

46th EURAF Executive Committee Report

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Present:

3 officers: Rosa Mosquera Losada, Gerry Lawson, Jeroen Watté

5 countries represented by national delegates: Andrea Vityi (Hungary), Robert Borek (Poland), Gerardo Moreno (Spain), Kostas Mantzanas (Greece, present during 1st half of the meeting), Sami Kryeziu (Kosovo, present during 2nd half of the meeting)

Further: Patrick Worms (ICRAF),

Staff: Anja Chalmin

Apologies: Adolfo Rosatti (Executive Committee), Sylvene Laborie-Roussel (Executive Committee), Joana (Executive Committee), Xavier Devaux (France). Mike Strachan, Bert Reubens (Belgium), Norbert Lamersdorf (Germany), Joao Palma (Portugal), Jabier Ruiz (staff) .

The quorum was **not** achieved.

ISSUE 1: EURAF accounting

Rosa:

- EURAF is running out of money in March/April; Sylvene, Joana and Rosa are preparing the justification of AGFORWARD project, which will reveal soon the real situation. Staff contracts need to be cancelled. Rosa, Sylvene and Joana will provide a written financial summary to discuss. They will ask Christian Dupraz for help.
- Proposals: We are waiting for the Pilot project result. Several EURAF members will be involved in the preparation of the two Research Proposals calls (Innovative Training Networks and ISIB), starting next week. A COST action will also be presented. If someone wishes to join these proposals, please send an e-mail to Rosa.

Anja

- Sponsoring: No news from the Belgium Sponsor that Rosa and Patrick Worms visited last December. Anja is looking for advice to get sponsors. One volunteer was found to support EURAF with its sponsoring strategy

ISSUE 2: EURAF Website

- Anja: no news, she has not access to the web page and will ask to Joao
- Rosa will ask Joao.

ISSUE 3: EURAF 2015 Events

Rosa:

- Within the AGFORWARD project, EURAF will collaborate in the Marciac festival,(France): programme awaited from Mélanie Lamaison
- If any further festivals are organized by EURAF members/delegates please inform Rosa
- Agrofe meeting in Brussels (Sept): Agrofe will organize with EURAF the final project meeting in Brussels, probably together with the AGFORWARD project. Programme awaited from Mélanie Lamaison
- CDG's: The first round of the CDG meetings, with the exception of the CAP meeting, were carried out in the last four months of 2014. All of them will be carried out again probably in June, with the exception of the Arable CDG and CAP (probably 4th March). There are two meetings of the Arable CDG with provisional dates: 18 February (sugar) and 10 March (arable crops+cop+seeds). Probably, we can provide examples of good

agroforestry practices with these crops from the tropics. Patrick will collaborate with Rosa to cope with this. We can also make a small presentation (10 minutes) in the February-March meetings (probably cereals). Jeroen and Rosa were speaking with Arnaud Petit in the last CDG meeting. Thanks to Arnaud Petit, EURAF will be able to make a presentation of two hours next June. The EURAF participation should be carefully prepared. We can make three small presentations and leave time for discussion. They are really interested in good farm practices.

- All NGOs belonging to the Rural Development Civil Dialogue Group is part of the Rural Development Assembly, which will meet once or twice per year. The first Rural Development Assembly meeting will be carried out next 26 January. Out of 23 NGOs, around 9 will be selected to participate in the Rural Development Steering Committee. Rosa will represent EURAF. A permanent participation or a rotation system in the Steering Committee is asked by the Commission. Rosa asked what is the better option for the EC. Jeroen thinks that EURAF should go for a permanent participation as it is in the middle between the environmentalists and the producers. Rosa will ask for this possibility but an agreement is needed with the rest of the involved NGOs.

Follow-up on 2014 CDG's:

- (Gerry) Forestry meeting (Dec. 17th): notes will be distributed by Gerry via the EC-GoogleGroups. Gerry & Rosa agreed to draft a letter to include Agroforestry in the multi-year-action program / forestry strategy. Gerry and Patrick points out that Agroforestry needs to be added in the Implementation plan.
- CDG letters for the Forestry and the Organic farming groups are pending. Forestry: Joana and Gerry will circulate their draft before the end of this month. Organic: Anja will start working on the letter next Tuesday/Wednesday. Rosa suggests that both letters should be finished before the end of this month to guarantee the inclusion of Agroforestry in the Strategic Agenda of these groups for the next years..

Jeroen, Patrick:

- Interesting Horizon 2020 programme call (deadline Feb. 3rd): ["Small farms but global markets"](#). No co-financing needed, 100% funding possible. Call for February: Due to the tight deadline we need to join an existing construction. Patrick: ICRAF is preparing; get in touch with Patrick if you want to join the proposal.

Gerry

- Farm Woodland Forum Annual Meeting (UK): May 18-19. Theme: Woodfuel in Agroforestry. [Further details](#). Rosa suggests that it should be announced in the Newsletter.

ISSUE 4: AliènorEU contract

- Priorities according to Doodle survey (13 participants):

1.	13 voices	Following the discussion on the CAP implementation and carrying out lobbying activities when necessary (EFA, RDP, etc)
2.	12 voices	Giving you strategic advice
3.	8 voices	Attending and reporting back on discussions held in the European Parliament
4.	7 voices	Attending and reporting back on relevant events organized in Brussels
5.	3 voices	Communication: Writing one article per month for your Newsletter and sending tweets on agroforestry
6.	3 voices	Arranging bilateral meetings with EU policy makers and stakeholders
7.	3 voices	Sending alerts
8.	1 voice	Producing briefing notes upon request
9.	1 voice	Sending the EU weekly press review and the EU Institutions news

10.	0 voices	Participating in some meetings of the CAP Civil Dialogue Groups
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- Rosa will send the results to Mélanie and get back to everyone with Mélanie's reply

ISSUE 5: Communication within EURAF google lists

Gerry, Anja:

- EURAF friends: finished very soon (by Gerry and Anja)
- EC + members lists: completed and can be used

Rosa:

- We decided last time we were going to have three lists linked to google groups (members, EC and dissemination lists), that will be owned/managed by Rosa and Anja. We can add more people interested in being a owner or manager of the three lists at least from the Elected Executive Committee upon request. For example, it is important for the delegates to have access to their country lists linked to the "member lists" to update them. Treasures should have access to the member lists also. The dissemination flow is going to be unidirectional and provides relevant information to the "EURAF friends". Within the Elected Executive Committee there were comments about the use of the Member list to interact with members without asking to the National delegates. EURAF is a federation of associations, so we should ask to their elected representatives to be better coordinated. Language barriers can be solved by the national delegates. The national delegate knows better who should we ask for specific issues.

Gerry, Rosa:

- CDG-related information (e.g. CDG minutes): Can life-links be forwarded through the member lists? The life-links should be forwarded to EC-members only. National delegates could forward the informatio to the interested members to join if they wish and even make a summary in their own language to reach non-English speakers.
- There is a document about Pillar I payments that Gerry and Jabier prepared. Rosa apologies for not having time to see the document, but she read the article of the newsletter and it was agreed that it should be further discussed.

ISSUE 6: Participation in the EURAF EC

Rosa, Anja:

- 5 countries with members but no national delegates:

Ireland	Eugene Curran, William Considine, Ian Short, Nicholas Sweetman
Bulgaria	Tihomir Krumov
Albania	Lindita Manga, Alku Besnik
Croatia	Vladimir Ivezic
Austria	Thomas Huemer

- Please see [this Dropbox link](#) for up-to-date member's lists (and contact details).
- Rosa will invite members to participate as national delegates / elect a national delegate.

Sami:

- Mentions that there are additional requests for membership, e.g. from Macedonia. Rosa asked Sami to forward these requests to herself and Anja.