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## ICCA Consortium Regional Members meeting in Europe and Circumpolar North

13th March 2019, Valsain (Segovia, Spain)



The more we discuss ICCAs – Territories of Life and Commons in Europe, the more we understand that many Territories of Life are hidden within country systems. They are very diverse and their features depend on the region and legal system within which they exist. This knowledge is crucial to continue to define concrete steps ahead in order to adequately recognise and secure them.

From March 12th to 19th, 2019, a series of events took place in the Centro Nacional de Educación Ambiental (CENEAM), in the Segovia province of Spain, just bordering the Sierra de Guadarrama National Park. More than 50 participants joined, to discuss 'the Commons and ICCAs – Territories of Life'.

### ILC Platform on Commons

The first day was organised for the Platform on Commons which emerges from the members of the [International Land Coalition](#) and is now supported by ILC. This platform focuses especially on territorial Commons across Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. Members of the platform and guests, who were ICCA Consortium Members, discussed its progress, objectives, and organisation, exploring the needs of the different organisations present.

### The ICCA Consortium first Europe Regional Assembly

The second day saw the first Europe Regional Assembly of the [ICCA Consortium](#), chaired by Aili Pyhälä, ICCA Consortium Council member. This was the first Regional Assembly following the latest General Assembly, in November 2018 in Ethiopia. It was an appropriate moment to welcome new Members and Honorary members to the Consortium, update everyone on the latest Consortium developments (such as the election of a new ICCA Consortium President, [Teddy Baguilat](#), and the election of a new Council member for Europe, [Marco Bassi](#)), report on activities from the preceding year and present the priorities for work in the years to come. A report on

developments in the regionalisation process of the Consortium was also given. Following this, participants discussed and agreed on some important elements related to the region:

- Members and Honorary members will work to understand and fully agree on the overlap of the Europe region with the Circumpolar North region as well as the North Africa region when appropriate.
- The Spanish Consortium Member, Iniciativa Comunes, is officially recognised as hub for the Europe region.
- The Finnish Consortium Member, Snowchange, is officially recognised as focal point for the Circumpolar North region.

It was also decided to make substantial efforts to find new Members and Honorary members that directly deal with European issues and represent communities. Finally, some clear actions were discussed, such as: steps to enhance the voices directly emerging from the communities; to act on the European Common Agricultural Policy; and to improve communication and documentation on ICCAs – Territories of Life in Europe.

Please find here the presentations on:

[Introduction to ICCAs -Territories of Life and Report from the ICCA Consortium General Assembly in Bishoftu, Ethiopia, in 2018](#)

[ICCA Consortium regionalisation process so far and the international Consortium.](#)

The final minutes of the Assembly will be made available soon at: [www.iccaconsortium.org](http://www.iccaconsortium.org)

