



Activity and financial report

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PART 1 – ACTIVITY REPORT

1 Introduction

This activity report reflects over the period since the last elections (at the European Congress in Ghent, 2017). It gives the overview of all activities as proposed in the action plan (<https://iale-europe.eu/iale-europe-2017-2021-strategy-and-planned-activities>) as well as other activities that have been performed during the past mandate.

The standard mandate of the Executive Committee is four years, elected during the General Assembly at the European Congress. Since the congress initially planned for 2021 was postponed to 2022, also the elections were postponed. So the current Executive Committee will have seated from September 2017 to the General Assembly in July 2022 to ensure the continuity of the daily follow-up of the organisation towards the European Congress in 2022. As such, the activity report includes the period of 2017-2022.

All activities are also listed on the website of IALE-Europe, which functions as the archive of past and future events and different published news items.

2 Action plan

The main goal of the term 2017-2021 was to support and build the community of landscape ecologists in Europe, particularly to develop activities to complement World, European and national conferences, and to increase the sense of belonging. The Action Plan put forward by the EC contained 11 objectives. The action plan was not changed after the postponement of the elections.

The activities conducted over the 2017-2022 term are detailed below.

Objectives	Conducted activities
<p>1. Improving communication with members:</p>	<p>Website – the website www.iale-europe.eu collects all the information of the association and is regularly updated with news and activities and is seen as the virtual hub to the different national chapters.</p> <p>Mailing list</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - currently about 330 registered individuals - All European Chapters and affiliated organisations in other countries without formal IALE chapter <p>Newsletter – a newsletter was developed and sent every 6 months (Spring and Autumn) by email to the IALE-Europe members and published on the website. (total 8 newsletters)</p> <p>Newsflash – 19 different newsflashes were sent when an urgent announcement needed to be made.</p> <p>The @ialeEurope twitter profile was actively used to communicate and engage with the landscape ecology community. The profile currently has 1157 followers.</p> <p>Facebook – members of the EC have actively been involved in dissemination information about IALE-Europe activities on Facebook pages dedicated to the landscape ecology community.</p>
<p>2. Supporting national chapters:</p>	<p>Currently there are twelve established national IALE chapters within Europe. Five of them have a collective membership (Denmark, Germany, Italy, Portugal and the United Kingdom). The EC also tries to support and keep contact with the other national chapters in different ways.</p> <p>Individual contacts with the national chapter – every national chapter has one contact person of the EC who made regular contact with the national chapters.</p> <p>Meeting with national chapters in Milan, on 4 July 2019, during the IALE World Congress. In total, 32 representatives from the following countries attended the meeting: Belgium, Denmark, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia,</p>

	<p>Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Spain, Switzerland, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, and Turkey. https://iale-europe.eu/chaptermeeting2019</p> <p>Online with the national chapters, on 6 September 2021. Since the European congress was postponed to 2022, the EC organized an online event which included different activities (discussion of Manifesto on the future of the European Landscape (see below), a session of the Young Researchers Webinar Series (see below) and a meeting with the national chapters.</p> <p>Chapter in spotlight – National chapters have been invited to write articles about their activities; articles were published in the Newsletters. Chapters that have contributed thus far are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spain https://iale-europe.eu/AEEP • Turkey https://iale-europe.eu/PAD • Romania https://iale-europe.eu/iale-romania • Sweden https://iale-europe.eu/iale-sweden • Russia https://iale-europe.eu/iale-russia • Czech Republic https://iale-europe.eu/iale-czech-republic • Italy https://iale-europe.eu/siep-iale-italy <p>Participation in meetings of national chapters of members of the EC as representatives of IALE-Europe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National congress APEP (Portugal) (18-18 June 2018, Lisbon, presentation by Veerle Van Eetvelde) • IV Iberian meeting of landscape ecology (8-9 November 2018, Faro, presentation by Veerle Van Eetvelde) • Online congress IALE Germany (24 September 2020, online, presentation by Veerle Van Eetvelde) • National Conference on Landscape Audit in Poland organised by PAEK (15-17 September 2021, participation by Andrzej Affek) • Congress IALE Italy (25-26 November 2021, Palermo, participation and keynote presentation by Veerle Van Eetvelde) • V Iberian meeting of landscape ecology (18-19 November 2021, presentation by Isabel Loupa-Ramos) • Participation in the General Assembly of IALE Denmark (10 May 2022, Copenhagen, participation by Veerle Van Eetvelde) • Participation in the General Assembly of Polish chapter (PAEK) (13 June 2022, participation by Andrzej Affek) <p>Support of chapters that terminate formally: The Danish IALE chapter decided to close as formal association due to too many administrative work and a decrease of members. Instead, they will continue as an informal new Danish Landscape Ecology Network. The EC of IALE-Europe will sign a memorandum of understanding with the Danish IALE. This includes the agreement to invite the Danish members to becoming</p>
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	member of IALE via IALE-Europe and to host the remaining funds on the account of IALE-DK on the account of IALE-Europe.
3. Nurturing new national chapters	<p>Since September 2017, one new European national chapter (Spain) have been created, IALE-Europe has supported this process actively.</p> <p>In two countries (France, The Netherlands), national networks would like to become member as national chapter of IALE-Europe. Therefore they first have to be recognized as national chapter at the level of IALE International. EC is currently supporting and communicating with them how to establish these networks as IALE chapters.</p>
4. Collaborating with IALE	<p>Regular communication with the president of IALE.</p> <p>Contributions to the IALE bulletin.</p> <p>Financial Support for the IALE 2022 PhD Course and the IALE European congress (2.500 EUR for each activity)</p>
5. Developing working groups	<p>Currently there are three established working group under the umbrella of IALE-Europe, which are considered as working themes to organize activities. Every working group has a dedicated page on the website (https://iale-europe.eu/working-groups).</p> <p>1. <u>WG Europe's Stakeholders – Shaping Future Policy and Science</u></p> <p>Two symposia dedicated to this WG were organized during the World Congress 2019 and European Congress 2022, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How is landscape ecology shaped by research policies – organized as a round table discussion about ways in which current policies shape landscape ecology research and how this research could have an impact on policy and society.</i> https://iale-europe.eu/landscape-ecology-and-research-policy-2019 • <i>Policy making for European landscapes</i> https://www.iale2022.eu/iale-2022-symposia-theme6-M3.html <p>2. <u>WG Education in Landscape Ecology – Sharing Knowledge and Experience</u></p> <p>Two symposia dedicated to this WG were organized during the World Congress 2019 and European Congress 2022, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Innovating teaching and learning landscape ecology to address the challenges of the Anthropocene.</i> The 17 contributions addressed teaching methods, curricula and project learning. https://iale-europe.eu/education-landscape-ecology-iale2019-reflections • <i>Teaching and learning landscape ecology and planning in times of growing uncertainties. Challenges ahead during and after the</i>

	<p><i>COVID-19 pandemic</i> https://www.iale2022.eu/iale-2022-symposia-theme10-E2.html</p> <p>Setting of a Living Special issue in the journal Landscape Online on the topic <i>Education in landscape ecology – Sharing knowledge and experience</i> - https://www.landscape-online.org/index.php/lo/education_in_LE. The SI currently hosts three contributions from scientists that have contributed to the symposium on education.</p> <p>The organization of the PhD courses (see action point 6).</p> <p>3. <u>WG Group Landscape Ecology and Practice – Bridging Science and Society</u></p> <p>This working group aims to strengthen the understanding of how landscape ecology contributes to landscape planning and design and to place this topic higher on the agenda of landscape ecologists, scientists and practitioners. Results from work on this topic has been presented in different sessions at previous IALE conferences before 2017. Based on those insights, there is still limited exchange of knowledge and expertise, and room for further developing the bridging of science and society. The working group would have liked to progress further on this theme, e.g. by looking into concrete practice examples and the way landscape ecology principles have been tackled but unfortunately time and resource constraints have made this difficult. No further action has thus been planned or conducted.</p> <p>In addition, the EC has been contacted to support a new working group, focusing on farmland biodiversity monitoring, which is linked to a workshop and symposium organized at the IALE2022 congress. This is work in progress and will be continued by the new EC.</p>
<p>6. Organization of PhD courses</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PhD Course on the theme <i>Meeting global challenges and exploring insights from landscape ecology</i>, organized during 1 - 10 July 2019. The course was associated to the 2019 World Congress in Milano. 20 young researchers from 13 different countries and in different stages of their PhD studies registered for the course. https://iale-europe.eu/phd2019 • The PhD course in association with the congress in Warsaw was planned to be organised in Poland. The format of the PhD course asks for a meeting in-person. Due to the transition to an online congress, the PhD course is upcoming in the autumn of 2022.
<p>7. Supporting early-career landscape ecologists</p>	<p>Setting the Young Researchers Webinar Series. https://iale-europe.eu/YRWS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maria Riffat, PhD candidate at Ruhr University Bochum, Germany; Urban biodiversity and ecosystem services dashboards to inform

	<p>planning and governance: A review of best practices; 13 October 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the Editors; Guests: Uta Schirpke (Bozen, Italy), Associate Editor Ecosystem Services, Jochen Jaeger (Montreal, Canada), Member of various Editorial boards, Werner Rolf (Munich, Germany), Co-Editor in Chief Landscape Online; 6 September 2021. • Duflot Rémi, Post-doc at University of Jyväskylä, Finland; Encouraging management diversity to maintain biodiversity in production forest landscapes; 9 June 2021. • How to prepare for an academic job interview; Guests: Teresa Pinto-Correia (University of Evora, Portugal), Hubert Wiggering (University of Potsdam, Germany); 12 May 2021. • Ulrike Bayr, PhD student at Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research (NIBIO); Widening the perspective in landscape monitoring with repeat landscape photography, 14 April 2021. • María García Martín, Postdoc the Swiss Federal Research Institute WSL; Connecting with landscapes for sustainability: landscape values, stewardship and products; 13 January 2021.
<p>8. Holding a European Symposium at World Congress</p>	<p>During the World Congress 2019 (Milan), two symposia were organized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Innovating teaching and learning landscape ecology to address the challenges of the Anthropocene</i>. The 17 contributions addressed teaching methods, curricula and project learning. https://iale-europe.eu/education-landscape-ecology-iale2019-reflections • <i>How is landscape ecology shaped by research policies –</i> organized as a round table discussion about ways in which current policies shape landscape ecology research and how this research could have an impact on policy and society. https://iale-europe.eu/landscape-ecology-and-research-policy-2019
<p>9. Supporting thematic workshops</p>	<p>The thematic workshops aimed to support organised two-day thematic workshops to encourage European exchange on particular topics in landscape ecology.</p> <p>Due to the pandemic, the EC did not manage to organize a physical thematic workshop in one of the European countries.</p> <p>In September 2021 a one-day virtual event was organized (see below).</p>
<p>10. Leading IALE 2022 European Congress</p>	<p>IALE-Europe was actively involved in the organization of the IALE 2022 European Congress. The congress was granted to the Polish partners (IGiPZ and UW) in April 2019. The EC met in Warsaw with local organisers and Polish Scientific Committee Members and was involvement in defining the topic of the congress, reviewing symposia, coordinating the thematic groups of the symposia and co-organising of six symposia (A4, E2, F2, F3, M3 and U4).</p>

	Initially schedules for 2021 as a physical event, the congress was postponed to 2022 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and switched to an online format in April 2022 due to various reasons related to the situation in Ukraine. The congress was thus planned for 11-14 July 2022. IALE-Europe was supporting the organisation of the congress financially (contribution of 2.500€).
11. Conducting member survey	An online member survey was conducted in 2018. Based on the opinion expressed by the members, we improved the communication of relevant information (via website, newsletter), and explored possibilities for organizing thematic workshops.

3 Other activities

3.1 **One-day IALE-Europe virtual event**

Since the European Congress 2013 in Manchester and the World Congress 2015 in Portland, the EC aims to keep good contacts with the national chapter by organising a meeting with the national chapters on every congress. As the congress IALE2021 was postponed, the EC organized a one-day virtual event that took place on 6 September 2021. The program was as followed:

- Morning: Presentation of **Manifesto on the Future of the European Landscape by Bas Pedrolí**, followed by a discussion how IALE-Europe can contribute to the implementation of the Manifesto
- Afternoon part one: Session of the **Young Researchers Webinar Series**
- Afternoon part two: **Meeting of the national chapters**

3.2 **Relation with other European and national landscape related networks**

IALE-Europe was involved in the process of the **Manifesto on the Future of the European Landscape** (see: <https://www.uniscape.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/UNISCAPE-Manifesto-on-the-Future-of-Eu-Landscape-1.pdf>). Members were consulted in the writing process and the manifesto was presented by Bas Pedrolin on the One-day virtual event. A follow up was planned and – in relation with the topic of WG1 – it was planned to write a position paper based on the Manifesto focusing on how the priority areas could get attention from a landscape ecological perspective. This is postponed to a later date, as no clear instructions were given by the coordination of UNISCAPE.

IALE-Europe was invited to participate in the **EKLIPSE project** “Bridging the gap between policy and knowledge on biodiversity in Europe” (see: <https://eklipse.eu>).

“Eclipse was created in 2016 to help governments, institutions, businesses and NGOs make better-informed decisions when it comes to biodiversity in Europe.” As a kind of knowledge hub, Eklipse is helping to answer specific requests on a vast range of topics. Scientist and other expert are invited to contribute to the formulation of the answers.

Jonathan Porter and Veerle Van Eetvelde participated in a meeting in Brussels (23-24 January 2019).

3.3 Participation in project proposals

IALE-Europe was invited to participate as partner in a **COST Action proposal of DIGINEG**, coordinated by Christian Albert. The proposal was not approved, but the EC is keeping contact with the coordinators to resubmit the project in the Autumn of 2022.

4 Meetings

4.1 Internal meetings of the EC

The Executive Committee has functioned with its elected members during the 4+1 years of the mandate. The EC has regular online meeting every month to ensure continuous communication within the EC and discuss and decide the issues at stake.

Besides, once a year the Executive Committee had a physical meeting of two full days

- January 2018 – Lisbon – the meeting included the transfer of the bank account to the new treasure
- February 2019 – Ghent
- February 2020 – Warsaw – in preparation of the European Landscape Ecology congress 2021/22

In addition, several members of the EC have gathered on the occasion of other scientific meetings.

Daily communication is done via Telegram, where the members of the EC share a group to act on short notice.

PART 1 – FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Introduction

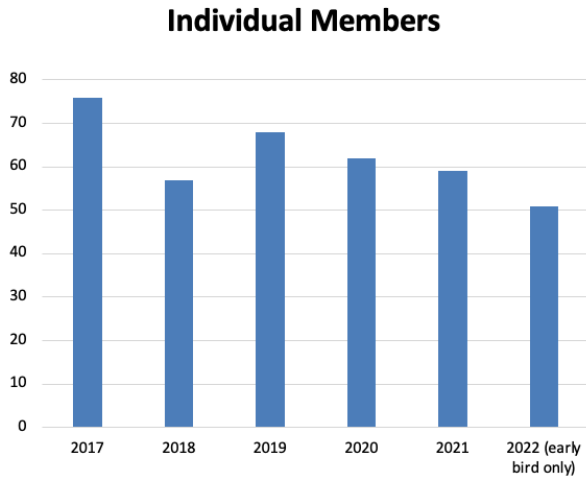
This financial report reflects over the period since the last elections (at the European Congress in Ghent, 2017) until the day of the GA. It is prepared by the treasure of IALE-Europe who has sent the report as well as all the documents related to the financial transfer to the financial auditor of IALE-Europe (Stig Svenningsen, IALE Denmark).

2. Summary of the financial report

Finances	2017-2022
Income	€ 25,171
Fees from individual members	8332
Fees from collective members	5632
IALE refund for early bird fees	658
Fees from the participants of the PhD courses	5549
IALE support to IALE 2022 Congress and PhD Course 2022	5000
Expenses	- € 18,276
PhD courses	-9123
IALE membership fees	-5260
IALE 2022 Congress	-2500
Young Researchers Webinar Series, other workshops and meetings	-691
Bank and PayPal fees	-702
Balance	€ 6,895

Total assets as of 30 June 2022 (bank account, PayPal and cash): **€ 19,754**
Upcoming payments: € 3780 (€ 2850 to IALE 2022 and € 930 to IALE World)

3. Statutes of the memberships



Collective members in good standing:

- Germany
- United Kingdom
- Italy
- Denmark
- Portugal