

## Memorandum of Understanding

between

the European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE)

and

the Gesellschaft für Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften des Landbaues e.V. (GEWISOLA)

The European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) and the Gesellschaft für Wirtschafts- und Sozialwissenschaften des Landbaues e.V. (GEWISOLA) share a common interest in promoting the agricultural and resource economics profession, to foster analytical capacities in all areas relevant for agriculture, the food sector, rural development and natural resources and to promote the exchange of experiences, ideas and information on research activities between agricultural economists.

This memorandum of understanding specifies the kind of activities the two Associations agree to perform with the aim of expanding cooperation and generating synergies, particularly with reference to the dissemination of information regarding their activities among each other's membership.

1. EAAE and GEWISOLA agree to disseminate through the means they routinely use to inform their respective memberships (e.g. websites and newsletters) information regarding relevant activities promoted by each Association, including congresses, symposia, seminars, courses, publications and award programmes. The dissemination of information will take place in a timely manner following a specific request from either Association in which all relevant information is provided.
2. EAAE and GEWISOLA agree to investigate possible common activities, such as seminars, conferences and joint events, which may serve the goals of both Associations.
3. To facilitate the implementation of this Memorandum of Understanding the GEWISOLA will propose one of its members, possibly a member of its Board, who is also a member of EAAE, to serve as the Liaison Officer (LO) with the EAAE. The appointment of the LO will become operational once confirmed by the EAAE board. The candidate must have the support of both Associations.
4. The main duties of the LO will be:
  - (a) to represent GEWISOLA with the EAAE for the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding; to act as the contact point;
  - (b) to act as a contact point between the membership of both GEWISOLA and the EAAE;
  - (c) to forward information on developments in the profession in his/her country that may be relevant for the short and medium term planning of EAAE activities;
  - (d) to facilitate the flow of information on the activities of GEWISOLA among the membership of the EAAE and of those of the EAAE among the membership of GEWISOLA.

5. The GEWISOLA and EAAE websites will provide information about the LO as well as links to the websites of EAAE and GEWISOLA.

GEWISOLA may decide to provide the LO with the opportunity to briefly address its membership on relevant matters related with the activities of the EAAE at the time of its annual general meeting.

6. The Secretary General of the EAAE will act as the contact point between the EAAE and GEWISOLA.

The LO will be invited to attend the meeting of the Board of the EAAE as an observer when this meets in his/her country.

At the request of the LO, the EAAE will provide logistic support for the organization of a meeting of the members of GEWISOLA at the time of its triennial Congress.

7. At every EAAE Congress, a meeting will be organized between the LOs and the Board of the EAAE to discuss activities and plans for the following triennial period. The meeting will also be used to explore the possibility of expanding cooperation activities jointly involving more than one National Association and the EAAE.
8. The EAAE and GEWISOLA agree to make an assessment of the implementation of this memorandum of understanding three years after the start of its implementation, revising it as agreed by both parties.
9. This memorandum of understanding does not give rise to binding obligations under law and either the EAAE or GEWISOLA can terminate the arrangement by giving 3 months written notice to the other party.

Approved by the Board of the EAAE on November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016, by Chantal Le Mouél



Approved by GEWISOLA on September 29, 2016.

