

44rd EURAF Executive Committee Report

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Present:

3 officers: Rosa Mosquera Losada, Jeroen Watté (partly), Joana Amaral

7 countries represented by national delegates: Andrea Pisanelli (Italy), Andrea Vityi (Hungary), Bohdan Lojka (Czech Rep.), Robert Borek (Poland), Anastasia Pantera (Greece), Gerardo Moreno (Spain), Joao Palma (Portugal)

Further: Patrick Worms (partly).

Apologies: Gerry Lawson, Sylvène Laborie-Roussel, Adolfo Rosati, Bert Reubens (Belgium), Konstantinos Mantzanas (Greece), Christian Dupraz (France), Norbert Lamersdorf (Germany), Mélanie Lamaison (AliénorEU), Mark Vonk (The Netherlands), Anja Chalmin, Felix Herzog (Switzerland),

The quorum was achieved.

ISSUE 1: EURAF accounting and solutions

It was described the financial situation of EURAF, which makes that EURAF will not be able to pay salaries after June 2015.

EURAF is waiting for the response of the current proposals AGFORGOOD and the Pilot project. Once they are known (in November), and if not successful a doodle will be sent to the EC and national delegates to have a meeting to find solutions.

EURAF shall try to participate in more proposals. The following were discussed:

ISSUE 2: COST ACTION

http://www.cost.eu/participate/open_call

Deadline: January 2015.

EFI will be asked to take the lead of this proposal.

ISSUE 3: H2020 EU PROJECTS

The next call can be seen [here](#). From this Rosa presented two:

1. SFS-7B 2014/2015: *Genetic resources and agricultural diversity for food security, productivity and resilience* Deadlines: First stage: 3 February 2015 Second stage: 11/06/2015. Because it was initially presented last year, so we have a draft and it specifically mentions agroforestry in the text. Agreement: Re-submit it with changes, so those of you willing to participate on it, please send an e-mail to Rosa by 15 November.

2. ISIB-2-2014/2015: *Closing the research and innovation divide: the crucial role of innovation support services and knowledge exchange* Deadline:11/06/2015. From the e-mail sent there was interest in this call from J. Smit, Bert Reubens, Bohdan Lojka. Agreement: If you are willing to participate on it, please send an e-mail to Rosa by 15 November.

Increasing the participation of EURAF in the H2020, we decided it is better that all members of the EC and national delegates read the calls of the following link http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/wp/2014_2015/main/h2020-wp1415-food_en.pdf to see in which subject EURAF can collaborate and promote the participation of

EURAF on them. The initiatives should be shared within the EC and national delegates to avoid double working on the same call.

It was decided also Anja prepares a letter to add EURAF to the EU portal and to contact to each National Contact Points to make aware people presenting projects that EURAF can offer in agroforestry related projects a European Network. The draft will be sent to the EC and national delegates.

Sponsorship: We mostly agreed on the document sent by Anja. However, there is not money allowed for professionals and an e-mail should be sent to the EC and national delegates in order to agree about the type of sponsors that are not appropriate for the EURAF interests. During the call Patrick said that there was a person very keen on agroforestry that will be probably interested in a donation of 10000 euros. A letter should be prepared by Anja.

Anastasia mentioned that it is a good idea to make a letter for sponsorship, highlighting the importance of agroforestry. Anja will prepare the letter.

ISSUE 4: Civil Dialogue Group organization

Rosa explained how the CDG works and the A letter will be sent to all EC members firstly and National Delegates later to ask for their wiliness to participate in the different CDG EURAF is involved. Anja will prepare the letter.

ISSUE 5: Dissemination activities: web page; flyer

Joao will be in charge of the web page together with Anja. A specific facility will be added to allow people to ask for newsletter sending. It was required to send good photos of riparian agroforestry systems to Anja to end the flyer.

ISSUE 6: AGFORWARD:

Rosa spoke with Paul and even though the Festival is clearly mentioned in the AGFORWARD project it is not a deliverable, so, the idea to organize several festivals at more local/regional scale is okay. Rosa will contact with Alain Canet to see the possibilities to organize a joint festival in Marciac.

Due to the fact that most of the EC and national delegates will be in Paris the first Wednesday of December, the next EC meeting will be held the second Wednesday of December (10th December 2014).