



**EUROPE**

## Minutes WFTO-Europe Board meeting 6 October 2017, Skype

Present: Giorgio Dal Fiume (President), Gabriella D'Amico, Emilie Durochat, Tadeusz Makulski (Secretary and Treasurer ad interim), and Francesca Giubilo (Coordinator).

Excused: Sophie Tack, Marijke Visser.

AGENDA
1. Approval previous meeting minutes (7 September 2017)
2. Update from the office
3. Update on TFLF project
4. Update on migration
5. Update on the webinar on the evolution of worldshops in Europe
6. Next Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)
7. AOB

### **1. Approval previous meeting minutes**

Minutes were unanimously approved.

### **2. Update from the office**

The Coordinator went through the document she circulated beforehand. She mentioned to the Board that the Food Smart Cities for Development (FSC4D) project ended in 2015, was selected by the EC for an extra audit who should take place in November. Hence the last instalment of the payment has been suspended.

### **3. Update on TFLF project**

#### *EC contract and early start date*

The official contract is not yet signed but an agreement between the partners, for instance between FI and WFTO-Europe was signed to allow the organisation to have some eligible costs from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September if the early start date is confirmed by the EC at the moment of the signature. The agreement also specified that each partner takes its own responsibility in covering these costs in the remotely case the project is not signed.

#### *WFTO-Europe activity*

A research on living wage will be carried out by WFTO-Europe in the context of the project. A consultant will be then hired to fulfil this goal. In order to prepare the Terms of Reference for this research, the board proposed to set up a working group composed by the coordinator, one person from the board (most likely Emilie) and one person from the Global WG on fair wages fair prices to work on it.

### **4. Update on migration**

A second article on migration will be circulated in the next Newsletter, which will be issued on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October. Based on the great examples collected from the members, WFTO-Europe will then work on a sort of statement to show the connection between migration and Fair Trade. An article on it will be also included in the first external Newsletter which is planned to be out in January 2018. The board agreed to give an update on the Annual topic of WFTO-Europe in the next EGM.

### **5. Update on the WFTO-E workshop in Delhi**

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of October, a webinar to discuss the evolution of the worldshops in Europe will take place. Gabriella D'Amico, Chair of the Retailers and Worldshops Committee will lead the discussion, which will mainly focused on sharing experiences and looking at possible synergies. The webinar will be crucial to also prepare the workshop on the Retailers Standard that WFTO-Europe is organising within the WFTO Biennial Conference in Delhi.

## **6. Next Extraordinary General Assembly**

Discussions went around the importance of reaching the quorum to make the EGM valid and the Board candidatures. The Board agreed to add in the agenda of the EGM some minutes to present the TFLF project, as well as to brief the members on the annual topic of WFTO-Europe. Each Board candidate will be asked to present himself/herself during the meeting. If not present he/she will be asked to provide a video with a very short presentation.

## **7. AOB**

### *Fair Trade Town Conference*

Tadeusz updated the others on the great atmosphere and success of the International Fair Trade Towns Conference, held in Saarbrücken from the 14<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> of September. The Conference gathered more than 200 participants from 24 different countries. Next conference will be held in October 2018 in Madrid. The Conference was also a good opportunity for the working group on FTT to meet and to discuss the way ahead for the campaign and its governance structure.

### *FTAO governance and WFTO-E representative in the FTAO Board*

As soon as Sergi circulates an updated document on the FTAO governance structure and fees proposal, another meeting will be set up between Rudi and WFTO-E to discuss within the WFTO family how to jointly react to it. In the meantime with the upcoming election of new Board members, WFTO-E has to define who will be the WFTO-E representative within the FTAO Board. This topic will be better discussed during the next Board meeting.

The Coordinator will circulate a doodle to set up the next 2 Board meetings in October and November.

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