



Update on main CELEP–Europe activities 2021–2022

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Mission statement

Coalition of European Lobbies for Eastern African Pastoralism

*CELEP members will work together to lobby their national governments, EU bodies (Council, Parliament, Commission) and other policy-formulating bodies/agencies in Europe **to explicitly recognise and support pastoralism and pastoralists in Eastern Africa***



Organisations in the Coalition

(according to the website)

Europe (21):

African Studies Centre	Agrecol
Concern Worldwide	Farm Africa
DITSL	IIED
IUCN	IWGIA
LPP	Mercy Corps
MRGI	ODI
Oxfam International	PENHA
SNV	Tearfund
Terra Nuova	up4change
VSF Belgium	VSF Germany
Welthungerhilfe	

Eastern Africa (14):

AMA (Sudan)	CRDD (Kenya)
COPASCO (Uganda)	DLCI (Kenya)
DADO (Uganda)	KRD (Somalia)
KDF (Uganda)	KLMC (Kenya)
PFE (Ethiopia)	PWHE (Kenya)
PDNK (Kenya)	RECONCILE (Kenya)
PINGO's Forum (Tanzania)	
ESAPN (Eastern & Southern Africa)	



How CELEP operates

- **Informal advocacy group** of European organisations & specialists partnering with pastoralist (support) organisations & specialists in Eastern Africa
- Agenda set by **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**
- **Core Group** (currently Agrecol, DADO, IIED, IUCN, PENHA, PFE, RECONCILE & VSFB) takes intermediate decisions (through email and conference calls)
- **Focal Points (FPs):**
 - **European FP** (currently vacant) coordinates CELEP activities in Europe + serves as secretariat for the Coalition
 - **Eastern African FP** (RECONCILE) coordinates CELEP activities in Eastern Africa & input to advocacy in Europe



CELEP's foci in promoting pastoralism

- Recognition of pastoralism as **valuable & viable livelihood system** that contributes to national & regional economies, food security, employment, sustainable management of natural resources & ecosystem services
- **Mobility** as a crucial condition for sustainable pastoralism, also across national borders
- **Pastoralists' rights** to access and manage natural resources (land, vegetation, water etc) – and to be heard
- Pastoralism as positive example of **resilience** in the face of climate change



Activities: Co-ordination of webinars/ side events 2021

- Dialogue on “Transforming pastoralism sustainably & innovatively to address key drivers of food insecurity & malnutrition”, **UN Food Systems Summit** (May 2021, by Concern & CRDD)
- Side event on sustainable pastoralism & rangelands, **High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development** (July 2021, by CRDD & Agrecol)
- IYRP sessions at Joint **International Grassland & Rangeland Congress** (IGC/IRC 2021), Nairobi (Oct 2021, hybrid, with inputs from several CELEP members)
- **CELEP webinar on pastoralism & climate change** (Dec 2021, by DITSL & VSFB)



Co-ordination of webinars/sessions 2022

- **Webinar on pastoralism & renewable energy projects**, with Heinrich Böll Foundation & Bread for the World (June 2022, by Agrecol & CRDD)
- **Webinar on pastoralism and water rights & governance** in series of Rural Water Supply Network (June 2022, by Agrecol)
- **Workshop on pastoralism, agroecology & climate change** at Tropentag in Prague (Sept 2022, by DITSL, funded by Misereor)
- **Session on rangelands & pastoralism** at Food Systems Pavilion in UNFCCC COP27 in Egypt (Nov 2022, by SNV & Agrecol)
- **EC InfoPoint conference on pastoralism**, with PASTRES (Dec 2022, by VSFB & Agrecol)



“Perspectives on Pastoralism” Film Festival

- Screened films from **1st edition of film festival** at various online conferences and in Ghent, Belgium (Belmundo Festival, March 2022)
- Organised **2nd edition of festival**, launched Sept 2022 in Prague
- Managing **film festival website** (www.pastoralistfilmfestival.com)
- Produced **animated video** “Pastoralism is the future” and **trailers** for “Perspectives on Pastoralism” film festival
- Contributed to making two **animated videos** for IIED’s Massive Open Online Course (**MOOC**) on **pastoralism**:
 - on pastoralism & climate change (DITSL & Agrecol, funded by Misereor)
 - on how pastoralism does not lead to overgrazing (funded by VSFB)
- Screening films from 2nd edition of **film festival with PASTRES photo exhibition**, Dec 2022 in Brussels



Collaboration with other networks / projects

- Part of Global Coordination Group for **International Year of Rangelands & Pastoralists (IYRP)** & played strong role in campaign (including handling “online booth” www.iyrp.info) that led to approval by UNGA on 15 March 2022 for IYRP 2026
- Part of International Liaison Committee for **International Rangeland Congress** (IRC 2025 in Australia)
- Part of International Affairs Committee of **Society of Range Management** (for annual SRM conferences with CELEP speakers)
- Study on **pastoralism & renewable energy** with Kenya case study for Heinrich Böll Foundation & Bread for the World (Germany) & deeper research with U Leicester (CRDD & Agrecol)
- Advisory support to IIED’s **MOOC on pastoralism**



Communications and lobbying activities

- Managing and “feeding” CELEP website (www.celep.info), GoogleGroup (500 members) and Twitter account (@celep_FP)
- Responding to enquiries to CELEP
- CELEP booth (virtual) at **IGC/IRC 2021** conference (Agrecol)
- CELEP booth (physical) at **Tropentag** conference Sept 2022 in Prague (VSFB & Agrecol)
- Communication with Members of European Parliament about situation of Maasai in Loliondo, Tanzania (IWGIA & Agrecol, with assistance by Koen)



CELEP meetings 2021–22 and follow-up

- **Annual General Meeting:** Jan 2021 to discuss CELEP external evaluation and plan for 2021 (virtual, 26 participants)
- **Core Group meetings** (virtual): Apr 2021 & Mar 2022
Follow-up: Survey of European member organisations about commitment to CELEP:
 - 17 positive / 2 considering involvement / 2 did not respond
 Some can contribute only in kind; membership fees of *ca* €20,000/yr could be expected plus matching grant from Misereor
- **Core Group meeting** (virtual): Oct 2022
Follow-up: Discussions with **Marc-Olivier Herman / EUChanger** about making in-depth study & helping prepare 3-year strategy for EU lobbying



Seeking host/advocacy organisation for CELEP in Europe

- Discussions with **VSF International** (based in Brussels) about possibility of joint position for advocacy on pastoralism (CELEP) and One Health (VSFI)
- Discussions (including Misereor) with **Friends of the Earth Europe** (based in Brussels) about joining CELEP and their possible role in CELEP advocacy in Brussels
- Discussions with **SNV** (based in The Hague) about their possible role in CELEP advocacy
- Discussions with **Mercy Corps** (with Brussels office) about their new 10-year advocacy strategy in Horn of Africa
- No decision made yet about host/advocacy lead



Summary & conclusion

- Several activities related to communications, knowledge management, webinars, film festivals and one-off advocacy events at global level
- Very few activities concerned with advocacy directly targeted at European Union institutions
- No-one dedicated to coordinating CELEP advocacy activities, particularly at European level
- Continued need for CELEP advocacy strategy development and Brussels-based advocacy coordination



