

AREPO

Presentation of the financial accounts as at 31 August 2025

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The Association of European Regions for Products of Origin

The European network of regions and producer associations
that deals with products of quality and origin

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1 | Presentation of the financial accounts as at 31 August 2025

I present to you the current status of AREPO's accounts as at 31 August 2025. **I would remind you that these accounts are not subject to a vote** at the autumn general assembly.

The accounts, which are audited by an independent auditor, are voted on at the general assembly at the beginning of the year. Today's presentation is therefore informal. However, the figures in this presentation have been provided by the independent accountant.

Only the amount of the membership fee for year N+1 (2026) will be voted on at today's meeting, provided **that it remains unchanged**, in accordance with our statutes.

I. Comments on expenditure to date in 2025

The main expenses in 2025 will be the interpreting services organised for the two general assemblies, staff costs for Francesca Alampi and Giulia Scaglioni, and consulting expenses – within the framework of a public procurement procedure – to develop European projects, as well as travel expenses.

It should be noted that the first general assembly was followed by an event organised in Brussels on 25 and 26 June as part of the GI SMART project in cooperation with OriGIn Europe and EFOW – European Federation of Origin Wines. The cost of this event was optimised. It enabled us to showcase GI producers and, in the case of AREPO, its college of producers.

In 2022 and 2023, expenditure amounted to €226,000 and in 2024 to €212,000 (-6%). Controlling our expenditure is our priority. Despite the event in June, costs will also be kept under control thanks to sharing them with our partners, OriGIn EU and EFOW. There are still costs for the General Assembly in Barcelona (catering, interpreters, travel) to be taken into account.

Total estimated expenditure for 2025: €225,000.

It should be noted that the agreement with the Emilia-Romagna region for the free use of the premises in Brussels only entails for AREPO insurance costs for property and persons.

There is also an agreement with the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region for the free provision of the Secretary General's time, as well as the time of the assistant accountant (Alexandra Duriez).

II. Comments on 2025 revenue

28 regions up to date with their membership fees as at 31 August 2025 (+5 compared to 2024) for a total of €168,500. Two membership fees are still pending, for a total of €12,000.

MOVING: €12,700 received at the end of this project.

GI SMART: €30,000 was allocated in the accounts for the first eight months of the year from a grant of €54,200 received in 2024 following the launch of the project. €15,000 remains to be allocated over the last four months.

EFOW paid a bill of €4,950 for the caterer for the June event.

Total estimated revenue for 2025: €238,000.

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2 | Comments on the expected result for 2025

The 2025 result should be positive at around €13,000, which is roughly equivalent to the 2024 result (€15,000). After years of decline, this will bring the association's funds back to around 10 to 11 months of operation.

It should be noted that on 23 April 2026, AREPO will organise an event in Brussels to showcase the wide variety of quality products from the regions and member producers to the European institutions.

Consequently, *the annual membership fee for 2026 can remain at €6,000, which guarantees a good level of balance and association funds amounting to just under one financial year.*

We therefore propose that you vote for the same amount for 2026.

Bordeaux, 17 September 2025

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