

# AREFLH GENERAL MEETING

in Thessaloniki, Greece  
21 and 22 March 2024

## PROGRAMME



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Location: Thessaloniki, Central Macedonia region (500 km north of Athens) [Google maps link](#)

### WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2024

**20:30:** welcome dinner (AREFLH members only) at restaurant [Mamalouka](#), 3 Ionos Dragoumi str., GPS : 40.634195232688654, 22.937507937949345

### THURSDAY 21 MARCH 2024

Venue: [Mediterranean Palace hotel](#) 3, Salaminos & Karatassou str., [Locate the hotel on Google maps](#)  
The event will also be **web streamed. Please note that times are given in local time (UTC+2).** [Check the time in your country.](#)

#### *Morning for members only*

- 8:30** Welcome and registrations  
**9:00** Meeting of the College of Regions and the College of Producers (no streaming)  
**10:30** Coffee break  
**11:00** General Assembly: moral and activity report, accounts for the 2023 financial year, 2024 forecast budget, votes on reports/discharge to directors, presentation of new members (with streaming).  
Members will be able to participate online. A YouTube link will be sent directly to you a few days before. Take note of the time difference (UTC+2).

**13:30** Lunch

#### *Afternoon open to all organisations*

### **15:00 Public conference on the challenges and prospects for agriculture in Europe**

Welcome speeches:

- Apostolos Tzitzikostas, Governor of the Region of Central Macedonia
- Simona Caselli, President of AREFLH

**YouTube live streaming:**  
French, English, Italian, Spanish, Greek

- 15:20 Strategic dialogue on the future of EU agriculture and Common Agricultural Policy**
- Video message from Paolo De Castro, European Parliament
  - Luc Berlottier DG AGRI - Unit B1, European Commission (online)
  - Simona Caselli, President of AREFLH
  - Christos Giannakakis, Vice Chairman of the National Union of Agricultural Cooperatives of Greece - ETHEAS
  - Elli Tsiforou, President of the COGECA cooperative coordination committee
  - Cristian Maretti, Vice President Gruppo VI.VA
  - Richard Schouten, Director DPA
  - François Lafitte, President of APFeLSO
- 16:45 Round table on good water and soil management**
- Patricia Picard, Member of the Regional Council, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region
  - Teresa Barres, Valencia Region
  - Kyriakos Panopoulos, principal researcher at CERTH (The Center for Research & Technology, Hellas)
  - Joan Serentill, Vice President Afrucat
- 18:00** End of the conference  
Cocktail

## FRIDAY 22 MARCH 2024

*Activity reserved for members*

- 8:30** Departure from Thessaloniki by bus (1 hour of transport)
- 9:30** Visit of Neos Aliakmon Cooperation in Ammos, Veria ([www.neosaliakmon.gr](http://www.neosaliakmon.gr))
- 11:00** Visit of Venus growers in Veria ([www.venusgrowers.gr/en/company](http://www.venusgrowers.gr/en/company))
- 13:00** Arrival at the Royal Macedonian Tombs of Aegae, the Museum of the Royal Tombs and the recently restored Palace of Aegae ([www.aigai.gr/en](http://www.aigai.gr/en))
- 15:00** Arrival at local restaurant/tavern
- 17:00** Departure for Thessaloniki (expected time of arrival 18:30)

## CO-ORGANISATION



REGION of  
**CENTRAL  
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The General Assembly is organised with the support of the Central Macedonia region



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