



**TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
EURACADEMY ASSOCIATION**

18th July 2013

Loski Potok, Slovenia

In Loski Poton, Slovenia, 18th of July 2013, Thursday at 21:00, the Tenth General Assembly of Euracademy Association took place. The members of Euracademy Association gathered following the invitation sent by the Board of Directors on the 18-06-2013, to discuss the following topics:

1. Annual Report
 - a. Summer Academies and Thematic Guides
 - b. Website and Social Media
 - c. Current projects- E-CLIC
 - d. Follow up to EMRA-European Masters for Rural Animators
 - e. Staffing
 - f. Other
2. Proposals for future activities and organization of the 13th Summer Academy
3. Financial Report
4. Next General Assembly
5. Any other matter

The General Assembly was attended by 23 members

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1. Euracademy's President Fouli Papageorgiou greeted the General Assembly and made a brief presentation of the activities of the Association up to the present point in time. The activity report is attached to the Minutes.
The structure of the 12th Summer Academy's Thematic Guide was discussed and was decided that, due to the big number of lecturers, it will be divided thematically (culture

and landscape) and will include two documents: the Proceedings; and a synthesis of all the lectures presented in the same format as in previous Thematic Guides.

The President informed the GA that Euracademy entered the Social Media on April 2013, by joining Facebook and LinkedIn, making a special effort to expand and approach more directly the younger generation.

The running E-Clic project, in which Euracademy participates as a partner, and its strong relationship to the 12th Summer Academy's landscape theme was also discussed, along with the fact that the E-Clic Landscape workshop within the 12th SA was funded by E-Clic project. Also, it was decided that Euracademy can contribute to best practice for E-Clic by suggesting to its members to propose best practice examples from their countries. The importance of the EMRA project (European Masters Programme for Rural Animators) was also discussed pointing out to the GA that the final curriculum has already been uploaded in the e-learning platform. Unfortunately the leading University of the project (Nicolaus Copernicus in Poland) has not won so far the final permission from the Polish Ministry of Education to run the MA programme, for which many had already applied. Proposals for the implementation of the EMRA studies followed, including taking it up by another university as leader and also holding short courses (e.g. for LEADER groups) to exploit the very good material included in the lectures.

Regarding staffing, the hire of Elena Barka was discussed positively since she put Euracademy on the social media map and she is young enough to deal with fresh ways to attract young people's interest in Euracademy.

2. Proposals for future activities included the idea of volunteers to manage the Association's presence in the social media, an action group of young people that are motivated to support and promote Euracademy and also be supported by it. Connected to the latter was the idea of the creation of a rural house for mobility exchange: the offer of a bed to young people (students) would also give them the chance to learn.

Ideas for the organisation of the 13th Summer Academy included the themes of:

- Bioenergy which has a chance to get funding from the Government of Finland (connected also to a private funding solution, i.e. big Green Companies might be interested to offer funding);
- Climate change;
- Rural areas and elderly people; and
- Volunteering.

The countries that were mentioned as possible locations of the 13th Summer Academy included UK, Finland and Croatia.

3. Next item of discussion was the financial report. The President pointed out that during the last years Euracademy had increased difficulty in raising funds. However, it is very encouraging that Euracademy is not in dept. Several ideas were suggested for fund-

raising, including applications for new projects, whereas questions of how to motivate existing members to renew their subscription and inform them more on issues related to Euracademy's fields of interest and action were discussed. Voluntary contribution of work by members was also encouraged. Finally participants were encouraged to send their ideas and proposals to the President.

4. The next General Assembly will be hosted at the 13th Summer Academy's location.

Loski Potok, Slovenia, 18 July 2013

The President of Euracademy Association

The Vice President

Fouli Papageorgiou

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