

75th EURAF Executive Committee Report

12th June 10:00 – 11:30

Report written by Nuria Ferreiro-Domínguez and Rosa Mosquera-Losada

Present:

Elected Executive Committee: Rosa Mosquera-Losada, Joana Amaral Paulo

National Delegates: Joao Palma, Josep Crous Duran, Konstantinos Mantzanas, Yousri Hannachi

Apologies: Andrea Pisanelli, Andrea Vityi, Jeroen Watté, Olivier Baudry, Mark Vonk, Anastasia Pantera

1. EURAF PROJECT ACTIVITY

1.1. PROPOSALS

Proposals (awaiting response)

The proposals that did not pass the first phase of the evaluation are written in red

- 1.- MSCA-ITN-ETN, EsLar, Doctorate Programme about agroforestry and land restoration, one stage
- 2.- COST Action, OC-2016-2-21377 " Agroforestry for sustainable intensification and ecosystem services"one stage
- 3.- iGRASSLAND, SFS 27, permanent grassland management and ICT-tools, two stages
- 4.- REFARM, SFS 29, socio-economy studies, REFARM - REsilient FARMing practices for Europe, two stages
- 5.- RENUCLEA, SFS-30, Reduced GHG Emissions and enhanced NUtrient CycLing within Agro-ecosystems (RENUCLEA), two stages
- 6.- AGRICALL, SFS-34, Multi-actor systemic approach for innovative agri-food chains, two stages
- 7.- SUBER: SUBER Erasmus + VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING, two stages
8. Interreg: Applications encouraged under Priority axis 4 Environment & Resource Efficiency
9. MSCA-RISE-2016: Research and Innovation Staff Exchange SIPASYS

Proposals (next calls)

10. Project lead by ISA
11. Christian, PRIMA: <https://ec.europa.eu/research/environment/index.cfm?pg=prima>
12. Next call (see the calls) H2020 (one about agroforestry)

Actions: Please contact Rosa to update the information.

1.2. PROJECTS

- **AGFORWARD**

In the AGFORWARD meeting in Montemo-O Novo (Portugal) a new consensuated agroforestry definition was approved including all agroforestry practices at European level and adapted to the definition provided by the deployed 8.2 agroforestry measure and adopted by the 60% of the current Rural Development Programmes that have up taken measure 8.2. Rosa was working in the policy report with Paul. The main conclusions from this report are (a) all agroforestry practices should be fully recognised (silvopasture, silvoarable, riparian buffer strips and hedgerows, forest farming and homegardens, (b) all agroforestry practices implemented in lands with less than 100 mature trees per hectare and have a management plan should be fully eligible for Pillar I direct payments and greening and (c) Agroforestry measure in Pillar II should include all the before mentioned agroforestry practices to be established and maintained in new agroforestry land use or to be managed in already existing agroforestry lands. Rosa was talking with people of the European Commission about the policy report and they are in agreement with the recommendations proposed in the report. Next week Rosa will have a meeting with Paul to finish the report. Then she will circulate it among all of us.

Actions: Rosa will finish the policy report which will be circulated among the EURAF EC

- **AFINET**

The next AFINET meeting will be in the ORC (UK) in June 20-21. After the meeting there are some scheduled agroforestry events

- **Thursday 22nd:** [Agroforestry 2017](#) conference (tickets £75 + £15 VAT), Cranfield. AFINET/AGFORWARD fringe session: Agroforestry Innovations across Europe (to be confirmed)
- **Friday 23rd:** [Farm Woodland Forum Annual meeting](#), Cranfield. Including visit to apple/arable system with Stephen Briggs
- **Saturday 24th:** Visit to Wakleyns Agroforestry, Diss, Suffolk

2. EURAF POLICY ACTIVITIES

May

- Paris 3-5 May (FAO), policy and technical support for carbon sequestration (Stephen Le Foll). Rosa said that during this meeting the most important aspects were the business plans and the long term productions in the farms.
- CAP 3 May, Gerry, Eloi
- Arable crops 5 May, Dario
- Who will fix the broken CAP?, 11 May. Jeroen attended the EEB meeting "Who will fix the broken CAP?" where Commissioner Hogan admitted there were cracks in the CAP, but that it was not broken. A review of scientific studies on the effectiveness of the CAP was

presented, commissioned by EEB, in the absence of an impact assessment of the CAP by the European Commission, which supported EEB to make a very clear judgement that CAP is expensive, not efficient, not delivering, its goals are outdated, it's not in line with the UN sustainable development goals, etc.

Is the CAP Fit for Purpose? A rapid assessment of the evidence, Dr. Guy Pe'er and Dr. Sebastian Lakner (<http://eeb.org/publications/53/farming/10483/is-the-cap-fit-for-purpose-a-rapid-assessment-of-the-evidence-dr-guy-peer-and-sr-sebastian-lakner.pdf>)

Jeroen said that it is good to know that also high level people from the DG environment were critical of the delivery gap of CAP. So, he guesses chances are very good for agroforestry to gain importance.

- Organic Farming, 12 May, Victor, Belen
- Steering Committee of the ENRD, Eloi
- Direct Payment and Greening, 19 May, Dario and Antonio

June

- Arable crops 2 June, Dario and Antonio
- Innovation subgroup, 8 June Nuria. Nuria said that during the meeting they were talking about the business plans and the production of biomass in the farms
- Forestry and Cork 8 June, Gerry, Rosa
- Environment and Climate Change 9 June, Gerry, Rosa

Forthcoming CDG

- Calendar not sent,
- Forestry and Cork, may be 7-8 December (not confirmed)

Rosa thinks that it is very important the participation of all EURAF members in the CDG (not only the Spaniards).

Actions: *Please inform Rosa if you wish to go to any of the meeting.*

3. OTHER MEETINGS

Rosa said that the following conferences are very interesting because some of them have sessions related with agroforestry.

Agroforestry 2017: improving productivity for farmers and foresters

The meeting will take place in the Cranfield University, Cranfield, UK, on 22nd June 2017. The meeting is organised by Woodland Trust, Royal Forestry Society and Soil Association and supported by Cranfield University and Farm Woodland Forum. More info [here](#).

15th North American Agroforestry Conference

The 15th North American Agroforestry Conference will take place in Virginia, USA during 27th – 29th June 2017. The title of the Conference is "Agroforestry for a Vibrant Future: Connecting

People, Creating Livelihoods, Sustaining Places”. The Conference is for agroforestry producers, researchers, educators and those involved with related work in the fields of the permaculture and agroecology. More info [here](#).

15th International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology

The 15th International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology will take place in Rhodes, Greece, during 31st-2nd August-September 2017. An Agroforestry session is organized within the conference. More info [here](#).

IUFRO Anniversary Congress 2017

The International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO) is organizing their 125th Anniversary Congress “Interconnecting Forests, Science and People”. The congress will take place in Freiburg, Germany, from 19th-22nd September 2017. The Congress will include an agroforestry session “Agroforestry - the future of land use management?”. More info [here](#).

XI Congress of the Italian Society of Forestry and Forest Ecology

The XI Congress of the Italian Society of Forestry and Forest Ecology will take place in Roma, Italy from 10th to 13th October 2017. A session focused on agroforestry will be organized. More info [here](#).

Conference on Non-Timber Forest Products and Bioeconomy

The Finnish Natural Resources Institute and the Arctic Centre of the University of Lapland will host a joint conference covering basic and applied research about Non-Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) as a part of the bioeconomy. The Conference will be held during 28th - 30th November 2017 in Rovaniemi, Finland. More info [here](#).

2nd European Symposium on Pollarding

This 3-day event, open to all agricultural practitioners and stakeholders, natural resource managers and researchers, will take place in Basque Country, France, during 1st – 3rd March 2018. Call for contributions will be open soon. Save the date!

Rosa said that EURAF will be also present in these meetings:

- b) EIP-AGRI Workshop 'Organic is Operational' 14-15 June
- c) AFINET/AGFORWARD EVENT
- d) Workshop on innovation Lisbon, October 11-12^o
- e) IUFRO, September
- f) UK September, GRA

Actions: Please inform Rosa if you will participate in any of these meetings.

4. OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Further collaboration for IUAF. Ongoing.
- May be a paper and a practice abstract on shelterbelts and windbreaks can be done with Russian and Hungary partners. Are there any person working in this research that could be interested in collaborate?
- GACSA (practice abstracts) see example that has been accepted. From now we will receive some drafts also from
 - a) Silvoarable: Fabien Balaguer, France
 - b) Homegardens: Johanna, Sweden
 - c) Riparian Buffer Strips, Vania
 - d) Forest farming: Antonio Rigueiro
 - e) Silvopasture, Rosa

Actions: *Please contact Rosa to prepare the FAO practice abstracts*

5. PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Public consultation on the database directive: application and impact. The main objectives of the consultation are to collect up-to-date information on: i) The evolution of the market related to databases, ii) The use and the impact of the copyright and the sui generis protection regimes on the database makers and users and iii) The application of the Database Directive and possible needs of adjustment. Deadline: 30/08/2017. More info [here](#).

6. EURAF Newsletter & Dissemination Activities

Nuria said that we have 1003 subscribers to our newsletter. The next newsletter will be published in July. The newsletter of July will include these news: 1. EURAF ACTIVITIES, 2. REGIONAL AGROFORESTRY NEWS, 2.1 Northern European Regional Meeting, Ukraine, 2.2 Workshop: Does tree fodder have a role to play in today's livestock farming in the UK?, 2.3 Seminar on Agroforestry Systems: an inheritance with future, Bragança, Portugal, 3. FEATURED FARM: Herdade da Sanguinheira de Codes, Portugal, 4. FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE AGFORWARD PROJECT, 5. AFINET CONSORTIUM MEETING, 6. MISCELLANEOUS

Javier and Joana are taking care of the EURAF Facebook and Twitter. On Twitter EURAF has 117 tweets, 44 following and 32 followers and on Facebook EURAF has 118 followers. In the below Figure we can see the number of people who visited the EURAF Facebook from January 2017. Nuria said that it is very important our participation in the social media to increase the EURAF visibility. Please send to Javier and Joana information about the agroforestry meetings in which you participate. This information will be published on Facebook and Twitter.



Actions: Nuria and Mercedes Rois will take care of the newsletter and Javier and Joana will take care of the Facebook and Twitter. Please send to Javier and Joana information about the agroforestry meetings in which you participate.

7. EURAF National Association news

Bulgaria, Switzerland, Germany, Czech Republic, UK and Greece have paid the 2017 fees. Nuria contacted with the delegates of these countries to update the lists of the EURAF members. Rosa informed us about the abolishment of the law that prevented the forest grazing in Hungary since sixties (congratulations to Hungary!).

Actions: the EURAF delegates will take care of the EURAF members fees.

The next EC meeting is scheduled for the 5th of July 2017 at 10:00 CET