

# Training advisors in agroforestry(ies)



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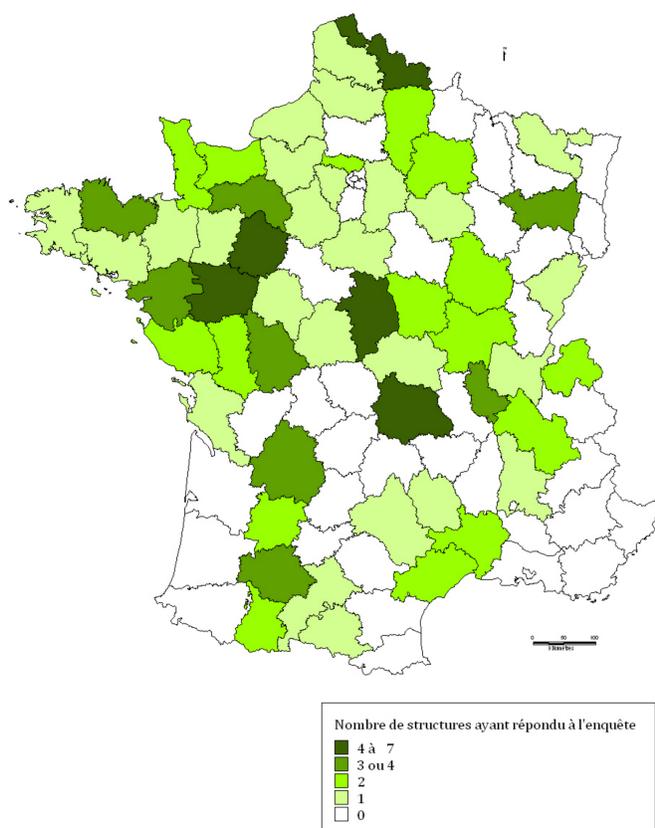
Context : Whatever its forms, agroforestry needs theoretical and practical knowledge. If this knowledge is not passed on, it will disappear. Today, it doesn't exist in any degree course that put trees or hedges in the heart of their program, even though many things are done in the field.

Goal / method : The French National Association AFAHC ("Rural Trees and Hedges" – French Organisation) wants to point out that a specific job exists, which consists of giving advice on agroforestry, in France and in Europe. In this way, the AFAHC used its partner network in the French territory : an inquiry has been sent to them in order to inventory all the actions that are implemented concerning pastoral trees or hedges.

In the short term, the aim is to describe in a brochure all the training or degree courses that are available in France. This brochure is in progress and the first copy will be released in September 2012.

Fig. 1 : Number of structures that responded to the questionnaire AFAHC

Nombre de structures ayant répondu à l'enquête "formation" de l'AFAHC  
(n = 106 structures réparties sur 54 départements)



Source : BD carto IGN ; Réalisation : AFAHC, juillet 2012

Results : 106 partners answered to the inquiry, representing 54 local territories in France (see attached map). Each partner described 3 or 4 training sessions, which represent approximately 350 training sessions related to agroforestry. The themes covered are mainly biodiversity protection (84 %), agronomic interests (78 %) and landscapes (78 %).

Conclusion : In the medium term, it is essential to professionalize this job by writing a convention, creating a « job label », organizing the training offers, even developing a real school career to prepare « advisors in agroforesteries ». In this way a national company could offer themselves to manage the national training, as a coordinator and/or guarantor of the job labelling. The issue would be that a national structure would manage the national training, and act as a coordinator and/or a guarantor of the job label.

