

EURAF 63rd EC meeting report

4th May, 11:00 - 12:00

Report written by Jeroen Watte, Gerry Lawson, Nuria Ferreiro and Rosa Mosquera

Present:

Elected Executive Committee: Jeroen Watte, Joana Amaral Paulo, Rosa Mosquera, Gerry Lawson, Adolfo Rosati

National Delegates: Bert Reubens (Belgium), Andrea Pisanelli (Italy), Andrea Vityi (Hungary), Gerry Lawson, Anastasia Pantera (Greece)

Invited: Nuria Ferreiro Domínguez, Christian Dupraz

Apologies - Norbert Lamersdorf, Fabien Balaguer, Patrick Worms.

1. EURAF projects:

Atlantic Interreg Project will be presented with the collaboration of Portugal (Joana), Paul Burgess (UK), Spain (Rosa Canals) and France (Fabien Balaguer). Call open and will end this month. Working on COST action.

AGFORWARD. 60 pages of policy review including Pillar 1 delivered. EURAF fulfills its duties on tis. The Pillar II report is underway, and hindered by lack of availability of full text on the latest RDPs". Rosa is collaborating with Nina, Maeva and Melissa Topani. Rosa was interviewed by Julie about AGROFE project results. Gerry to email the EC with information on work of Juliana Reichert from Luxemburg.

Action: Inform Rosa if you wish participate in any project with EURAF

2. EURAF events: EURAF third Congress in Montpellier

2.1.- Christian update

Things go excellent with organization. 200 mails per day. 240 people registered. List sent to EU with 30 unregistered names who have had posters or oral presentations accepted. Christian will be grateful if EC members can contact these if they know them. Adolfo commented that he will contact to those from Italy. Two field tours are full, and private cars may be added. 2-4 new registrants every day. The French Minister of Agriculture will talk at the end of Monday afternoon as he will not be available in the morning. A small profit is likely. The HISAFE workshop takes place before the conference and the AGFORWARD assembly 2 days afterwards. Final programme will go on website today. Press release is needed to attract journalists. A LICOR company booth in the hall of the conference paying 500€. The same will be offered to two tree tube companies (TUBEX, Nortene). The same offer is available to other companies who wish to participate. Adolfo asked about the ISBN of the book of abstracts. Christian informed that this will be solved for sure.

2.2.- Preparation of the general meeting

- EURAF EC Meetings: 63 meetings! (38 before)
- EURAF New members and associates from XX countries (61 people!!): Nuria to review.
- Report on the web page Joao?
- EURAF Newsletter 15! (3 in the previous period)
- EURAF EU meetings: Over 50 attended
- IUAF (development stopped)
- Summary of main successes of EURAF members (review all reports): Rosa
- Inventory of main Agroforestry practices and definition establishment: Rosa and Norbert
- Agroforestry policy analysis: Rosa
- Public consultation participation: Gerry?
- Project call participation: Rosa and Gerry
- 4% involvement. GACSA?: Rosa and Christian
- Rural National Network participation (Greece, Spain?, Poland): Robert and Anastasia
- Events a) Expo-Milano: Andrea or Adolfo, b) Parliamentary session: Rosa

Financial report (Rosa, Christian and Joana)

- AGFORWARD
- AGROFE

Future Plans (Rosa and Gerry)

National reports (ppt requested): It was confirmed that the members of the executive committee will speak 5 minutes each

Action: Rosa will prepare the document in collaboration with the delegates and the Elected EC members to be forwarded before the conference.

3. EURAF Policy activities, CDG, others

3.1 CDG Meetings

- 12 April Direct Payments and Greening, (Rosa, Gerry)
- 14 April Organic farming, Oscar Crespo, Victor Gonzalez
- 15 April: Arable Crops, Oscar Crespo, Victor González
- 13 May Arable Crops (Joana suggests Portuguese farmer)
- 20 May Rural Development (Rosa, Gerry)
- 23 May CAP (advertise for someone to go who is not going to Montpellier)
- 8 June Environment and Climate Change (Presentation confirmed!, Rosa, Gerry)
- 3 June Arable crop (Presentation not yet confirmed - get a French speaker!)
- 21 June Forest and Cork (Presentation to be offered from Gerry & Joanna. Rosa suggest to include concepts related to "forest farming and biomass production" and the circular economy)

Action: Please inform Rosa your willingness to go to any of the meetings

3.2 Participant selection on Parliament hearings

- The role of conservation agriculture in enhancing agricultural productivity and ecosystem services
Lorenzo Forlan was nominated by EURAF EC to attend (but he should join EURAF).
- Resource efficient and innovative agriculture - EU and global best practices. Alain Canet is available.
A "B" plan will be established just in case of failure

3.3 Joint Research Centre of Sevilla (Institute for Prospective Technological Studies)

Rosa was invited to give a talk on the [Workshop on "Datasets on GHG emissions mitigation technologies for the agriculture sector"](#) to be held next 14th June (organisers have specifically requested research data from any EU Country where available about Agroforestry role in mitigation and adaptation to climate change).

Actions: If you have data of mitigation (C sequestration) of Agroforestry or adaptation related to agroforestry, please send them to Rosa

3.4 GACSA Annual Forum of the Global Research Alliance - for Climate Smart Agriculture, FAO

Meeting in Rome 15-17 of June. Rosa will go invited by the Spanish Ministry

3.5 Meeting in July on high nature value farming

Preparing the assessment of High Nature Value Farming in Rural Development Programmes 2014-2020. Bonn 7-8 June- asking for experts but no costs paid. Suggested Gerardo or Joana

4. EURAF Newsletter

May issue finished... 3 featured farms, NL will be on time.

Action: Could you send Nuria papers for the July Newsletter?

5. EURAF internal activities

5.1.- Sponsorship

Rosa asked Christian about the possibility that the "Bosques Naturales" company put a stand in the Montpellier Conference. This company wants to sell mobile covers which are made of walnut.

Action: Christian answered yes, Rosa will ask for 500 to Bosques Naturales to have a stand in the conference.

5.2.- Consultations

Consultation on [science with and for society](#) (Gerry to coordinate - closes 4.7.16). Aims to collect views and opinions on the strategy, scope, objectives, and expected impacts of the Horizon 2020 'Science with and for Society' Work Programme 2018-2020.

6. EURAF accounting and Sylvie Contract (VAT, Agrofe Project)

Fabien is trying to give a budget for EURAF consultancy. Christian discussed with accountant: EURAF has to pay VAT as it is not a company. Rosa will send salary papers to Christian, who is going to cooperate with Fabien on this.

7. EURAF prize

Announcement needed on the website, with emails to all the participants. (Christian and Marie to do)
Awards for 3 posters (voting system to be organized with a Jury and voting by participants). Some money to be included. Some books also. Registration fees reimbursed?

Action: Christian and Marie will prepare a document to inform about the prize to be sent to everybody.