea will check whether there are any options.

**Jeroen:** Option in Flanders? Together with Bert he will verify whether there are any options too.

**Robert:** Agroforestry event in Poland was just confirmed. Robert will find out whether a combination with the agroforestry festival is possible.

**Rosa:** Please provide results for the next EC call (October 1<sup>st</sup>)

**Norbert:** adds that deadline is very close

**Andrea P./Rosa:** EURAF members can travel to local events, but only with their own funds. EURAF has no funds for the festival at all.

**Rosa:** will ask Fabien for further ideas.

**Jeroen:** invite other countries to follow the examples.

**Rosa:** Rosa, Norbert and Anja will send an invitation to all members of EURAF's EC.

## **OTHER ISSUES**

**Next EURAF EC meeting:** October 1<sup>st</sup>.