

EFAEP – Report of the Meeting of December 12th 2005

Venue: Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Pascal Blaise Instituut, Amsterdam

Attendance :

From The Netherlands: Jan Karel Mak, Linda Van Duivenbode, Monique Bullen – VVM

From Great Britain: Jason Reeves, Mike Barker, Jim Thompson – IEEM

From Italy: Mario Grosso, Emanuele Regalini – AIAT

From France: Bruno Weinzaepfel, Dominique Bernard, – AFITE

From Germany: Vera Kessler – VDI Brussels

Matthias Friebel – VNU

From Finland: Jorma Jantunen – FAEP

The meeting has been chaired by Jan Karel Mak, president of EFAEP

1/ Our past performance: achievements of our ‘Business Plan’

The topic has been presented by **Jan Karel** (see **Annex 1**). It seems that the most critical aspects are those related to the memberships awareness of the EFAEP activities and to the lack of active participation by most of the members. These considerations have been the starting point for the following “break-out sessions”.

2/ Outcome of the break-out sessions

Preparation of an action plan for 2006-2008 focused on the activities we want to concentrate on (‘what’), driven by the demand from our members and the way to implement this (‘how’).

WHAT – PRIORITY TOPICS

| 2006 (short term) | 2006/2007..... |
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| DBEP – special issue of the News bulletin describing the objectives | Explaining existing and forthcoming legislation |
| Legislation survey to include energy and biomass | Organise standard course on EU environmental legislation and policy |
| Legislation demand-driven information (i.e. specific directive) | Reports on the different implementations of directives in the member states |
| Recognition of EFAEP as the professional organisation (morale) | Facilitate bilateral/national cooperation/meetings |
| Every national member association to show with its logo: member of EFAEP | Split the news bulletin (information) into theme letters |
| Statement of vision and values (instead of a full blown ethics code of conduct) | Express opinions and give expertises for EU consultations |

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| | On an EFAEP organised conference |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Later |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise national conference (e.g. at EU request) and roll out in other member countries |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join forces with others |

HOW

| | Find the right people | Build teams, inspire | Get results, evaluate |
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| Best practices in national associations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with personal contacts • Use email; insist on availability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task allocation who/what/when • Stick to very narrow subjects • Work with two person teams only | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exploit what's already available: piecemeal info from many different people |
| Options to get over hurdles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link EFAEP people via association secretariats • Successful implementation of the database | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perspective of European network w. raising importance of EU legislation • Connect chairs of associations workgroups/sections (or top specialists in DBEP) • National secretariats create network | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assign topics to national associations 1:1 (for example on EU consultation only one association should write the initial paper) • Pay people (via funding of activity) • Invite EFAEP international speakers to national symposia |

Plus:

- Organise a meeting of secretariats (action **Matthias**)
- Communication of GA members needs to improve/increase in between meetings to keep momentum

Based on the on the outcome of the break-out sessions **Jan Karel and Mike** will prepare an Action Plan for the future activities of EFAEP. This will result in a list of tasks in order to properly know who is in charge of what.

3/ Status update on the Database of Environmental Professionals

The status of the DBEP Project, developed jointly by AIAT and AISA, has been presented by **Mario Grosso** and **Emanuele Regalini**. Level 2 of the development will be ready by March 2006. The extended testing phase is currently underway, together with the definition of a new concept of classification of skills and expertises for the environmental professionals (the so-called "Multi-criteria classification of skills and expertises"). More details on the DBEP Project can be found in **Annex 2**.

4/ Date and location of the next GA

The next General Assembly will take place in Italy (probably in Bergamo, a city close to Milan and easily connected with most of the European cities by low-cost airlines) on Friday, June 16th 2006. It will be organised by AIAT & AISA.

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ANNEXES

1. Slides Jan Karel
2. Status of the Database of Environmental Professionals