

# 76<sup>th</sup> EURAF Executive Committee Report

4<sup>th</sup> July 10:00 – 11:30

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## **Present:**

Elected Executive Committee: Rosa Mosquera-Losada, Gerry Lawson, Joana Amaral Paulo, Anastasia Pantera, Fabien Balaguer

National Delegates: Andrea Pisanelli, Andrea Vityi, Jo Smith, Johanna Björklund, Emil Popov

Apologies: Jeroen Watté, Mark Vonk,

## **1. ROSA REPORT**

### **1.1 EURAF PROJECT ACTIVITY**

#### **1.1.1 PROPOSALS**

#### **Proposals (awaiting response, red not successful)**

1. **COST Action, OC-2016-2-21377 " Agroforestry for sustainable intensification and ecosystem services"one stage.**

Felix will try to send the proposal again

2. REFARM, SFS 29, socio-economy studies, REFARM - RESilient FARMing practices for Europe, two stages
3. Interreg: Applications encouraged under Priority axis 4 Environment & Resource Efficiency
4. MSCA-RISE-2016: Research and Innovation Staff Exchange SIPASYS
5. EAP-Agri proposal - AGFORSUN - Agroforestry for Sustainable Nutrition , ISA

#### **Proposals (next calls)**

6. Christian, PRIMA: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/environment/index.cfm?pg=prima>
7. Next call H2020 (Please, see the calls, one about agroforestry)

**Actions:** *Please contact Rosa to update the information.*

#### **1.1.2 PROJECTS**

- **AGFORWARD**

Rosa has discussed the budget allocated to EURAF with Kenisha. By e-mail Rosa reported that there was an inconsistency between the assigned person months and the EURAF global budget. Paul sent an e-mail to Rosa, Fabien and Joana with details on completed expenditure and distribution of fund. The plan is that Rosa will send an email with an updated EURAF proposal as soon as possible.

**Actions:** Rosa will try to fix the problem with the AGFORWARD budget with the help of Kenisha asap

- **AFINET**

The last AFINET meeting was in the ORC (UK) in June 20-21. After the meeting there were some scheduled agroforestry events

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

The RAIN meeting of Belgium will be in July and the RAINS meetings of Portugal and Spain will be in September.

## **1.2 EURAF POLICY ACTIVITIES**

### **1.2.1 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

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

### **1.2.2 OTHER MEETINGS**

**Done**

#### **1. Agroforestry 2017: improving productivity for farmers and foresters**

The meeting took place in the Cranfield University, Cranfield, UK, on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2017. The meeting was organised by Woodland Trust, Royal Forestry Society and Soil Association and supported by Cranfield University and Farm Woodland Forum.

#### **2. 15<sup>th</sup> North American Agroforestry Conference**

The 15<sup>th</sup> North American Agroforestry Conference took place in Virginia, USA during 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June 2017. The title of the Conference was "Agroforestry for a Vibrant Future: Connecting People, Creating Livelihoods, Sustaining Places". The Conference was for agroforestry producers, researchers, educators and those involved with related work in

the fields of the permaculture and agroecology. Rosa will ask the conference organizers for slides and information on agroforestry projects.

### **Forthcoming**

3. **15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology, Rhodes** 28 August-September. More info [here](#).
4. **IUFRO Anniversary Congress 2017**, Freiburg, Germany, from 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017. The Congress will include an agroforestry session “Agroforestry - the future of land use management?”. More info [here](#).
5. **XI Congress of the Italian Society of Forestry and Forest Ecology**, Roma, Italy from 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017. A session focused on agroforestry will be organized. More info [here](#).
6. **Conference on Non-Timber Forest Products and Bioeconomy**. The conference will be held during 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in Rovaniemi, Finland. More info [here](#).
7. **2<sup>nd</sup> European Symposium on Pollarding**, Basque Country, France, during 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018. Call for contributions will be open soon.
8. **Agricultural Innovation Summit**. European Commission 11-12 October 2017
9. **First Agroecology Europe Forum 2017**, Lyon. A session of agroforestry will be carried out 25-27 October 2017 in Lyon, France.
10. **Knowledge Action Group for sessions at GACSA’s Annual Forum 2017** Probably 4-6 October, Rome

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

### **1.2.3 OTHER ACTIVITIES**

- Further collaboration for IUAF. Ongoing.
- Hedgerow paper ongoing
- 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.*

### **1.3 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](#).

**Actions:** *Gerry will prepare a draft about this public consultation which will be circulated among all of us at the middle of August.*

### **1.4 EURAF NEWSLETTER AND DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES**

Nuria said that the newsletter of July will be published on time and now we have to prepare the next newsletter so please send news to Nuria to publish in the September newsletter. The deadline is 20<sup>th</sup> August.

Javier and Joana are taking care of the EURAF Facebook and Twitter. 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.*

### **1.5 EURAF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NEWS**

Czech Republic, Germany, United Kingdom, Bulgaria, Greece, Switzerland, France, Poland, Hungary and Italy have paid the 2017 fees. Nuria will contact with the delegates of these countries to update the lists of the EURAF members.

Rosa said that the Austria agroforestry association will be created very soon.

**Actions:** *the EURAF delegates will take care of the EURAF member fees and Nuria will update the lists of the EURAF members*

## **2. NEXT EURAF CONFERENCE**

Rosa sent us a document with information about the EURAF conference. The document was approved by the EC and Nuria will include the information in the EURAF website.

**Actions:** *Nuria will prepare the website of the EURAF conference*

### **3. CONTRACTING STAFF**

Rosa said that a call will be launched at the end of July. The contracted people will be also connected with the AFINET project and will work in activities supervised by USC and ISA. The contracted people will carry out activities related to policy (USC) and dissemination (ISA).

**Actions:** Rosa will prepare the call to contract staff for EURAF

### **4. AGROFORESTRY IN PORTUGAL**

Joana Paulo reported on the stage of operational groups results:

- 2 operational groups officially approved dealing with cork oak and montado tree regeneration management. More decisions are expected for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of 2017.
- 11 operational groups dealing with cork and holm oak montado topics (non official information)
- few official information in other topics and other agroforestry systems
- no operational group dealing with innovative (non traditional) or silvoarable system

Regarding measure 8.1.2 establishment of agroforestry systems from PDR2020, Joana Paulo reported that a 2<sup>nd</sup> application stage was launched at the beginning of 2017. Although some applications are still under evaluation, official results show the following values:

- 95 applications
- 75 applications analysed
- 26 applications with a final decision: 4 approved and 22 rejected

It is clear that former existing problems regarding the definition of measure 8.1.2 objectives, aims and implementation rules remain. For ex, the measure is still mostly focused on silvopastoral traditional systems, the measure is still associated to payments during a period of 5 years while measure 8.1.1. of forestation of agriculture land is for 10 years.... This may help to understand the low number of applications in comparison to measured 8.1.1.

Joana Paulo evidenced the importance Portuguese delegates action in order to clarify the motives for 22 applications rejections and the delays in a final decision regarding the rest of the applications.

PS – Joana Paulo and PT euraf delegates have questioned pdr2020 regarding these questions. Official reply states that the final decision on all applications are expected during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of 2017. No reply was given regarding the motives for the rejection of 22 applications.

### **5. AGROFORESTRY IN FRANCE**

Coming soon.

### **6. EURAF ORGANIZATION MEETINGS**

The EC discussed about the organisation of the EURAF meetings. All people think that meetings have to be monthly but the duration has to be less (1 hour). Before the meetings, Rosa will circulate among all of us the documentation which will be discussed during the meetings. Anastasia Pantera and Andrea Pisanelli will prepare a small presentation about agroforestry in their countries for the next EURAF meeting in August. The next EURAF meetings will be at 10:30 instead of 10:00 to facilitate the participation of Joana, Joao and Josep in the meetings.

**ACTIONS:** *Anastasia Pantera and Andrea Pisanelli will prepare a small presentation about agroforestry in their countries for the next EURAF meeting in August.*

## **7. OTHER ISSUES**

Rosa said that we have problems with the email account of EURAF. In the AFINET project will be create a new domain which probably could be also used by EURAF. The EC thinks that this is a good idea.

Gerry said that we should check if the European Union has updated lists of agroforestry projects reviewers. Rosa said that REA is in charge of the lists.

Rosa explained us that agroecology and organic farming are linked through a platform. Rosa received a document about this and she thinks that agroforestry could be included in the agroecology but in this document agroforestry is not clearly mentioned. Maybe Jo Smith could give us some recommendations.

**The next EC meeting is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August 2017 at 10:30 CET**