

48th EURAF Executive Committee Report

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Present:

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

2 countries represented by national delegates: Andrea Vityi (Hungary), Robert Borek (Poland),

Apologies: Sylvene Laborie-Roussel, Joana Amaral, Anastasia Pantera (Greece), Patrick Worms (ICRAF), Jabier Ruiz (staff), Xavier Devaux (France), Bert Reubens (Belgium), Christian Dupraz.

The quorum was **not** achieved.

ISSUE 1: EURAF accounting

Rosa and based on the ppt file sent to all the EC explained the financial situation delivered by both treasures and herself.

Main Problems:

1.- EURAF will run out of money in March. Members of the EC will loan money to fulfil the EURAF compromises with the staff members. After June, and once the money is get back to the people that makes the loan to EURAF, the amount of money left in June will be 10553EUROS, but, around 3388.38 Euros have to be allocated in not staff costs (to fulfil the AGROFE requirements by September 2015). This means that at the end of the year EURAF will have 15689 euros to be allocated in personnel activities to fulfil the AGFORWARD requirements

2.- EURAF AGFORWARD duties are to spend the money in staff to demonstrate that the activities of the AGFORWARD project are carry out. This means that EURAF has 15689 euros to justify contracts of 13.5 person months (the person months should be respected).With the contracts of Jabier and Anja of 2015. EURAF will justify 3 months. So, we have 15689 euros to justify 10.5 contracts. EURAF has also to justify 11535 euros in other costs,

Additional problems:

- The cofinancing of the personnel costs is 50%
- Making numbers if we are able to justify personnel and other costs we have to cofinance over 12000 Euros (either as personnel or direct money payment) over the before mentioned amounts

SOLUTIONS:

SHORT TERM

- Transfer part of the money of EURAF to avoid cofinancing: This option is open to all AGFORWARD participants, and will mean to justify money in June 2016 with own institution staff without being paid before. This was mentioned by Paul Burgess as a good and feasible option, but we have to give an answer by June 2015.
- Go for really cheap contracts, with costs around 1500 euros for the full contract (including social security)
- Donnors, very welcome

LONG TERM

- Projects. EURAF has take part already of the following proposals as partner or subcontracting. VALORA (two stages in collaboration with ICRAF), ISIB, Face plus. EURAF delegates are involved in these proposals.
- Consultancy/company contracts
To be evaluated considering that the important role of EURAF as NGO in the different European institutions is not lost.

After two hours of meeting, the rest of the points were postponed for the next meeting, that will be held next Wednesday 8th March.