

AREPO

Presentation of the financial accounts as at 31 August 2026

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that deals with products of quality and origin

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1 | Presentation of the financial accounts as at 31 August 2026

I would like to present the current financial position of AREPO as at 31 August 2026. **I would like to remind you that this financial statement is not subject to a vote** at the autumn general assembly.

The accounts, which have been audited by an independent auditor, are voted on at the Annual General Assembly held at the start of the year. This is therefore an informal presentation today. The figures in this presentation have, however, been provided by the independent accountant (Appendix 1) and supplemented by the Secretary-General.

Only the amount of the membership fee for year N+1 (2026) is subject to a vote at today's meeting, provided – in accordance with our Statutes – **that it remains unchanged.**

1. Comments on expenditure for 2026 to date and projections

The year 2026 is a particularly significant year in terms of the number of events and, consequently, the associated expenditure.

The main expenditure items in 2026 will be interpretation and catering services, as well as security costs, for the two General Assemblies, the Brussels event, the June workshop, the Bilbao meeting, and also travel expenses, including the Milan trade fair.

There are also staff costs for Francesca Alampi and Giulia Scaglioni, as well as consultancy fees – under a public procurement procedure – to develop European projects.

We are planning to set up an internship starting in October to support our activities in Brussels.

Estimated total expenditure for 2026: €250,900.

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).

The Lombardy Region has been particularly helpful in providing a fully equipped stand at the Tuttofood trade fair and in covering as many of the costs as possible for organising the October general meeting in Mantua (Mantova).

2. Comments on revenue for 2026

26 regions were up to date with their membership fees as at 31 August 2026 (2 fewer than in 2025 on the same date, 3 more than in 2024), for a total of €156,000. Five membership fees are still outstanding, totalling €30,000, including two regions currently in the process of paying.

A GI SMART grant of €13,512 was received on 10 September (i.e. after the analysis carried out on 31 August).

Projected total revenue for 2026: €238,000.

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2 | Comment on the projected result for 2026

The 2026 result is expected to be negative, at around – €13,000.

There remains €110,000 in grants to be received in early 2028 as part of the European GI SMART project, part of which is earmarked for organising a closing event, interpretation and travel costs, as well as time spent by AREPO.

As at 16 September 2026, **AREPO has €81,000 in its current account, €78,000 in a savings account, €30,000 in a fixed-term deposit and 16,770 shares, for a total amount of €205,000, which represents 9.5 months' working capital (compared with 10 months at the end of 2025).**

Consequently, despite a loss due to a particularly busy year for events, the annual membership fee for 2027 can remain at €6,000.

We therefore propose that you vote for the same amount for 2027.

Bordeaux, 16 September 2026,

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