

# 50th EURAF Executive Committee Report

Wednesday, 8 April 2015, 10am - 12pm

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## Present:

**Officers:** Rosa Mosquera Losada, Gerry Lawson, Adolfo Rosati

**National Delegates:** Bohdan Lojka (Czech Rep.), Kostas Mantzanas (Greece), Andrea Pisanelli (Italy), Andrea Vityi (Hungary) Norbert Lamersdorf (Germany), Gerardo Moreno (Spain).

**Others:** Anja Chalmin (staff)

**Apologies:** Sylvene Laborie-Roussel, Jeroen Watte, Joana Amaral Paulo, Melanie Lamaison

## 1. EURAF staff contracts / accounting

There are extra costs related to staff contracts which make EURAF's economic situation even more difficult. After speaking with Anja, she agreed to a delay to paying her, providing that an agreement is signed with EURAF. The meeting was very grateful to Anja for this. It was also agreed to send a letter to national delegates requesting the 2015 membership fees.

**ACTION:** *Anja to prepare the letter.*

## 2. EURAF Funding

EURAF is participating in the following calls without adopting cofinancing:

- VALORA (leader: ICRAF), The proposal failed in the first stage
- FACCE SURPLUS (two stages)
- COST ACTION. Leader: USC (1 stage (resubmission September)
- WASTE Call two preproposals (20 April). (two stages)
- WATER Call (one preproposal) (21 April). Leader (two stages)
- ISIB call (7 June) Leader: USC (1 stage end of this year)
- Pilot project: PEFC is willing to collaborate in the Pilot project call with EURAF. Adolfo is in contact with the Italian branch of PEFC (they can sponsor an Italian event, but cannot sponsor a project abroad). Rosa is in contact with Xavier Noyón of the Geneva Office.

The Gold/Silver/Bronze package for sponsors needs to be finished. Members/non-members should (in different letters) be asked to help find potential sponsors. The EC should have another look at the list of potential sponsors.

**ACTION:** *Anja to*

- *update the package based on the comments made in the last EC report (regarding newsletter/website). First round of feedback: Elected EC. 2<sup>nd</sup> round of feedback: Entire EC. Afterwards the package will be developed in detail and finalized by Anja (supported by Nathan).*
- *forward the list of sponsors to the entire EC (if possible with web links and an indication of the size of the company)*
- *draft two emails to ask for potential sponsors interested in being announced in the brochure or the package (A: members; B: Non-members, and inform via Google Groups)*

TUBEX Brochure: A written agreement will be drafted by PGI asap. The responsible manager at PGI (Catherine Fyfe) confirmed that EURAF is not responsible to translate the brochure into Spanish and German for free, but has to carry out a final check of these versions.

**ACTION:** *Anja to forward the present table of content / draft to the EC for comments.*

The company CompoVerde expressed interest to place an advertisement in EURAF's newsletter. It was decided that EURAF should ask higher fees from larger and smaller fees from smaller companies. (Example costs for advertisements in newsletters with less than 10.000 readers: ¼ page: €90 to 120, ½ page: €140 to 180, 1 page: €220 to 250.)

**ACTION:** *Anja to forward information on CompoVerde to the EC for comments. EC to check the article before the newsletter is circulated.*

### 3. EURAF Policy Activities

April:

- European Forestry Strategy: Agroforestry was included in a 'compromise motion' in Parliament's report on the Strategy
- Leader Group meeting,
- CDG Arable Crop meeting,
- CDG Organic meeting

**ACTION: Rosa will for delegates to the two CDG meetings, widening to other members if an EC member cannot go.**

June:

- Make presentation on agroforestry to Arable Crop CDG meeting: Christian is willing to prepare this.
- European Agroforestry Strategy: Rosa is proposing to the Parliament that there should be a European Agroforestry Strategy, as is the case in India and USA.
- There is an open call for two new EIP-AGRI Focus Groups (applications should be sent by 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015): a) new entrants into farming: lessons to foster innovation and entrepreneurship; b) water and agriculture: adaptive strategies at farm level. To apply go to the following [Link](#). **Action: Rosa to send a reminder. Action: Reinform EC members.**

There will probably be a new Agroforestry Focus Group coming soon, linked to mitigation and adaptation strategies of climate change. Adrien Guichaoua and Rosa gave a good defence of agroforestry in a recent meeting of the European Network for Rural Development, which highlighted the opportunities for agroforestry within "European Innovation Partnerships".

- Public consultation on the integration of Agriculture, Land Use, Land-use Changes and Forestry (LULUCF) into the 2030 EU climate and energy policy framework. The deadline will be mid of June. Gerry will take the lead of this. He will put a document in the google drive system
- Rosa attended to the Climate Smart Agriculture Conference in Montpellier, held in France. Within this important international meeting agroforestry was found as a key strategy to increase production in a sustainable way while making the systems more resilient and adapted to climate change. There was a first contact to include agroforestry in the followings IPCC reports.
- Gerry attended the JES Mars Unit workshop at Baveno in Italy on 24-25/3/2015 and fed into a sub-group on semantics and field cases. The recommendation of the sub-group was that Direct Payments should be protected on immature agroforestry plantations, and a draft decision tree was produced to aid this. **Action: Gerry to follow up with DG-AGRI and JRS.**

### 4. EURAF Events

- Expo Milano: waiting for the call of the European Commission Marciac Festival (30 July). Melanie is expected to send further updates soon.
- Brussels meeting (AGROFE) will be delayed. Melanie will send further information.
- The 2016 EURAF meeting will probably be held in September in Montpellier, together with the General Assembly of AGFORWARD.
- 2016 EURAF participation invited for Spanish Agroforestry meeting in Catalunya.

**ACTIONS: Rosa to send a reminder to the Commission taking more information, Adolfo to provide further updates on Milano Expo. Melanie will inform Rosa about Marciac and AGROFE meeting to organize it.**

### 5. EURAF WIKI development

Gerry has translated the book by Christian and Fabien titled *Agroforesterie: des arbres et des cultures* into English, and converted it to a wiki which will become available on subscription at [www.eurafwiki.eu](http://www.eurafwiki.eu). Discussions are continuing with the Publisher (France Agricole), with the hope that bulk of the fee will come to EURAF (many thanks to Christian and Fabien for agreeing to this!). Photos and Figures will be loaded by the end of April. The wiki-software (Tiki-Wiki) was chosen because it facilitates multi-lingual versions. It is complementary to the website since it will provide more detailed information on agroforestry practices, following payment of a subscription. The meeting welcomed this initiative, but formal approval would await the next meeting. **Action: Gerry to complete draft Wiki and give EC members access by end-April.**

## 6. Miscellaneous

The [Toolbox](#) for newly established agroforestry associations (AGFORWARD deliverable D9.28) contains 9 sections. The section "Resources to create and maintain an agroforestry association" needs further input.

**ACTION: Anja to resend the link with the latest version to EC members and ask them to contribute.**

Anja announced her absence from April 29 to June 3. Working hours for May will be performed in April and after 3<sup>rd</sup> of June.

**The next EC meeting was scheduled for the 13th of May.**