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## **Presentation of the state of the accounts as at 23 September 2022**

Bordeaux, 26 septembre 2022

Under the control of the Treasurer, Ms Patricia Picard (Region Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes), I present to you the current situation of AREPO's accounts as at 23 September 2022. **I remind you that this presentation of the state of the accounts is not subject to a vote** at the autumn general assembly. The accounts, audited by an independent auditor, are voted on at the General Assembly at the beginning of the year. This is therefore an informal presentation.

**Only the amount of the membership fee for the year N+1 (2023) is voted on at our session in Wurzburg on the condition - in accordance with our statutes - that its amount remains unchanged.** See end of document.

### **Comments on expenditure 2022**

The main expenditures in 2022 will be:

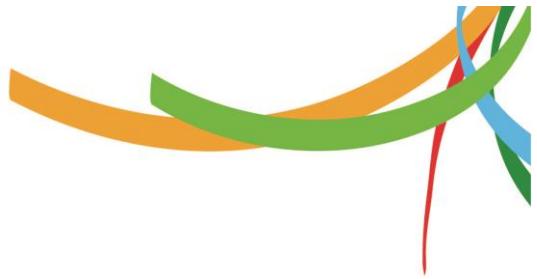
- Around €25,000 for interpretation services organised for meetings; €16,500 spent before the Wurzburg GA.
- Personnel costs, with Francesca Alampi now on permanent contract from 01/01/2022 and Giulia Scaglioni returning from maternity leave this summer.
- Matteo Ponza's internship contract (975 €/month) ended in May.
- Consulting expenses - in the framework of a public procurement procedure - to access European projects.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic in the winter 2021-2022, but also to the remote working, preferred also due to the increase in energy prices, travel costs will remain reduced at around €10,000-11,000, compared to more than €18,000 in a normal year (reference year 2019).



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It is worth recalling the agreement with the Emilia-Romagna region, which makes its premises in Brussels available free of charge, with AREPO only incurring costs for insurance of goods and persons.

In addition, it is worth mentioning the agreement with the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Region, which provides the Secretary General's time and that of the assistant accountant available free of charge.

### **Comments on the 2022 revenue**

26 regions up to date with their contributions as at 13 September 2022. 4 contributions are still pending. The regions concerned have indicated that these are administrative problems or delays. 30 membership fees should therefore be received as in 2021.

In the very difficult economic context, this mark of confidence obliges us to obtain even greater results for the defence of quality and origin products in the interest of producers and the development of rural areas.

A payment of €3,200 was received from the European project Agrosmart Global.

### **Commentary on the expected result for 2022**

From the point of view of budget management, i.e. money actually in the bank, we currently have 221,800 € in AREPO's accounts (current account 130,000 € / savings account 76,800 € / shares 15,000 €).

After the financial year 2021 (approved during last General Assembly in Brussels, in April 2022), the funds of our association were at a level very close to the current one at € 222,900. The 2022 result is expected to be negative at around - €20,000.

***Therefore, there is no need to reverse the 2014 decision that lowered the amount of the membership fee. The annual membership fee in 2023 can remain at €4,500 for the eighth consecutive year. We propose to vote on this amount.***



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