



Bordeaux, 29/01/2018

Dear Mr /Ms President,

I am glad to announce the first annual plenary meeting of AREPO in 2018 that will be held

**on March 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 2018**

**at the common office of Hessen, Emilia-Romagna and Nouvelle-Aquitaine,**

**Rue Montoyer 21, Brussels**

**TUESDAY 20 MARCH**

**The General Assembly will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March from 12:00 to 16:30.**

All the meeting will be translated into English, French, Greek, Italian and Spanish.

The agenda will be as follows:

**Welcome lunch: 12:00 - 13:30**

**Extraordinary General Assembly: 13:30 – 14:00**

- Modification of AREPO statute

**Statutory part: 14:00 - 14:45**

- Presentation of the agenda for the GA
- Report of the President
- Presentation of the financial accounts for 2017
- Vote on the contribution for 2018
- Election of the Vice-president
- Election of the Treasurer

**Thematic part – Presentation of the activity report for 2017 - 14:45 - 16:30**

- AREPO position on the future of CAP post 2020
- Update on the Lisbon Agreement on GIs
- Update on promotion policy: new work programme for 2018
- Presentation of AREPO study on the role of Region in the modification of GI product' specifications
- Any other business: study on regional brands

**Conclusion: 16:30**

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**WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH**

On March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018, AREPO will hold the “**European Event on quality and origin products**” at the common office of Hessen, Emilia-Romagna and Nouvelle-Aquitaine, Rue Montoyer 21, Brussels.

The event will be divided into two sections:

1. The **conference** “A new CAP for high quality products” in the afternoon (**15:00 – 18:30**)
2. and a **sampling of GI products** from our regions in the evening (**19:00 – 23:00**).

This edition will be organised in the framework of the AGROSMARTcoop « Space for the integration, competitiveness and intelligent economic growth of agri-food cooperatives in the SUDOE rural areas », a European project cofinanced by the Interreg Sudoe programme which aims to attenuate the disadvantages of rural areas belonging to Southwestern Europe and to promote their development through the support of their agri-food cooperatives.

For more information you will receive the draft programme of the conference in February.

**We kindly ask you to confirm your participation to the General Assembly and the “European Event on quality and origin products” before March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018 [registering at this link](#), to facilitate the organization of those days.** I remind you that, with the exception of special cases agreed with the Secretary General, travel and accommodation are at participant's expenses.

Yours Sincerely,

For **Theano Vrentzou-Skordalaki**

**President of AREPO**

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Laurent GOMEZ, SG