



Update on main CELEP–Europe activities

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CELEP Zoom meeting for strategy planning

May 2024

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 (20)

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

Eastern Africa (16) (new in 2023)

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



How CELEP operates

- **Informal advocacy group** of European organisations & specialists partnering with pastoralist (support) organisations & specialists in Eastern Africa
- **Core Group:** currently Agrecol, DADO, IIED, IUCN, PENHA, PFE, RECONCILE & VSFB
- **Focal Points:**
 - **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



“Perspectives on Pastoralism” Film Festival

- Provided films from **1st and 2nd editions of film festival** for various online and physical events
- Sent out call for **3rd edition of festival** in Sept 2023:
 - **General** (deadline 4 Sept 2024)
 - **Camelids** (deadline 6 Dec 2023 for International Year of Camelids 2024)
 - **Biodiversity & Conservation** (deadline 4 June 2024)
 - **Pastoralist Women & Girls** (deadline 4 Sept 2024)
- Selected top films on camelids and on pastoralist women & girls and sharing this with organisers of physical and online events
- Managing **film festival website** (www.pastoralistfilmfestival.com)



Collaboration with other networks / projects

- Part of Global Coordination Group and Global Secretariat for **International Year of Rangelands & Pastoralists (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)
- Study on **pastoralism & renewable energy** with Kenya case study with University of Leicester (CRDD & Agrecol)
- Advisory support to IIED's **MOOC on pastoralism**



Communication and lobbying activities

- Managing and “feeding” CELEP website (www.celep.info), GoogleGroup (516 members) and Twitter account (@celep_FP); responding to enquiries to CELEP
- Presentation & discussion in **German Parliament** about impact of large-scale green-energy projects on pastoralists in Eastern Africa (May 2023, by Agrecol & CRDD)
- CELEP signed CSO statement, led by LPP, on International Year of Camelids (Sept 2023)
- As member of **Maasai International Solidarity Alliance (MISA)**, lobbying Members of European Parliament (EP) & European Commission about situation of Maasai in Ngorongoro, Tanzania (coordinated by Priscilla Claeys; CELEP support through Agrecol/Ann):
 - co-planned advocacy tour of Maasai delegation in Austria, Belgium, Germany and Italy, May 2023
 - led to EP emergency resolution about Maasai eviction (Dec 2023)
 - preparing webinar on pastoralism (keynote by CRDD)
 - editing monthly MISA newsletters



Follow-up to CELEP meeting in Dec 2022

CELEP Working Group (WG) 1 – Develop shared pro-pastoralist policy vision for CELEP: Ken (lead), Pablo, Simon Longoli, Ced & Ann

- WG prepared ToRs for consultant.
- Initially understood that €15–17k left in pot from balance of EU-funded project for consultancies but discovered this was not so.
- Ann requested membership payments; received ODI €3000, LPP €500, VSG Germany €2000; Misereor could no longer provide matching funds – not enough to cover costs of planned consultancies, so not contracted.
- Ann made first draft of vision/strategy and sent to IIED for revision.
- Ann informed Marc-Olivier Herman (EU Changer) about delay in his follow-on consultancy to support preparation of 3-year strategy for EU lobbying.

CELEP Working Group 2 – Assess EU policies to identify if and where EU undermines pastoralism in Eastern Africa: Pablo (lead), Peter, Priscilla, Simon Levine, Laureen & Ken

- No progress



Seeking host/advocacy organisation for CELEP in Europe

- **2022:** Discussions with **VSF International** (based in Brussels) about possibility of joint position for advocacy on pastoralism (CELEP) and One Health (VSFI)
- **2022:** Discussions (including Misereor) with **Friends of the Earth Europe** (based in Brussels) about joining CELEP and their possible role in CELEP advocacy in Brussels
- **2022:** Discussions with **Mercy Corps** (with Brussels office) about their new 10-year advocacy strategy in Horn of Africa
- **2023:** Discussions with **SNV** (based in The Hague) about their possible role in CELEP advocacy – *initial interest, but no decision*



Summary & conclusion

- Several activities related to communications, knowledge management, film festival and advocacy on pastoralism at global level through IYRP alliance
- Advocacy directly targeted at EU institutions exclusively through MISA
- No-one dedicated to coordinating CELEP advocacy activities, particularly at European level, but Priscilla coordinating MISA well
- Continued need for CELEP advocacy strategy development and Brussels-based advocacy coordination





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Best Wishes from CELEP!