

# EUROMONTANA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2003

## **AGENDA and list of documents**

Date : 20-21 November 2003

Venue : Milano – Central station, Italy




Address : Viale Restelli, 4 – Milano (ang. Via Pola)

### **Thursday 20 November afternoon**

- 14h00 Welcoming address by Vittorio Vaccari, President of IREALP**
- 14h10 Introduction by Frank Gaskell, the President of EUROMONTANA and Head of International Affairs of Highlands & Islands Enterprise, Scotland**
- 14h20 Networking with new competences and territories: Euromontana's 2003 enlargement to new member organisations**
- + Norwegian mountain issues – Presentation by representatives of Sogn-og-Fjordane and Telemark county councils, Norway
  - + IREALP, the Regional Research Institute for the mountain Economy and Ecology, Lombardia-Italy, by Mr Claudio Novembre, Director
  - + South Caucasus : The Georgian Mountain Federation, by Levan Dadiani, Executive Director and the Azerbaijan Association for Mountain Regions Development (ADRIA) by Shaig Safarov, Executive Director
  - + The Romanian regional mountain association "ADJ Montana Mures", by Tiberiu Stef, President
  - + The Union of Marginal Areas and Czech support to Single area payment scheme, Czech Republic, by Mr Boleslav, President
  - + The Forestry Commission – Scotland, by Bob Dunsmore
  - + The regional development agency of Alto Tamega (ADRAT), Portugal, by António Montalvão Machado
- 15h40 Addressing the challenges and opportunities of European mountain areas in 2003 and 2004 – Euromontana's activities in 2003 and plans for 2004**
- + **Presentation of the overall activity report 2002-2003**, by Frank Gaskell, President of Euromontana




*Coffee break*

### **Presentation of specific running projects 2003-2004 :**

-  The research project for the development of European quality mountain products, by Cécile Levret, project manager  
*Question - discussion*
-  The project for the development of mountain organisations in the Balkan countries – Atanas Krantchev, Director of Bulmontana and Secretary of the project, Bulgaria  
*Question - discussion*
-  Euromountains.net, the Interreg IIIc Project for a sustainable territorial development of European mountain areas – Elena DiBella, Province of Torino, Project LeadPartner  
*Question – discussion*






**17h00**

### **The NEW PROJECTS 2004 and the new missions to develop**

-  **Presentation of the overall activity timeframe for 2004 and the new projects,** by Gaëlle Lhermitte, Secretary General of Euromontana
  - The global diary of Euromontana
  - New means of communication and exchanges of information – A "members area" in the new web site of Euromontana
  - A "European mountain projects" database
  - The Fourth European Mountain Convention, Rodez-France, 25-26 November 2004.
-  **Which role for Euromontana in the framework of the FAO global project for "Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development in Mountain Regions" (SARD-M project),** by Mr. Luca Fé d'Ostiani and Ms Dominique Legros, FAO, formulation team of SARD-M project.
-  **To facilitate the exchanges between the projects of the members : examples of transnational mountain projects of members**
  - The indicators of mountain forest and the "Schémas de massifs", a project of the European Observatory of Mountain Forest, by Jean-Claude Monin, Chairman of the OEFM
  - An Interreg IIIB project involving France-Spain-Portugal "BIOFEP", by Isabelle Guichard, SUAIA-Pyrénées, France.

**18h00**

### **Adoption of annual statutory reports and documents**

-  The financial balance 2002 + report of the financial control committee for 2002 - Presentation by Thomas Egger, Treasurer of Euromontana and Director of SAB, Switzerland
-  The projected balance 2003 and budget for 2004 - Presentation by Thomas Egger, Treasurer of Euromontana and Director of SAB, Switzerland
-  Adoption / amendments of activity report 2003
-  Adoption / amendments of activity programme 2004
-  Approval of new members

**18h30**

### **End of first session**

## Friday 21 November Morning

### 9h00 **The current policy challenges for European mountain areas – Responses and actions of Euromontana in 2003 - 2004**

- ✚ In the field of regional policy
- ✚ In the field of agriculture
- ✚ In the field of state aids
- ✚ Cooperation and representation

Presentation of the "policy challenges" paper by Frank Gaskell, President of Euromontana.

*Question - discussion*

### 10h00 **The future of Euromontana – How to improve the efficiency of the European-wide network ?**

- ✚ Presentation of the document "Guideline for the future of Euromontana" – Gaëlle Lhermitte, Secretary General of Euromontana
- ✚ Presentation of the document "How to improve the efficiency of the network" :
  - ✚ *Enlarging the network*, by Thomas Egger, Treasurer of Euromontana and Director of SAB, Switzerland
  - ✚ *Refining internal governance* (the creation of colleges and working groups within Euromontana, review of rules for Board of Directors and Bureau), by Jörg Wyder, consultant for Euromontana and past Treasurer - Switzerland
  - ✚ *Strengthening the secretariat team* and creating a working capital, by Iain MacAskill, audit adviser of Euromontana and past Chairman of the Crofters Commission – Scotland
  - ✚ *Enhancing collaboration with the associations of elected representatives*, Drew MacFarlane Slack MBE, Counciller - The Highlands Council, Chairman – Lochaber Enterprise, Scotland

Discussion with delegates

- ✚ Communication projects and strategies, proposals by Domenico Mastrogiovanni, CIA-Italian Confederation of Farmers acting Vice-President of Euromontana and Paolo Zaggia, IREALP
- ✚ Conclusions, by Frank Gaskell, President of Euromontana

### 12h30 **End of General Assembly**

**Buffet Lunch offered by IREALP**

14h30 **"The Mountain in Europe nowadays", SEMINAR organised by IREALP in partnership with the Region Lombardia, UNCEM and EUROMONTANA (see next page)**

## **THE MOUNTAIN IN EUROPE NOWADAYS INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR**

(LOMBARDIA REGION, IREALP, UNCEM, EUROMONTANA)

Milan, V.le Restelli 4

21 November 2003 – 14h30

### **14.30 WELCOMING ADDRESS AND INTRODUCTION**

Roberto Formigoni, President of the Lombardia Region

### **14.45 COMMUNICATIONS – Moderator : Vittorio Vaccari (President, Irealp)**

- **Europe for the mountains** : Guido Podestà, Vice-President of the European Parliament
- **The mountains in Italy**: Marco Baldi, Fondazione Censis
- **The mountains in Europe**: Perspectives for rural development by Mr Pasca Raimondo (CE - DG Agri), Perspectives for the cohesion policy (CE - DG Regio)
- **The multisectoriality of European mountain territories** : Frank Gaskell, Euromontana
- **The Mountain systems in Italy** : Giancarlo Morandi, National Institute for Mountain Research (INRM)

### **Coffee break**

### **16.00 ROUND TABLE - Moderator :Valerio Prignachi (Irealp)**

This round table will address the new European context, the developments of the Union, the importance of European partnerships, the role of the regions and local authorities.

#### **Interventions**

Enrico Borghi, Committee of the Regions; Michel Bouvard, Presidente AEM; Roberto Confalonieri, Economic and social committee; Giuseppe Chiaravalloti, Regione Calabria; Massimo Pacetti, President of the CIA; Luciano Caveri, Assessor for Tourism in Valle d'Aosta Region, Giacomo Santini, European Parliament; Galdino Zanchetta President of the Uncem Arc Alpino.

### **17.30 Conclusions**

Roberto Formigoni, President of Lombardia region  
Rocco Buttiglione, Ministry for Community policies

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**List of preparatory documents for the General Assembly of Euromontana available beforehand by E-mail :**

- ① Overall activity report 2002-2003 (EN/FR)
- ② Financial Balance 2002 (EN/FR)
- ③ Report of the Financial Control Committee for the balance 2002 (EN)
- ④ Overall activity timeframe for 2004 (EN/FR)
- ⑤ Projected balance 2003 and budget 2004 (EN/FR)
- ⑥ Policy challenges for mountain areas and Euromontana's responses (EN/FR)
- ⑦ Guideline for the future of Euromontana (EN/FR)
- ⑧ The future of Euromontana – How to improve the efficiency of the network ? (EN/FR)
- ⑨ Communication projects and strategies (to be confirmed) (IT/EN/FR)
- ⑩ Présentation générale d'Euromontana (EN/FR/IT/DE/ES)

as well as the practical information (precise venue, hotels, etc...)

*The power point presentations will be made available immediately after the meeting.*