

AFITE position paper

AFITE reaffirms the strong interest of our association for Europe, and particularly for the regulatory component of the European Union and therefore needs an effective representation in Brussels. We consider it is a true opportunity for sharing the best practices in the environment domains and developing the contacts in our European countries.

The lack of visibility and measurable results of ENEP, as well as the lack of knowledge of the work and activities of the ENEP's associations among them, seem to be at the root of this lack of interest.

AFITE's Board of Directors is in favor of the 3rd scenario, which allows for a 6-month reflection period to rethink the ENEP foundations, taking into account the following priorities:

- ENEP should facilitate all kind of exchanges between member associations for allowing the sharing and pooling of resources, which requires, beforehand, to give members better knowledge of the other associations (fields of action, operations, projects and activities programs.), in order to enhance the network between the associations and purpose to our members facilities of contacts and partnership on environmental problems;
- ENEP must be recognized inside European Union by publishing a directory of ENEP's associations;
- ENEP should monitor European regulations and send relevant information to its members;
- ENEP should facilitate / organize the benchmark between the member associations on the transposition / implementation of some European legislations;
- ENEP should develop / encourage video conferencing to avoid travel and reduce associated costs for itself and member associations, including Exco, TTF and Task-force to be constituted.

AFITE requests that the associations which have expressed their wish to leave ENEP should be associated with the Task-force, and suggests considering a mode of operation in which the Secretariat would be implemented by one of the member associations, possibly turning. AFITE also asks that the Task-force examine the possibility of diversifying the means of subsistence of ENEP and re-study the method of calculating contribution of each association, which contributes to a strong disparity between the members.

AFITE wishes to be informed of the answers and proposals of the other ENEP's members.

AFITE would like to take part actively in the Task-force.

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