



## 2015 WFTO-EUROPE AGM FEEDBACK TO MEMBERS

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Dear friends and colleagues,

Inspired by the relaxed and confident atmosphere of the 2015 WFTO Global Conference, and excited by the 2015 Milan World Fair Trade Week, WFTO-Europe held its AGM “short version” (3,5 hours, as always happens when the WFTO European AGM takes place during the Global Conference) the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2015 in Milan. The AGM was attended by 42 registered members (26 organisations physically present, and 16 Proxy Votes).

For your information, and mainly to update all the members that could not attend the meeting, enclosed with this letter we are sending you the official draft AGM minutes, and the adopted 2015/16 Work Plan and Bylaws (as amended).

Although this is not anymore something new, it is important to underline the good atmosphere in which our AGM took place: the additional proof of confidence that we received as Board is the most important resource to continue our work, and to fuel our “Board engine”.

All documents proposed by the Board have been approved, and particularly:

- We presented our “Communication strategy” for the next 3 years, aimed at having a clear policy and specific criteria to drive our communication both internally, towards the members, and externally.
- We compromised ourselves to elaborate and to present in the 2016 WFTO-Europe Conference a draft “3 years Strategic Plan”.
- We started a dialogue - sharing a common position with all WFTO Regions - with WFTO Global regarding the need to increase the fees that Global transfer to the Regions to carry out the monitor and membership tasks, as foreseen by the Guarantee System.
- Bertil Högberg (from Sweden, co-opted in October 2014) and Tadeusz Makulski, (from Poland, candidate for his second mandate) were approved as member of the Board of Directors; Sophie Tack (from Belgium, WFTO-Europe Board member) was approved as European candidate to the WFTO Global Board of Directors.
- WFTO-Europe agreed to support the presentation to the WFTO Global AGM of the “Resolution on Gender”; some European members agreed to present to WFTO Global AGM a new Resolution on “Domestic Fair Trade”, aimed at asking Global to keep working on this topic (this was finally approved by a majority of the votes in the Global AGM).

Finally, we would like to inform you that the 2016 WFTO-Europe Conference/AGM - the “long version: 3 days” will be organised most likely in Germany (maybe in June).

Please send us your comments and feedback.

We wish all the best for you and your organisation!

On behalf of the WFTO-Europe Board and with warm regards,

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