



Agrinatura General Assembly 2022 Workshop and Open Dialogue



MINUTES 2022

AGRINATURA GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING (GA) – CORK, IRELAND

18 - 19 May, 2022 at University College Cork, Ireland and via Microsoft TEAMS.

PRESIDENCY:

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CHALOUPKOVA Petra (Agrinatura Vice-President, CZU, Czech University of LifeSciences
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College Cork, UCC, Ireland), FRANCESCONI Nicola (Royal Tropical Institute, KIT,
Netherlands), LONGDOZ Bernard (Liège University, Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech, Belgium)

JOINT SECRETARIAT:

SLÁMOVÁ Tereza (Agrinatura Association Secretary General), LAM Hanneke (Agrinatura-EEIG), RAHOVA Anita (Agrinatura-EEIG)

OTHERS (FULL REGISTRATION SHEET ATTACHED AS ANNEX I):

DABAT Marie Helene (VCA4D), YILDIRIM Heval (VCA4D), MEI Giorgia (VCA4D), PAKELITÉ RASA (ICA Secretary General), POSTHUMUS Helena (DeSIRA Lift, WUR, Netherland),

OPENING SESSION

The General Assembly 2022 was organized as hybrid meeting: face to face meeting held at the Business School of University College Cork (UCC), Ireland and via Microsoft TEAMS. Opening session started by Welcoming words from the President Stephen Onakuse. In his opening speech, he acknowledged the opportunity to meet face to face after the COVID 19 break, and importance of Green Deal and Food System Transformation in the context of Ukrainian war. This gives more importance than ever to the agricultural institution and united voice of European most prestigious Higher Education institutions focusing on food systems and production, agriculture and climate change. Morning session continued by welcoming of Prof. Thia Hennessy, Dean of Business school, University College Cork. She welcomed Agrinatura General Assembly at the university and acknowledged the activities of Agrinatura.

At the beginning of the Business meeting, members were introduced to the system of voting (live time voting via Google forms, QR code) and guided through the program of the morning session (full list of voting is attached to this document as ANNEX II).

Secretary General (Tereza Slámová) launched the session by asking for the approval of the Agenda for the 2022 GA Business meeting.

RESULT OF VOTING: *The agenda for the Agrinatura General Assembly 2022 was unanimously approved by the 21 voting members.*

RESULTS OF VOTING

Agrinatura member representatives received in accordance with Agrinatura statutes, 45 days prior the General Assembly meeting all necessary documents for voting together with convocation to GA 2022. No comments and objections were raised before the GA to the documents. Following documents were provided: [General Assembly Minutes 2021](#), [Financial report 2021](#), [Budget 2022](#), [Application letter from the Polytechnique University of Valencia](#).

Voting was conducted electronically during the meeting using QR code or websites with link to Google Forms (results of voting attached). The results of the voting were approved by a simple majority of the votes cast. Results of the voting were presented at the meeting. Seven

questions related to the Business namely Minute from last GA 2021 online meeting; Financial report 2021; Budget 2022 and changes in membership.

- Q1 Do you approve the Minutes from the General Assembly 2021 Online meeting?
- Q2 Do you approve the Financial Report 2021?
- Q3 Do you approve Budget for year 2022?

No points or objection were raised prior the meeting or during the meeting.

Second part of voting was with regards to the changes in membership and changes in the composition of Board of Directors.

- Q4 Do you approve the Polytechnic University of Valencia as a new member of Agrinatura Association?
- Q5 Do you approve revocation of Didier Pillot (l'Institute Agro, France) as a Board of Directors of Agrinatura Association (based on his resignation)?
- Q6 Do you approve revocation of Torsten Berg (Aarhus University, Denmark) as a Board of Directors of Agrinatura Association (based on his resignation)?
- Q7 Do you approve revocation of Carsten Smith-Hall (University of Copenhagen, Denmark) as a Board of Directors of Agrinatura Association (based on his resignation)?

RESULT OF VOTING: [*The Minutes*](#) from the Agrinatura General Assembly 2021 Online meeting were approved by the 21 members voted and 1 member abstained.

RESULT OF VOTING: *The Financial Report 2021 was unanimously approved by the 22 voting members.*

RESULT OF VOTING: *The Budget for year 2022 was unanimously approved by the 22 voting members.*

RESULT OF VOTING: *The approval of the Polytechnic University of Valencia as a new member of Agrinatura Association was unanimously approved by the 22 voting members.*

RESULT OF VOTING: *The approval of the revocation of Didier Pillot (l'Institute Agro, France) as a Board of Directors of Agrinatura Association (based on his resignation) was unanimously approved by the 22 voting members.*

RESULT OF VOTING: *The approval of the revocation of Torsten Berg (Aarhus University, Denmark) as a Board of Directors of Agrinatura Association (based on his resignation) was unanimously approved by the 22 voting members.*

RESULT OF VOTING: *The approval of the revocation of Carsten Smith-Hall (University of Copenhagen, Denmark) as a Board of Directors of Agrinatura Association (based on his resignation) was unanimously approved by the 22 voting members.*

Prior the voting representative of the applying Polytechnic University of Valencia gave an introduction about the institution, their research interest, facilities and potential they bring

to Agrinatura such as tailor-made Agrinatura Staff training program providing key skills for Agriculture Research Development. Tentative days of the training are planned for the end of October 2022.

Based on the voting the current composition of Board of Directors and Presidency is following:

President: Stephen ONAKUSE – UCC (Ireland)

Vice-President: Petra CHALOUPKOVÁ – CZU (Czech Republic)

Secretary General: Tereza SLÁMOVÁ – CZU (Czech Republic)

Board of Directors:

- Ludovic ANDRES – ISTOM (France)
- Pascal BOECKX – UGhent (Belgium)
- Guido BONATI – CREA (Italy)
- Carolin CALLENIUS – UHOH (Germany)
- Frédéric FRANCIS – ULiège (Belgium)
- Miguel de PORRAS – FiBL (Belgium)
- Susanna ROKKA – LUKE (Finland)

Based on the voting, following table summary the current membership of Agrinatura Association:

1	Albania	Agricultural University of Tirana	AUT
2	Austria	University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences	BOKU
3	Belgium	Catholic University of Leuven	KU Leuven
4	Belgium	Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech, University of Liège	Gembloux
5	Belgium	Ghent University	U gent
6	Belgium	Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL)	FiBL
7	Belgium	Université catholique de Louvain	UCL
8	Czech Republic	Czech University of Life Sciences Prague	CZU
9	Denmark	Aarhus University	AU
10	Denmark	University of Copenhagen	KU
11	Finland	Helsinki University	UH
12	Finland	Natural Resource Institute Finland	LUKE
13	France	AGREENIUM	Agreenium
14	France	Agropolis International	Agropolis
15	France	Istom Ecole Supérieure D'agro-Développement International	ISTOM
16	France	l'Institute Agro, Montpellier	l'Insitute Agro
17	France	Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le développement	CIRAD
18	France	Institute of research for development	IRD
19	Germany	Georg-August-Universität Göttingen Centre of Biodiversity and Sustainable Land Use	CBL
20	Germany	Center for Development Research, University of Bonn	ZEF

21	Germany	University of Hohenheim	UHOH
22	Ireland	National University of Ireland Galway	NUI Galway
23	Ireland	University College Cork	UCC
24	Italy	University of Catania	UNICT
25	Italy	Consiglio per la ricerca in agricoltura e l'analisi dell'economia agraria	CREA
26	the Netherlands	International Centre for development oriented Research in Agriculture	ICRA
27	the Netherlands	Royal Tropical Institute	KIT
28	the Netherlands	Wageningen University and Research centre	WUR
29	Portugal	Instituto Superior de Agronomia (ISA - University of Lisbon)	ISA
30	Spain	UNIVERSIDAD POLITÉCNICA DE MADRID	UPM
31	Sweden	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences	SLU
32	Switzerland	Bern University of Applied Sciences	HAFL
33	United Kingdom	Natural Resources Institute, University of Greenwich	NRI
34	UK	University of Reading	UReading
35	Spain	Polytechnic University of Valencia	UPV

FINANCIAL REPORT 2021 AND BUDGET 2022

The Financial Report for 2021 present a summary of accounts for the Agrinatura Association including how they are managed. It was presented by Secretary General Tereza Slamova, the report was sent in advance to the members. The report included: Income and Expenditure Statement, Statement of Financial Position, Real incomes/expenditures as compared with those budgeted, Balance 2021 and Proposed Budget for year 2022.

The year 2021 was still highly affected by the COVID-19 pandemics, but second half of the year was already almost in the regular tempo and the year ended successfully with the operating result of 27,070.28 EUR.

The overall cost is divided according to the imputations. The total costs of the Secretariat were slightly higher than budgeted (9,598.46 EUR, budgeted 90,00 EUR) mainly due to increase of the email addresses linked to the Agrinatura account together with the drive space. Also purchase of the new office equipment increased the overall secretariat costs. However, total expenses were lower than budgeted (40,663.31 EUR and 48,208.13 EUR, respectively). Secretariat was also able to finalise the payment of the historical debt for EEIG (11,808.00 EUR).

In total income from membership fee was 30,900.00 EUR, this is decrease comparing to previous year 2020. Suggestion for provision for unpaid membership fee is in the Budget proposal in case of contingencies. The total amount of the membership fees was realised based on the 1,000 EUR annual membership fee of 19 members paid by 17 members and joint membership fee with ICA 900 EUR of 14 members paid by 11 members. All remaining invoices from the MS FSCC project were paid resulting in the income of 14,368.00 EUR and project settlement of 9,309.00 EUR was paid.

Total balance of the 2021 accountancy resulted in 10,292.12 EUR surplus. Provision of 20,000.00 EUR was taken for Project development activities, suggested by the Board of Directors.

RESULT OF VOTING: The Financial Report 2021 was unanimously approved by the 22 voting members. See attached summary of the financial report 2021.

RESULT OF VOTING: The Proposed Budget for 2022 was unanimously approved by the 22 voting members. See attached budget for 2022.

ACTIVITY REPORT 2021

Guido Bonati (Board of Directors member) reported the Directors activity report for year 2021. Although the persistent Covid-19 pandemics Agrinatura was able to develop new activities and keep active. Main activities of Board of Directors were to keep with the objectives of Agrinatura such as to play a pro-active policy advocacy role for ARD done mainly by the Advocacy WG. Published [Position Paper on Food System Transformation](#): "Agrinatura's role in supporting innovation for food system transformation" which was discussed further during the Open Policy Dialogue event on the second day of the General Assembly.

To develop, strengthen and encourage strategic alliances, partnerships, and networks. Agrinatura has ongoing discussion and collaboration with following organisations, **DG INPTA**; **EU AU Partnership** – Africa EU Week side event, Joint organisation of the side event: "Reflections on a common research and innovation agenda for agroecological transitions of agri-food systems under AU/EU policy framework". Organised by Agrinatura, COLEAPC, FARA, EU DG INTPA, DeSIRA-LIFT (DeSIRA Lift, FARA, DG INTPA); **EFARD** – 2020–2022 participation online survey; **FAO (TAP)** – participation at TAP newsletter and steering committee, TAP Partners Assembly meeting, TAP PAM Side-event, **FARA** – joint discussion and participation at InfoPoint, **GCHERA** - Representation of European Universities, participation at GA and new roadmap, **ICA** – participation at ICA Forum, contribution to the Workplan; **LEAP4FNSSA**, **IRC** platform – application for contribution (LEAP4FNSSA), admitted – 9 members of Agrinatura in project, but Agrinatura is not a member; **RUFORUM** - AGM; **YPARD** – joint competition and development of Workshop proposal for next Tropentag (Prague, Czech Republic 2022); **Plant Link Conference** - Job Fair; **UN Food System Summit**.

To organize, facilitate and implement joint participation in European and international programs and projects. Agrinatura was involved in submission of the proposals of 2 international Capacity Building in Higher Education ERASMUS+ Projects (ADVAL and PMC FSCC) and one Horizon 2020 AGRINLOFO. Agrinatura also cooperates on the One Planet Fellowship Program where Agrinatura members might be incorporated as the mentoring universities for the European part of the African fellows. Ongoing projects under coordination and implementation of EEIG (VCA4D, 2FAS, ATAB, NRF, ARES/ERAIFT, DeSIRA Lift). The

possibility for cooperation on joint proposal ERASMUS+ was raised. Agrinatura can take lead in the Dissemination and Communication WP and helping with the administration, also facilitate the search for new consortia partners. In case of interest please contact Secretariat (secretariat@agrinatura-eu.eu) to disseminate our experiences, values and knowledge. Maintenance of the websites and social media, Launch of the Intranet (ask for the access SG), Publication of 4 electronic newsletters, Tropentag (Hybrid event, Hohenheim, Germany, September 2021), YPARD Agrinatura e-competition, launch of the Strategic Committee, Project cooperation with Asia – Prince of Songkhla University, Southeast Asian regional Center for Graduate Study and Research and Agriculture (SEARCA). And development of the new Brochure (available also in the electronic version with the hyperlinks, available at secretariat).

To manage the network done by 7 virtual and 2 face to face Board of Directors meetings, regular meetings with current Presidency. Thanks to all, for your contribution and acknowledgment for huge amount of work done.

Directors Activity Report [here](#)

SECRETARIAT UPDATES

During the revision of the official documents of Agrinatura Secretariat (AS) it was found out that AS is hosted at CZU since 2004 and the contract is signed by the end of the year 2022. According the Agrinatura Statutes the AS should be rotating basis every 8 years, with one prolongation. Further SG Tereza Slamova announces its resignation from the position on 1st October 2022. This raised the question of future hosting of the AS and position of SG. Requirements on secretariat and Secretary General were outlined and GA agreed to take immediate action and launch call to its members to find next hosting institution.

CLOSING OF THE BUSINESS MEETING

Agrinatura General Assembly Business meeting 2022 was closed by acknowledgment of work done by Tereza Slámová and her appreciation of having the opportunity to work with Agrinatura and learn lot of skills in wide range of topics and fields.

Stephen Onakuse,
President Agrinatura
June 08th 2022 in Cork

Tereza Slámová,
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June 08th 2022 in Prague

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