



Minutes WFTO-Europe Board meeting
6st September 2019, 15:00-16:30
Skype

Present: Juanjo Martinez (President), Giorgio Dal Fiume (Secretary), Stephanie Brookes (Treasurer), Sophie Tack (WFTO-Europe representative at the WFTO Global Board) and Francesca Giubilo (Coordinator).
Excused: Estelle Vanwambeke,

AGENDA
1. Approval of minutes (01-07-2019 & 25-07-2019 Brussels)
2. Preparation for Lima Summit
3. Update from the office
4. Decision regarding next WFTO-Europe Biennial Conference
5. Next Physical Board meeting in Brussels
6. AOB

1. Approval minutes of previous Board meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Preparation for Lima Summit

The Coordinator gave an update on the logistics and the possible agenda items for the Regional meeting to take place in Lima on the 19th of September. Juanjo, Giorgio, Sophie and Mikkel will be there, representing WFTO-Europe and leading the conversation. At the hearth of the discussion there will be the Global topics, namely resolution on climate and most likely the one on the translation of the WFTO label in French. Some updates on WFTO-Europe will be also shared by the Board members attending the meeting.

3. Update from the office

The Coordinator presented to the others the recap of the WFTO-Europe secretariat activities and particularly mentioned:

- The WFTO-Europe procurement policy – which was unanimously approved with a little amendment concerning the mention to a possible “conflict of interest”.
- The contract with Leida Rijnhout – officially signed beginning of September.
- Board candidatures – none officially received.

4. Decision regarding next WFTO-Europe Biennial Conference

The Board took time to go through the 2 proposals received by the Scottish Fair Trade Forum and Syn Allois, both provisional members respectively from Scotland and Greece. Both the proposals were considered very valuable and interesting under different point of views as well as similar in terms of costs and logistics. However, despite the great interest brought for the Scottish Fair Trade, the uncertainty linked to the Brexit scenario had a strong impact in the decision. The Conference will be organised in the framework of the Trade Fair Live Fair project and, based on the project manager doubts regarding the possibility to claim back to the EU any expenses occurred in non EU countries, the Board preferred not having any risks, to propose to Scotland the organisation of the Conference 2022 and to let the Greek member hosting the most upcoming one. This decision was taken upon the condition that the Greek organisation could propose other dates than the one presented.

5. Next Physical Board meeting in Brussels

The next physical board meeting will take place on the 14th of October in Brussels. Leida and Michael will be most likely present for the discussion on the strategic and the financial plans. Considering the limited number of Board members and the key discussions to take place, the Board agreed to exceptionally offer to Giorgio Dal Fiume a reimbursement for his travel and accommodation costs in order to ensure his physical participation in the meeting. Juanjo volunteered to chair the meeting.

6. AOB

None

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