

Memorandum of Understanding

between

the European Association of Agricultural Economists

and

the Belgian Association of Agricultural Economists

(Belgische Vereniging voor Landbouweconomie vzw/Association Belge d'Economie Rurale asbl)

The European Association of Agricultural Economists (EAAE) and the Belgian Association of Agricultural Economists (BVLE/ABER) share a common interest in promoting the agricultural economics profession, to foster scientific 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 BLVE/ABER 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 the other Association, including congresses, symposia, seminars, courses, publications and award programs. The dissemination of information will take place in a timely manner following a specific request from the other Association in which all relevant information is provided.
2. EAAE and BLVE/ABER 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 BLVE/ABER, 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 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 BLVE/ABER with EAAE for the execution of this Memorandum of Understanding and to act as the contact point with BLVE/ABER for EAAE;
 - (b) to act as a contact point with EAAE for the membership of BLVE/ABER;
 - (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 BLVE/ABER among the membership of EAAE and of those of EAAE among the membership of BLVE/ABER.

5. The BLVE/ABER website will provide information about the LO as well as a link to the website of EAAE.

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

6. The Secretary General of EAAE will act as the contact point with EAAE for BLVE/ABER.

The EAAE website will provide information about the LO as well as a link to the website of BLVE/ABER.

The LO will be invited for a discussion on how to improve the involvement of the national association with the EAAE when the Board meets in his/her country.

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

7. At every EAAE Congress, a meeting will be organized between the LOs and the Board of EAAE to discuss activities performed 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. EAAE and BLVE/ABER agree to make an assessment of the implementation of this memorandum of understanding five years after the start of its implementation and revise it as agreed by both parties before renewing it.
9. This memorandum of understanding does not give rise to binding obligations under law and either the EAAE or BLVE/ABER can terminate the arrangement by giving 3 months written notice to the other party.

Approved by the Board of the EAAE on 20 Jan 2021

President of the EAAA Jutta Roosen: 

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President of the BLVE/ABER Guido Van Huylenbroeck.: 