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AREPO Executive Board Meeting

September 5th, 2022

Agenda

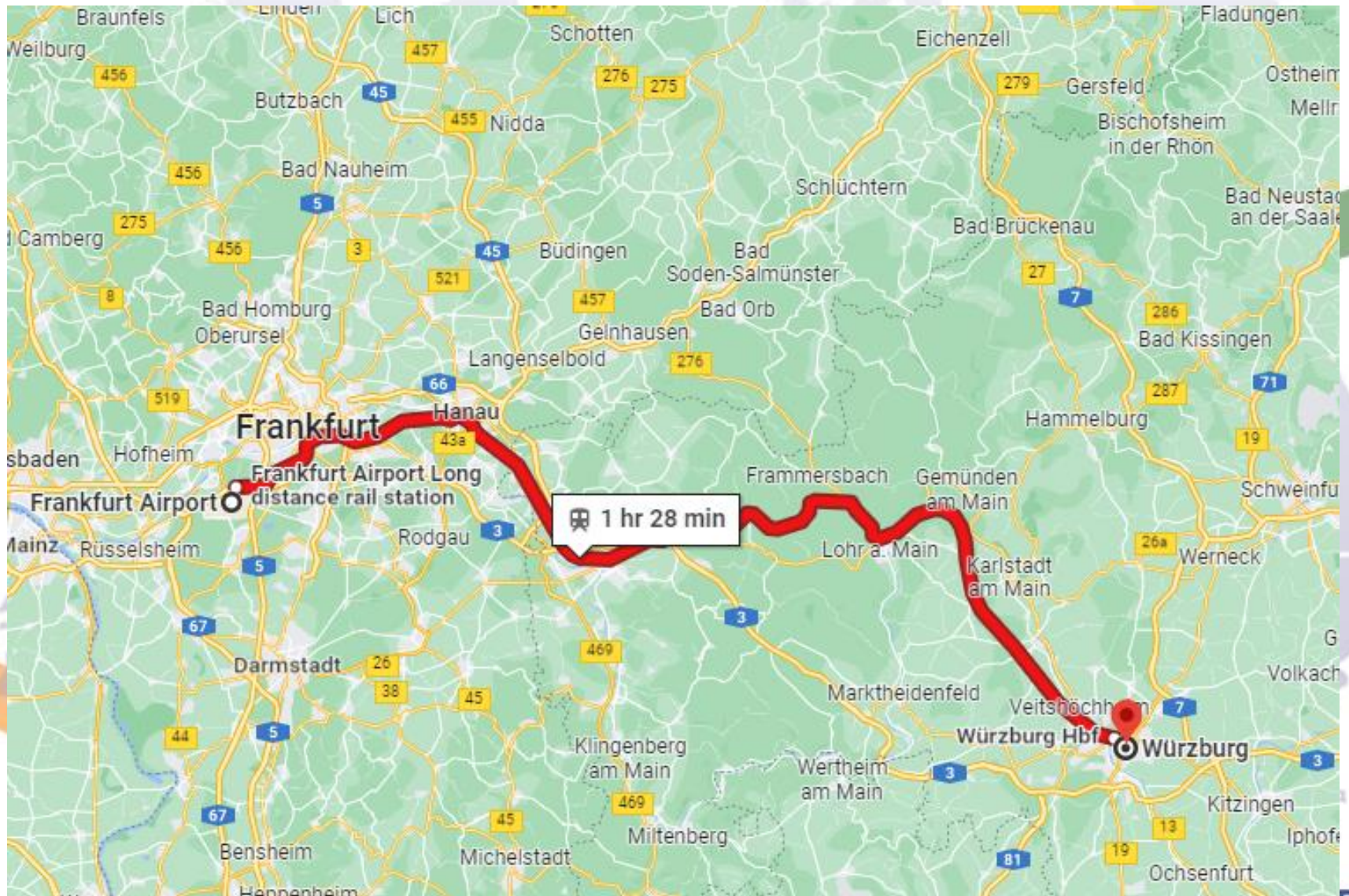
Presentation of the next General Assemblies (October 2022 and March 2023);

Update on the state of the accounts 2022 ;

Update on AREPO activities and actions for 2022;

Any other business

AREPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN WURZBURG – 25/27 OCTOBER



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AREPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN WURZBURG – PROGRAMME

TUESDAY October 25, 2022

Individual arrival and accommodation organized by participants

15.00 Informal meeting on wine with technical group (to be discussed)

17.00 Welcome of the participants (*Residenzplatz*)

17.30 Departure shuttle (*Residenzplatz*)

18.00 Dinner at Reisers - Restaurant am Stein

Sparkling wine with a view of Würzburg

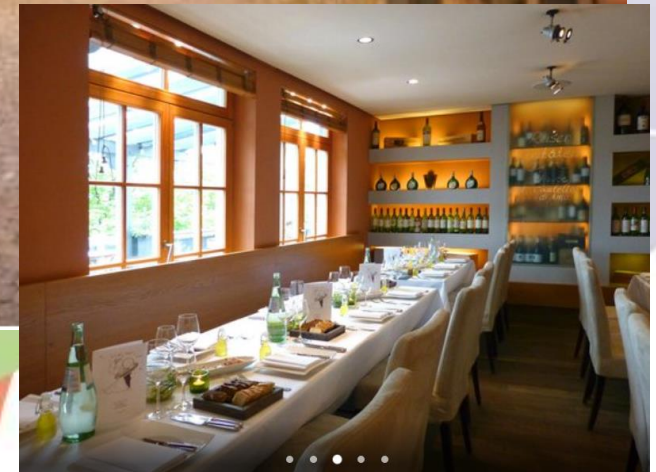
Degustation menu (starter selected specialties from HE-BW-BY)

22.00 Shuttle to *Residenzplatz*

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Reisers- Restaurant am Stein



AREPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN WURZBURG – PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY October 26, 2022

- 09.30 Arrival of participants and welcome coffee
- 10.00 AREPO General Assembly**
Welcome by president and greetings by ministers (3 min. each)
- 13.00 Standing reception with selected specialties from HE-BW-BY
- 14.00 AREPO General Assembly**
- 15.00 Conclusion
- 15.00 Guided tour of the Residence*
- 17.30 Guided tour of the cellar at the Staatlicher Hofkeller Würzburg*
- 18.30 Brückenschoppen (optional and weather dependent)*
- 7.30 p.m. Dinner individually or with reservation together (on own account)*

AREPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN WURZBURG – PROGRAMME

THURSDAY October 27, 2022

09h30 to 13h30: Technical visits to surrounding wine producing region

Details to be defined by organising Regions and will be available soon.

AGENDA

PROPOSALS FOR THE STATUTORY PART

- Presentation of the agenda for the GA
- Welcome by president and greetings by Ministers of Bavaria, Hessen and Baden-Württemberg
- Annual report of the Presidency (activities from October 2021 to October 2022)
- Speech by the Vice-president
- Presentation of the state of the accounts 2022 and provisional budget for 2023
- Contribution 2023 (*maintenance of the contribution at 4.500€*)

AGENDA

PROPOSALS FOR THE THEMATIC PART

Thematic Part I: 11:00 – 13:00

- Update on the **Revision of EU GI system** : AREPO position and actions
- Update on the Sustainable Food System Framework
- Update on Front of pack Nutrition Labelling

Thematic Part II: 14:00 – 15:00

- Update on EU Projects
 - **MOVING**
 - **AGROSMART** global & organisation of AREPO promotional event in March 2023
 - New **Horizon Europe project call on GI and sustainability**
- Update on the revision of EU Promotion Policy
- Update on the state of play of an EU-wide protection system for industrial and craft GIs (ICGI)
- AOB

AREPO GENERAL ASSEMBLY – FEBRUARY 2023

In **Extremadura** - Possible dates:

- 22-23 February
- 27-28 February

To be organised in parallel to **Agriregions event**.

Waiting for confirmation from **Commissioner Ferreira (DG REGIO)**.

AREPO PROMOTIONAL EVENT IN BRUSSELS – MARCH 2023

Possible dates: **21-23 March 2023** (*see EP calendar – Commission week in BXL*)

Organised and partly financed by **AGROSMART global project** (Interreg):

- **Conference** presenting among other the result of the project + revision of GI system
- **Tasting** of regional products in the evening

In September, we will start contacting our Member Regions in order to collect the adhesions to the event and coordinate their participation.

UPDATE ON EU POLICIES

EU FRAMEWORK ON SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

- **AREPO sent its contribution to the EC public consultation (July 2022)** highlighting Gis contribution to the transition towards sustainable food systems
- Publication of the EC **legislative proposal => Q4 2023**
- **Ordinary legislative procedure starting in the first half 2024**

REVISION OF REGULATION 1169/2011 AND FOPNL

- EC informally expresses preferences for the nutriscore but there is no internal agreement for the moment
- Impact assessment and legislative proposal to be published in the 1Q 2023
- **AREPO is working with Italian Regions and stakeholders to organise a public event on Nutri-score (open to AREPO MR and producer associations)**

REVISION OF EU PROMOTION POLICY

- **EC legislative proposal still blocked** due to internal differences between Wojciechowski (AGRI) and Timmermans
- **Main disagreement:** Timmermans wants to exclude some categories of products from promotion

INDUSTRIAL AND CRAFT GI SYSTEM

- **A legislative proposal was published in March 2022** --> we are supporting AFIGIA work and keeping our members informed

REVIEW OF EU QUALITY POLICY – AREPO ACTIONS

EC legislative proposal published on 31st March 2022

- AREPO as **Expert for the CoR opinion** on the proposal for a regulation
- **Working group on GI review with oriGIN, EFOW, COPA-COGECA and AREV** → common position shared with De Castro and EP shadow rapporteurs
- **Stronger collaboration with oriGIn and EFOW** → shared work on several amendments, in particular on sustainability and producer groups
- **AREPO technical working group on the review** (more or less 15 experts from our member regions - 3 meetings on horizontal issues: **GI system governance and EUIPO; sustainability; producer groups**)
- **First draft of amendment proposals** shared with the working group to be discussed at the beginning of September

REVISION OF THE EU GIS SYSTEM

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT – COMAGRI and JURI (shared competences on articles concerning EUIPO)

COMAGRI Rapporteur: MEP Paolo De Castro (S&D)

Shadow Rapporteurs: MEP Álvaro Amaro (PT - PPE); MEP Irène Tolleret (FR - Renew); MEP Claude Gruffat (FR - Greens); MEP Mazaly Aguilar (ES - ECR); MEP Mara Bizzotto (IT - ID); MEP María Eugenia Rodríguez Palop (ES - GUE).

CALENDAR of EP Work on GI revision – it may change due to the shared competences with JURI

- **Draft report:** 11 October;
- **Tabling of amendments:** 31 October – 11 November;
- **ComAgri Vote:** beginning of 2023 (february/march). Then vote of the EP Plenary;
- **Trilogues:** from march 2023 to september 2023.

REVISION OF THE EU GIs SYSTEM: MAIN NOVELTIES

- **UNITARY SYSTEM OF EU GIs → HARMONISATION** of procedures and protection provisions for all sectors
- Common set of rules for controls and enforcement for spirit drinks and agricultural products
- Procedures will increasingly make use of **electronic and digital tools**
- **EUIPO's technical assistance in the registration, amendment of product specifications and in opposition procedures -> DELEGATED ACTS**
- Inclusion of **sustainability undertakings in product specifications**, following the agreement of the producer group. **Possible definition of sustainability or sustainability criteria -> DELEGATED ACTS**
- **Improved protection on the Internet**, also concerning DNS
- Clarification of the legal framework for **GIs used as ingredients**
- **Producer groups vs. Recognised producer groups**
- **Mandatory EU logo for agricultural products and foodstuffs while Voluntary for wine and spirit drinks**

AREPO POSITION ON THE REVIEW OF EU QUALITY POLICY

EUIPO ROLE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF EU GI SYSTEM:

- GIs are more than IPR, **EC (DG AGRI) should maintain the responsibility and the competences** over registration, amendment, cancellation and opposition procedures;
- **EUIPO** expertise could be useful and enriching but limited on **IPR and purely administrative issues**;
- In case some competences are shared with EUIPO, **the division of competences should be clearly detailed in the regulation (no delegated act)**;
- To assure transparency, an **organigramme** of EUIPO should be made public → contact details and domain;
- To ensure proper monitoring of EUIPO work on GI, precise **evaluation criteria** should be laid down directly in the proposal. The **EP and the Council should have the right to reallocate delegated tasks to DG AGRI** if monitoring reveals shortcomings in the EUIPO's management of these tasks;
- The proposal should clarify that the **registration of a GI and any other procedures should remain strictly free of charge.**

AREPO POSITION ON THE REVIEW OF EU QUALITY POLICY

GIs AND SUSTAINABILITY:

- **Important to acknowledge and promote** existing GI contribution to sustainability
- Sustainability should not be imposed, but encouraged and accompanied (**voluntary approach to be maintained**)
- An holistic and multidimensional **definition of sustainability undertaking should be included in the regulation** (not delegated acts)
- **There is a risk of standardisation** if sustainability undertakings are defined for all GIs in delegated act → producers should choose the most appropriate for their product and territory
- **Need for public support**

AREPO POSITION ON THE REVIEW OF EU QUALITY POLICY

PRODUCER GROUPS:

- The current wording **does not take into account the diversity of legal situations in the Member States** and risks undermining well-functioning collective governance systems that are already in place in many MS;
- The legislative proposal needs to define **general rules and principles on the GI groups**, their powers and how a GI group can be recognised by a MS;
- National specificities need to be considered in order to take into account differences among MS as well as among different sectors -> **Subsidiarity**, to let MS maintain or improve their national system.
- **Against including «other stakeholders**, such as consumer groups, retailers and suppliers» in producer groups
- **Reference to the ability to create value and to share it needs to be reintroduced** (Art. 172a Reg. 1308/2013, CAP reform);
- Further clarification of the powers concerning a GI used as ingredient.

UPDATE ON AREPO 2022 ACTIVITIES

FAO-CIRAD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GIs - "*Worldwide Perspectives on Geographical Indications*" (5-8 July 2022, Montpellier)

- AREPO coordinated a **session on the governance of GIs and the role of regional and local public actors**, aiming to discuss the role of local and regional public actors along the process of protection and valorisation of GIs, exchanging good practices and experiences from all over the world;
- Several AREPO member regions submitted contribution and made presentations during the conference;
- The session was successful and attracted much interest from participants.

SEMINAR ON FAO GUIDE (September 27th 2022)

Evaluating geographical indications – Guide to tailor evaluations for the development and improvement of geographical indications.

- **Webinar** with AREPO member regions and producers

UPDATE ON AREPO 2022 ACTIVITIES

SYAL CONGRESS - "BALANCING FOOD HERITAGE, HEALTHY DIETS AND PLANETARY RESOURCES" (14-15-16 November 2022, Vila Real)

- **Call for papers on all topics related to localized agri-food systems:** production approaches, consumers' behavior, food heritage strategies, alternative and sustainable food systems, food innovation, the role of institutions and local organizations, markets, gastronomy, health and nutrition challenges, relationship with territorial development;

MOVING - WEBINAR ON QUALITY SCHEMES on **November 8th**

- **23 regional MAPs** (multi actor platform) and **1 EU MAP** to engage different stakeholder and at different territorial level (regional and European) around mountain value chains;
- AREPO webinar will be organised in the framework of the EU MAP. It should bring together interested stakeholders to contribute in the co-creation and validation of all research outputs delivered by MOVING;
- How quality schemes can contribute to mountain value chains;
- It will be an occasion to present AREPO position on the GI review.