



## Minutes WFTO-Europe Board meeting 12 July 2017, Skype

Present: Giorgio Dal Fiume (President), Sophie Tack, Marijke Visser, and Francesca Giubilo (Coordinator).

Excused: Tadeusz Makulski, Emilie Durochat, Gabriella D'Amico.

### Agenda: FTAO Governance and fees structure

Update and comments on the FTAO Board meeting, which took place the 26<sup>th</sup> of June in Brussels:

- Very intense meeting, including an interesting bleu-sky thinking section
- Update on DEAR project
- Discussion on governance (role of Board and its responsibility) – *interesting discussion for WFTO-Europe too*
- First meeting with Aldine from Max Havelaar France (replacing Barbara Crowther from FI)
- Last meeting of Marco (CLAC)
- Recruitment process for the new Project Officer ongoing (interviews planned on July 14 and 24<sup>th</sup>).
- Constructive discussion on FTAO FEES structure:
  - ✓ Confirm commitment of the 2 families on FTAO.
  - ✓ Discussion around the minimum cost for FTAO to be covered (133.000€) and how to split this amount amongst the 2 families (agreement to consider two families - FI and WFTO, including Global and Europe). Discussion if this should be opened to other organisations.
  - ✓ Discussion on the formula fixed and variable and percentage 2/3 and 1/3: to be revised.
  - ✓ Consensus that the commitment should be reasonable and fair for the organisations

WFTO-Europe confirmed its full commitment towards FTAO. Taking this into account as well as the the different financial situation in which FTAO is now, compared to the previous years, Board members did agree with the importance to think about not only the FTAO overall budget for the next years, but also the fee structure and criteria in order to guarantee to FTAO a long term and stable financial situation.

### **Next steps**

- Sophie to ask Sergi to send as soon as possible the minutes of the FTAO Board meeting.
- Once received the minutes, set up a call with Rudi to convey in a common message and WFTO position on the FTAO fees structure, bearing in mind the new WFTO governance structure to be presented in New Delhi too.
- The call will take place first week of August.