

77th EURAF Executive Committee Report

2nd August 10:30 – 11:30

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

Present:

Elected Executive Committee: Rosa Mosquera-Losada, Anastasia Pantera, Jeroen Watté,

National Delegates: Andrea Pisanelli

Apologies: Gerry Lawson, Joana Amaral Paulo, Fabien Balaguer, Andrea Vityi, Bert Reubens, Felix Herzog, Joao Palma, Jo Smith, Johanna Björklund, Vania Georgieva Kachova, Yousri Hannachi, 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 is preparing the proposal helped by different EURAF members. He 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. EAP-Agri proposal - AGFORSUN - Agroforestry for Sustainable Nutrition, ISA

5. FATBRIC: Functional biodiversity against pest and diseases

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)

The USC has prepared the following table with the next calls in which we can participate.

TOPIC	2018	2019	2020	Tipo	Obs.
SFS-01-2018/2019/2020 Agro biodiversity in action B. [2019] Capitalising on native farmland biodiversity		X		RIA	"agroforestry"
LC-SFS-18-2018-2019 Climate Smart and resilient farming: B. [2019] Efficiency and resilience of mixed and agroforestry farming systems		X		RIA	
SFS-31-2018/2019/2020 Sustainable Intensification in Africa B. [2019] African Farming Systems, sustainable intensification pathways		X		RIA	"agroforestry"
SFS-34-2018/2019/2020: Sustainable soils and land management A. [2018] High-efficient management of soil quality and land resources	X			RIA	
RUR-04-2018. Analytical tools and models to support agricultural and natural resource policies A. [2018] Developing new models supporting agricultural policies	X			RIA	
RUR-16-2018. Digital solutions and e-tools to modernise the CAP [IA]	X			IA	Comentar con TRAGSA
RUR-17-2018/2019/2020 Thematic Networks compiling knowledge ready to practice	X	X	X	CSA	"EIP Operational groups and interactive innovation groups operating in the context of EIP-AGRI should be involved as much as possible." "They must focus on the most urgent needs of specific agricultural or forestry production sectors, or on important or promising cross-sectoral issues, including wher primary production needs to improve its linkages to the supply chain." "If duly substantiated proposlas may focus on the widening of existing thematic networks, be it content wise and/or related to geographical coverage."

Actions: Please contact Rosa to update the information.

1.1.2 PROJECTS

• AGFORWARD

Rosa has discussed the budget allocated to EURAF with Kenisha. Rosa reported that there was an inconsistency between the assigned person months and the EURAF global budget but now the problem is solved in favour of EURAF, as more money is available. Rosa has discussed with Joana and Fabien how to justify the last period of the AGFORWARD project. They think that EURAF has to contract staff and to avoid co-financing some money will be transfer from the RTD budget of EURAF to the RTD budget of USC. USC justify this money with the time of Rosa because the EURAF work in the AGFORWARD project was done by the USC staff. The new contracts will be done in ISA and USC to carry on later the activities with AFINET.

Actions:

Rosa and Fabien and Joao will accomplish all needed tasks to make the contract possible.

• AFINET

Rosa said that the project is progressing very well. There are many farmers involved in the project and these farmers could become EURAF members.

1.2 EURAF POLICY ACTIVITIES

1.2.1 CDG

Provisional calendar:

- Arable Crops 15 Sept, 12 October, 8 December, 13 December
- Rural Development 19 Sept, 12 December
- Direct Payments and Greening, 17 November
- Environment and Climate Change 22 November
- Organic 24 November
- Forestry and Cork 5 December
- PAC, 11 December

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

1.2.2 OTHER MEETINGS

Forthcoming

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

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

1.2.3 OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Patrick Worms
Further collaboration for IUAF. Ongoing

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- 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 was 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 20th August. Anastasia and Andrea will write some regional news.

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.

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

2. NEXT EURAF CONFERENCE

This point will be discussed in the September meeting

3. CONTRACTING STAFF

Rosa, Joana and Fabien are preparing the call which will be launched as soon as possible. The contracted people 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 documentation to contract the EURAF staf in collaboration with Fabien, Joao, Joana and Nuria

4. AGROFORESTRY IN GREECE

Anastasia Pantera will prepare a small presentation about agroforestry in Greece for the next EURAF meeting in September.

5. AGROFORESTRY IN ITALY

Andrea Pisanelli will prepare a small presentation about agroforestry in Italy for the next EURAF meeting in September.

6. OTHER ISSUES

Rosa said that we have problems with the website and the email account of EURAF due to the domain. We could buy the domain which was used by EURAF until now (@agroforestry.eu) or create a new domain (@eurafagroforestry.eu). The EC suggested Rosa to speak with Ramón Lawson to buy the domain and pay him the bills he has paid already in the past. Rosa said that we should ask for Gerry Lawson permission.

Jeroen said that Patrick worms asked to the members to send a letter of support to foster agroforestry. Rosa asked to Jeroen to make a draft to be discussed and he agreed.

Actions: Rosa will send an e-mail to Gerry to ask for permission to write to his son Ramón Lawson to solve the EURAF domain problem. Jeroen will make a support letter draft to be discussed.

The next EC meeting is scheduled for the 13th of September 2017 at 10:30 CET