



Update on CELEP activities

March–October 2022

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CELEP core-group meeting
21 October 2022

Recap: Next steps defined in March 2022 meeting

- Ask all CELEP members/partners in Europe & Eastern Africa about their commitment to the Coalition
- Use financial pledges from European members and additional funding from Misereor to analyse advocacy opportunities in EU to inform CELEP advocacy campaign and develop funding proposal
- With summary of action plan and budget, reach out to new potential member organisations and ask for increase in membership fee payment from current members
- Possibly an AGM at end of 2022



Direct follow-up activities to March 2022 meeting

- Survey of all 21 European member organisations about commitment to CELEP:
 - 16 responded positively
 - 2 considering their involvement
 - 3 did not respond.

Some can contribute only in kind; membership fees of about €20,000/yr could be expected plus matching grant from Misereor

- Discussions with consultant Marc-Olivier Herman about making in-depth study & helping prepare 3-year strategy for EU lobbying



Seeking host 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 possibly taking on advocacy role in Brussels
- Discussions with SNV (based in The Hague) about their role in CELEP advocacy
- No decision made yet



Co-ordination of webinars and sessions

- Webinar on pastoralism & renewable energy projects, with Heinrich Böll Foundation (June, by Agrecol and CRDD Kenya)
- Webinar on pastoralism and water rights & governance in series of Rural Water Supply Network (June, by Agrecol)
- Workshop on pastoralism, agroecology & climate change at Tropentag in Prague (Sept, by DITSL, funded by Misereor)
- Preparing session on rangelands & pastoralism at Food Systems Pavilion in UNFCCC COP27 in Egypt (12 Nov, by SNV, with keynote from IIED)



Perspectives on Pastoralism Film Festival

- Screening selection of films from 1st edition of film festival in Ghent, Belgium (Belmundo Festival, March)
- Organising 2nd edition of festival, launched Sept 2022 in Prague
- Managing film festival website (www.pastoralistfilmfestival.com)
- For IIED's Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on pastoralism, contributed to making two animated videos
 - on pastoralism & climate change (DITSL & Agrecol, funded by Misereor)
 - on how pastoralism does not lead to overgrazing (funded by VSFB)
- Preparing pastoralism film festival with PASTRES events (photo exhibition, InfoPoint conference) in Brussels in Dec 2022



Collaboration with other networks / projects

- Part of Global Coordination Group for International Year of Rangelands & Pastoralists (IYRP) 2026
- Part of International Liaison Committee for International Rangelands Congress (IRC 2025 in Australia)
- Part of International Affairs Committee of Society of Range Management (for annual conferences)
- Research on “Just Transitions” (pastoralism & renewable energy) with Kenya case study (CRDD & Agrecol, with U of Leicester, UK)
- Advisory support to IIED’s MOOC on pastoralism



Communication and lobbying activities

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



Conclusion

- Several activities related to communications, knowledge management and one-off events
- Few activities concerned with advocacy directly targeted at European Union institutions
- Continued need for CELEP advocacy strategy development and coordination of these activities in Brussels

