



PRO SILVA

INTEGRATED FOREST MANAGEMENT FOR RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY ACROSS 25 COUNTRIES

PRO SILVA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

International virtual meeting, July 2021

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1. Minutes of AGM in Romania 2017

- matters arising



2. Proposed changes to constitution

- **Article 1**: aim – “with a focus on Europe” / headquarter France (Molsheim)
- **Article 2**: admittance – more precise definition, associated members
- **Article 3**: annual subscription for full members, depending of ind.members
- **Article 4**: General Assembly, Board of Directors, Executive Board – virtual f.
- **Article 5**: General Assembly – NO election of the Board of directors (3 years)
- **Article 6**: Board of Directors – election of the executive board (p, 2vp, tr, sec)
- **Article 7**: Executive Board (3 years period), administrator, 6 additional appointed m.
- **No changes Article 8 , 9, 10** – numbers of articles changed



3. Report of the President

- **Participation in 16 meetings (since Sept.2019)**: EFI Integrate Denmark, EC Brussels *“Forest for Biodiversity and Climate”*, ANW-AFI- Collaboration
- EFI Integrate, EC Green Week *“Forests and Soils”*, EC Working group forest strategy, ELO, WSL Final Conference *“How to balance forestry and biodiversity”* www.forbiodiv.org, Mlinsek Memorial,
- **“World Wood Day 2021”** – keynote speaker (>800 participants)
- **8th Forest Europe Minister Conference** (SK, virtual) – Panelist, Observer
- **Scientific Workgroup** (Bo Larsen) for EU Forest Strategy – *“closer to nature”*



Membership Status

- **20 full members**: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, United Kingdom (UK)
- **members under development in Europe**: Bulgaria (f.) Norway (f.), Albania, Estonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Kosovo, Pro Silva Flanders (*f.= formally existing, no activities*)
- **5 associated member outside of Europe**: ACEF (Brazil), NEFF New England Forestry Foundation (USA), Forest Stewards Guild (USA), ForEco India (India), Les Amis de la Forêt Ouareau (Canada)



4. Pro Silva Financial Report

- **Accounts 2017-2020**
- **Balance Sheet 2017-2020**
- **Budget 2020 - 2022**

Treasurer – Anne Hürzeler



Pro Silva Accounts 2017-2020

RECEIPTS 501	2020	2019	2018	2017	EXPENSES 501	2020	2019	2018	2017
annual subscriptions	€ 8.200,00	€ 8.050,00	€ 8.650,00	€ 5.400,00	ann. meeting (attendance/gifts)	€ 300,00	€ 5.008,15	€ 1.527,23	€ 1.684,90
PS Slovenia participation	€ -	€ 1.174,55	€ -		board travel expenses	€ 1.326,89	€ 701,90	€ 3.665,71	€ 2.294,99
Polos & Pins sales	€ -	€ 158,00			board hotel expenses	€ 578,18	€ -	€ 1.155,33	€ 1.230,20
					annual meeting support	€ -	€ -	€ 200,00	€ 614,00
					executive assistant fee	€ -	€ 4.050,00	€ 4.050,00	€ 1.100,00
					domaine site	€ -	€ 2.567,50	€ -	€ 187,75
					bank charges	€ 57,21	€ 58,47	€ 126,51	€ 126,33
					hosting costs	€ 130,38	€ 61,04	€ -	€ 2.356,69
					organisations costs, logo	€ -	€ 9,50	€ -	€ 762,00
					translations	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ 400,00
total	€ 8.200,00	€ 9.382,55	€ 8.650,00	€ 5.400,00	total	€ 2.392,66	€ 12.456,56	€ 10.724,78	€ 10.756,86
deficit		-€ 3.074,01	-€ 2.074,78	-€ 5.356,86	profit	€ 5.807,34			



BALANCE SHEET per 31.12.2017-2020

ASSETS	2020	2019	2018	2017	LIABILITIES	2020	2019	2018	2017
current acct 501	€ 10.905,73	€ 5.098,39	€ 672,40	€ 1.247,18	assets 01.01.2020	€ 91.796,60	€ 94.861,86	€ 96.552,93	€ 100.798,28
savings acct 502	€ 4,97	€ 4,97	€ 2.504,97	€ 3.994,25	profit/deficit 501	€ 5.807,34	-€ 3.074,01	-€ 2.074,78	-€ 5.356,86
bankbook acct 503	€ 86.701,90	€ 86.693,24	€ 91.684,49	€ 91.311,50	interest	€ 8,66	€ 8,75	€ 383,71	€ 645,29
progressiv acct 504			€ -					€ -	€ 466,22
total	€ 97.612,60	€ 91.796,60	€ 96.879,86	€ 96.552,93	assets 31.12.2020	€ 97.612,60	€ 91.796,60	€ 94.861,86	€ 96.552,93
						2020	2019	2018	2017
					interest 502	€ -	€ -	€ 10,72	€ 11,94
					interest 503	€ 8,66	€ 8,75	€ 372,99	€ 454,28
Truttenhausen/Luchsingen, April 2021					progressiv interest 504	€ -	€ -	€ -	
Anne Hürzeler					total	€ 8,66	€ 8,75	€ 383,71	€ 466,22



Pro Silva Budget 2021/2022					
RECEIPTS	2019 - Budget	2020 - Budget	2020 - Results	2021 - Budget	2022 - Budget
annual subscriptions	€ 9.550,00	€ 10.000,00	€ 8.200,00	€ 9.000,00	€ 9.000,00
Sales (polos, pins)		€ 100,00	€ -	€ 200,00	€ 200,00
interests	€ 400,00	€ 350,00	€ 8,66	€ 8,00	€ 8,00
total	€ 9.950,00	€ 10.350,00	€ 8.208,66	€ 10.350,00	€ 10.350,00
EXPENSES	2019	2020	2020	2021	2022
ann. meeting (attendance/gifts)	€ 2.300,00	€ 1.700,00	€ -	€ -	€ 1.700,00
board travel expenses	€ 3.700,00	€ 3.000,00	€ 2.111,32	€ 2.000,00	€ 3.000,00
board hotel expenses	€ 1.300,00	€ 1.300,00	€ 93,75	€ 1.000,00	€ 1.000,00
annual meeting delegate support	€ 1.300,00	€ 1.000,00	€ -	€ -	€ 600,00
executive assistant fee	€ 4.050,00	€ -	€ -	€ 3.000,00	€ 4.000,00
domaine site	€ 2.372,50	€ 200,00	€ -	€ 300,00	€ 300,00
bank charges	€ 100,00	€ 100,00	€ 57,21	€ 60,00	€ 60,00
hosting costs	€ 50,00	€ 50,00	€ 130,38	€ 150,00	€ 150,00
organisation (constitution, mark)	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ 5.000,00	€ -
translations	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -	€ -
total	€ 15.172,50	€ 7.350,00	€ 2.392,66	€ 11.510,00	€ 10.810,00
results	-€ 5.222,50	€ 3.000,00	€ 5.816,00	-€ 1.160,00	-€ 460,00



General Assembly

- **5. Approval of Financial Report and Executive Board**
- **6. Election of Board of Directors - (1 per member + 3)**
- **7. Prolongation and Enlargement of “Pro Silva” trademark (EU): since 10 years 2 classes; 3 new classes, UK ? – Anne Hürzeler – details to be clarified in Executive Board**

Close of Pro Silva General Assembly



Pro Silva Annual Board Meeting

- **1. Minutes of the ABM 2019**
- matters arising



2. Vice Presidents Reports

by Jurij Diaci

- **Pro Silva survey 2019(-2020)** - Survey & web pool results presented at the 30th Anniversary Meeting in Radlje
- **Scientific paper** submitted to *Forestry: Mason et al. 2021*, Continuous Cover Forestry in Europe: Extent, Knowledge Gaps and Challenges to Uptake
- **Initiative group for RD projects:** *S. Bertin, J. Carvalho, B. Mason, F. Borlea & J. Diaci*: topics (forest restoration, CC adaptation, exemplary forests), financial instruments (COST, Interreg), existing experience with grants, need for consulting (not at early stage)
- **2 x presentations at EU DG Environment** panel, *Carvalho, Diaci*: Comments on the Closer-to-nature forestry guidelines / emulating natural disturbances (END)? - April 20th, 2021



3. Secretary's Report

- Since 2017: 2019 – 4 / 2020 – 2 / 2021 - 4
- 11 SKYPE Conference Calls – every three months
 - Agenda items consistent with todays agenda
 - Minutes available
- 3 ZOOM Meetings
- Intense mail exchange
- List of Contacts – Presidents and Secretaries



3. Administrator's Report

- **Oral report by Alexander Held**



5. Proposal for Executive Board Members

President – *Eckart Senitza (Austria)*

1. Vice President - *Tomáš Vrška (CzR)*

2. Vice President - *Dušan Roženbergar (Slo)*

Treasurer – *Serge Reinardt (Lux)*

Secretary – *Padraig O'Tuama (Irl)*

6. Election and ratification of Executive Board



7. Ratification of Membership of “ProSilva Polonia”

**Letter of Polish Forest Society – establish independent section
founding committee:**

Dorota Dobrowolska, Daniel Lemke, Maciej Pach, Janusz Szmyt

8. Ratification of Associated Membership for “Tane’s Tree Trust” (New Zealand)

Letter from Peter Berg (chairman Tane’s Tree Trust)

Contact Person: Paul Quinlan (family relations to Germany)



9. Proposal for Extended Executive Board Members

Anne Crespin (Bel) – Administator, Contacts to Brussels

Alex Held (Ger) – EFI Contact, Projects

Hubertus Lehnhausen (Ger)– ANW contact person

Joao Carvalho (Pt)– Mediterranean Region, Science, Brazil

Jonathan Hulson (UK) – CCGF Contact Person, Media & Public Relation

*Sophie Bertin/Nicolas Luigi/Julien Tomasini - Pro Silva France
contact person*

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appointment



10. Annual Reports 2020 - 2021

- **Questionnaire** was send out regarding: Contacts, Number of Members, Activities, News, Exemplary Forest (Cross Border Excursions)
- **more response is needed** – Activities, News, Fotos – part. of administator



11. Exemplary Forest Network

- **Result** of Questionnaire: Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Romania, Czech Republic, Portugal, Slovenia, Slovakia, Switzerland - *size 2 ha – 17.000 ha*
- **No Answers** from Croatia, Denmark, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, CCFG
- Summary: **123 exemplary forests ca. 111.000 ha**,
- **Missing answers should follow, short descriptions to be worked at !**

Cooperation with AFI: network of > 130 plots



12. Translations

- **Pro Silva principles** – in **Spanish and Portuguese language** (Website, reprint ?)
- 2012 – “**Pro Silva Silviculture**” French Version by Pro Silva Wallonie
- 2017 – “Pro Silva Silviculture” English version (for Pro Silva Ireland).
- 2018 – German version “Pro Silva Waldbau” (3.200 copies D, A, L, B)
- **2020 – Dutch Version, Hungarian Version ?**
 toolbox handbook in three/five languages
- **Guide to CTN Principles** (PS Switzerland): German, English, French, Hungarian
- Booklet “**Martelage**” (Pro Silva Wallonia, *Christine Sanchez*) – financial issues



13. Public Relations

- **Logo** implementation complete
- **Homepage 3.0** – www.prosilva.org, www.prosiva.net, www.forestconservation.eu – set up and running, 500 hits/month
- **Social Media** – facebook – handed over to Valda, Twitter – Alex, LinkedIn - Eckart
- **Scientific publications** (Jurij) – reviewed paper
- 2018: “**Weimar Declaration**” – & press release
- 2019: “**Radlje Declaration**” – & press release
- Requests from **TV Stations** – *Alex reported , Requests from National Television and media in Ireland*
- **Interviews** about Pro Silva (statements from different countries) – Youtube, Homepage – 16 contributions from members
- **Newsletter Pro Silva** – Sendinblue – 2 Newsletters (May 2020, Sept 2020) - 712



14. Annual Meetings

- **2021 - Annual General Meeting** => virtual, new executive board, extended executive board
- **2022 – Annual Meeting in Luxemburg**
- **2023 – Annual Meeting in Ireland**
- **2024 – *Poland, Slovakia, ??***



15. AOB – Visions, Strategy

- **Excursion Platform** over all Europe, offers of guest places
- Europe wide network of **exemplary forests, reference stands, martelloscope**
- **projects** with multilinking effects
- **platform** for offering **practice places** - hosting for students and young foresters - improve our impact to the **young generations**
- **Master Course CTN (Freiburg/Bauhus) – cooperation PS**
- develop a **higher momentum**
- ***Pro Silva Strategy 2030 +***
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