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2015 World Fair Trade Week

Dear members,

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As you might already know, the 2015 World Fair Trade Week takes place between 23 and 31 May in Milan. It is the most important Fair Trade event of the year and

it will be a unique occasion to meet Fair Trade actors from all over the world... [Read more](#)

Fair Trade event at the European Parliament



WFTO-Europe attended an event on local and regional support to Fair Trade and its links with the EU trade agenda, organised by European office of the City of Gothenburg in the European Parliament. [Read more](#)

Call for applications to join WFTO-E gender working group



Interested in improving the situation and position of women within and outside your organization? Then please join the WFTO-E gender working group, an informal group whose general aim is to develop a strategy and action plan at the European .. [Read more](#)

2015 Fair Trade Fairs in the spotlight

Many interesting Fair Trade related events will be held in 2015. Have a look at upcoming Fairs organized in February!



2015 BioFach Organic Food Trade Fair takes place on 11th of February in Nuremberg, Germany. This event is a great opportunity for everyone interested in innovative products and services from the organic sector

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TRAINING SESSION ON THE GUARANTEE SYSTEM

Lesson #3: Profile Form for existing members



Every two years WFTO members are required to send their Self-Assessment Report (SAR). As part of the Self-Assessment, they also have to provide another form, called "Profile form for existing members". [Read more](#)

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AGENDA

- 11-14 February: **BIOFACH**
- 13-17 February: **Ambiente 2015 Fair in Frankfurt, Germany**
- 20 February: **World Day of Social Justice**
- 23 February—8 March: **Fairtrade Fortnight UK 2015**
- 8 March: **International Women Day**
- 24-26 March: **Fair Trade Federation Conference**
- 09-12 April: **2015 Fair Handeln Fair in Germany**
- 19 April: **2015 Bio Ost Fair in Berlin**
- 09 May: **World Fair Trade Day**
- 09-24 May : **Fair Trade Fortnight 2015 in France**
- 23-31 May: **2015 World Fair Trade Week**

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

WFTO-Europe thanks and says good bye to Helene Feller and welcomes the new intern Natalia Grotova from Czech Republic.

We are happy to announce that the 2nd year of the Vote4FT Project has successfully passed the audit.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

The minutes of the last Board meetings from the 24th of October 2014 and 1st of December 2014 are now available on the website. [Login here](#) in order to Access the Board minutes. The next meeting will be held on the 23rd of February 2015, via Skype.

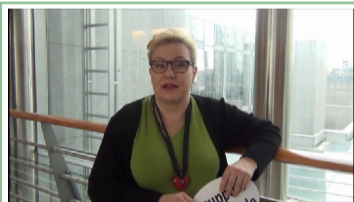
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VOTE4FT: TESTIMONIALS

Sirpa Pietikainen, Finland



The European Parliament Elections are now passed but the Vote4FairTrade campaign goes on.

In the following [video](#) MEP Sirpa Pietikainen speaks about her commitment to Fair Trade, explains how the European Parliament defends the Fair Trade values and much more.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Belgian Fair Trade Federation



Name: BFTF-Belgian Fair Trade Federation
Head Office: Brussels, Belgium
Year of foundation: 2010
Website: www.bftf.be

The Belgian Fair Trade Federation (BFTF) is a network of fifteen Fair Trade actors in Belgium, mainly active in Wallonia and in Brussels. Some of them are non-governmental, or non-profit organisations with small projects in the ... [Read more](#)

FT-RELATED NEWS, PUBLICATIONS & OTHER TOOLS

- [The FTAO's Internal Advocacy Bulletin](#) for January 2015 (login required) includes articles regarding policy issues (EU Trade Commissioner reveals plans for Fair Trade, Sustainable textile initiative discussed at EU level, Latest updates on Post-2015 development agenda), FTAO news (World Fair Trade Organization-Global comes back to the FTAO) and more!
- [Clean Clothes Campaign report](#) shows that there is a decline towards illegal work and low pay level in the Italian garment industry.
- Sasha and CRC Exports, two WFTO members from India successfully completed the Guarantee System Process and can now use the WFTO Product Label! You can read more about them [here](#).
- The World Economic Forum annual meeting took place in Switzerland on 21st of January. During the [BBC debate](#), Oxfam International's Executive Director Winnie Byanyima called for urgent action to tackle rising inequality and climate change.
- Oxfam published a [report](#) on inequality and global wealth distribution. It provides further evidence that we must build a fairer economic and political system that values every citizen.



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