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Reporting from the WFTO Regional meeting

From the 25th to the 29th of November, representatives of WFTO Regional and Global offices met for the first time in Culemborg to discuss several topics, following recent developments within WFTO. [Read More.](#)

Help Appeal From the Philippines



Staff members of Southern Partners and Fair Trade Corporation (SPFTC) are helping relief operation in affected communities in other islands outside Tacloban, the worst-hit city. SPFTC is calling upon other FTOs to help the reconstruction of the devastated areas. [Read More.](#)

Walk of resistance and alternatives



On Wednesday 27th of November, activists and campaigners from all over Europe organized a 2-hour “walk of resistance and alternatives” through the EU quarter in order to celebrate the launch of the Alternative Trade Mandate. [Read More.](#)

LobOlmo photography



Looking for high quality Fair Trade pictures? German freelance photo-journalists Jutta Ulmer and Michael Wolfsteiner, founders of lobOlmo, share a passionate focus on Fair Trade in Latin America. [Click here](#) to read their short presentation.

Seasonal greetings

Photo: Fair Trees/Fair Seed



The staff of WFTO-Europe wishes you a happy holiday season!

We thank you for your continued commitment to Fair Trade and we look forward to ongoing success in 2014!

Members' section

New section dedicated to you !

From January 2014 onwards, we will start a new section in our newsletter which will be dedicated entirely to our members ! This is a great opportunity to present upcoming activities, projects, news or events of your organization. If you wish to be among the first ones to share news from your organization, [click here.](#)

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AGENDA

- 10th December, EFTA 26th anniversary.

- 24th Feb - 9th March, Fair Trade Fortnight.

- 10th May, World Fair Trade Day 2014: “Fair Trade People”

- 12-14 June, Annual General Meeting (Mennorode)

[Let us know](#) about your events!

NEWS FROM THE OFFICE

In the last week of November Francesca Giubilo took part at the WFTO Regional meeting while the two interns attended the 7th edition of European Development Days.

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

Minutes from the September Board meeting are now available online. To login to the members' section please [click here.](#)

The next Board meeting will be held in Paris, 9-10 January 2014

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Vote4FT: Testimonials

Sabala Handicrafts, India: Mallamma Yalawar



Mallamma Yalawar, from Sabala Handicrafts tells us of the benefits of Fair Trade to the local communities and why Fair Trade should be included in European policies. [Read more.](#)
<http://sabalahandicrafts.com/>

MEMBER OF THE MONTH

FAIR TREES/FAIR SEED

Fair Trees®

a Fair Trade Christmas tree

Name: Fair Trees/Fair Seed
Head Office: Brædstrup, Denmark
Year of foundation: 2007
Website: fairtrees.co.uk

Every year, when people traditionally dance around their Christmas trees it is likely that few, if any, consider the fact that their Christmas tree probably originated in Georgia. In order to improve the working conditions of the cone pickers, the Fair Trees Fund was founded in 2007.

[Read more](#)

FT-RELATED NEWS, PUBLICATIONS & OTHER TOOLS

- The [FTAQ's Internal Advocacy Bulletin](#) for October 2013 (login required) includes articles regarding policy issues (transparency and accountability for companies, advancing Fair Trade, Fair Trade producers meet the EU delegation) and FTAQ news (Post from the UN Secretary-General, Call for proposal for DEAR published, VOTE4FT, notes from EU Advocacy Network meeting and FTAQ Board Meeting and more...)
- The Fair Trade Advocacy Office and Cooperatives Europe have released a joint contribution to the future EU strategy on “Strengthening the Role of the Private Sector in Achieving inclusive and Sustainable Development. [“Cooperatives & Fair Trade: Making Supply Chains work for Small Producers”](#)”
- Biannual Impact magazine puts the spotlights on the results of Belgian Technical Cooperation's interventions in a specific sector. This year's second issue focuses on agriculture. [“Impact Agriculture”](#)
- Oxfam's latest report addresses Why private investment cannot replace public finance in critical climate adaptation. [“Adaptation and the \\$100 billion commitment”](#)

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