

81st EURAF Executive Committee Report

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Present

Elected Executive Committee: Rosa Mosquera-Losada, Anastasia Pantera, Fabien Balaguer,

National Delegates: Andrea Pisanelli, Jo Smith, Robert Borek, Joao Palma, Josep Crous Duran, Nuria Ferreiro-Domínguez

Apologies: Andrea Vityi, Bert Reubens, Christian Dupraz, Joana Amaral Paulo, Manuel Bertomeu, Gerry Lawson, Jeroen Watte, Felix Herzog

1. ROSA REPORT

1.1 EURAF DUTIES

Rosa Mosquera explained us that in the last years EURAF has achieved a great visibility thanks to our good job. We have to be proud. EURAF has been called for presenting agroforestry by the Joint Research Centre of Seville in the First Assessment of the CAP in Brussels and in a private meeting in the European Commission in which the policy results of the AGFORWARD project were presented. Rosa thinks that we have also achieved an easiness to ask for projects if we are together.

At European level we have work very hard during the AGFORWARD project and this work should be continued under the AFINET project. The prevision of participation per year from AFINET project in the meetings of the European Commission is:

Civil Dialog Groups (CDG)

Arable: 12 meet x 2 people x 2 days (preparation, meeting and reporting): 48 days

CAP: 2 meet x 2 people x 2 days (preparation, meeting and reporting): 8 days

Rural Development: 2 meet x 2 people x 2 days: 8 days

Organic farming: 2 meet x 2 people x 2 days: 8 days

Direct payment and greening: 2 meet x 2 people x 2 days: 8 days

Environment and climate change: 2 meet x 2 people x 2 days: 8 days

Forestry and cork: 2 meet x 2 people x 2 days: 8 days

Total CDG: 96 working days per year

European Network for Rural Development (ENRD)

General Assembly: 1 year

Steering Committee: 3 year

Innovation subgroup: 3 year

Leader/CLLD: 3 year

Evaluation: 1 year

European Structural Investment Funds: 2 per year

Total ENRD: 13 x2 days= 26 days per year

TOTAL: 96+26= 122 working days: 122/20= 6.1 person months per year

We will start know with AKIS meetings (3 meetings per year)

Besides these meetings there are: workshops (3-4 a year of 2 days), conferences (3-4 a year of 2 days), seminars (3-4 a year of 2 days), networking (AKIS, Agroecology, IFOAM, Climate smart villages) and events in the European Parliament which are very important because the EURAF work is focused mainly on policy.

Actions: *We have to continue working in EURAF all together to be able to foster agroforestry in the policy side, as this is the unique goal that EURAF has to do by itself.*

1.2 PROJECT ACTIVITY

1.2.1 PROPOSALS

In 2017, EURAF has participated in the following proposals which **were not approved**:

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

Proposals (next calls)

1. Christian, PRIMA: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/environment/index.cfm?pg=prima>
2. Clima (South-America)
3. Next call H2020

*SFS-18-2018-2019 Climate Smart and resilient farming: efficiency and resilience of mixed and agroforestry farming systems. Who is interested?, ask Rosa

*RUR-04-2017-2020 Analytical tools and models to support policies related to agriculture and food. SUPREMA approved in the SFS-49-2017. This call will be lead by Rosa. Rosa invited to the whole EC. In this call we need pilot experiences in real farms.

The USC has prepared the following table with the next calls in which we can participate and with the names of people who are interested in participating in the calls.

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", Bodhan
LC-SFS-18-2018-2019 Climate Smart and resilient farming: B. [2019] Efficiency and resilience of mixed and agroforestry farming systems		X		RIA	"agroforestry", Bodhan, Adolfo, Vania, Pieter Bert
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	Bodhan
RUR-04-2018. Analytical tools and models to support agricultural and natural resource policies A. [2018] Developing new models supporting agricultural policies	X			RIA	USC
RUR-16-2018. Digital solutions and e-tools to modernise the CAP [IA]	X			IA	
RUR-17-2018/2019/2020 Thematic Networks compiling knowledge ready to practice ORGANIC RESEARCH CENTRE (LEAD): * Jo. ANYTHING ELSE?.	X	X	X	CSA	<i>"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."</i> Vania,

Jo Smith from ORC is leading a Thematic Network on hedgerows. Jo Smith wants to invite EURAF to join the proposal to work primarily on communication but only select part of EURAF members. She explained that EURAF should be seen as an independent entity. She thinks that EURAF delegates are professional enough to accept that they can't all be involved in all proposals of EURAF. She thinks that it was easier when there were only a few organisations working on agroforestry, but the reality now is that there are many organisations involved in agroforestry research. This is something that should be celebrated, and ideally coordinated so we don't duplicate our efforts, but the downside of this is that we will, from time to time, end up competing for the same funding. This seems inevitable, but not a reason for us not to continue to be good colleagues to one another. For this reason not all EURAF delegates will be invited to participate in

this proposal as was done until now. Rosa thinks that this is a matter that should be clearly decided by the whole EC, and not for a small group. It has to be taken into account that:

- EURAF is an independent association composed of national associations that should work in a coordinated way and not serve to the interests of only part of the countries of the federation against others. What will happen if two “competing” groups of associations want EURAF as part of the consortium? A protocol should be established
- It is also very important to understand that EURAF allows all National Delegates to have voice in Europe, and this is the only thing that none of us is able to do with our institution. This provides advantage for the proposal. So, delegates cannot be excluded if they wish to participate in a proposal
- To avoid conflicts: when the consortium of AFINET was created all delegates were invited. However when AFINET was approved some delegates got angry because they were not part of the consortium, in spite of the invitation (see the minutes and ppt files of the monthly EURAF meetings), so Rosa thinks that we have to avoid this type of conflicts in EURAF.
- In this case the theme is also important: having a Thematic Network in hedgerows will close the opportunity to ask in the future for a hedgerow network to other EURAF delegates that may have interest on it and are not currently invited.

Actions: *Please contact Rosa to update the information and if you wish to participate or lead a call.*

1.2.2 PROJECTS

• AGFORWARD

Rosa said that the AGFORWARD duties were carried out. We needed a minimum of 6.1 person months to fulfil all compromises in Europe (in two years 12.2 person months). Rosa explained us the person month expenditure:

Person month allocated: 35

Cofinancing: reduction 12.5 person-month

Person month left: $35 - 12.5 = 22.5$

Salaries spent:

Anja (no duties for AGFORWARD)

Jabier Ruiz (no duties for AGFORWARD)

Both spent 14.5 person-month

Person month left: $22.5 - 14.5 = 8$ person month

Therefore, the number of person-month left for doing so in AGFORWARD duties (only going to Brussels): 8 (Around 98% of the times USC was doing the travelling)

NEEDS (TWO YEARS) - 2015+2016

*12.2 person month

EURAF needed for policy: 12.2 (only going to EURAF), just minimum not considering reporting, seminars, workshops meetings of 2014.

BALANCE 12.2 person months-7=5.2 person months added for free at least, mostly by the USC for doing the job of EURAF in AGFORWARD.

But besides this other duties were carried out by EURAF that are in the aims of the EURAF constitution:

Statutes of EURAF objectives:

- + Promoting agroforestry through communication media, including actions of lobby for adapting the European agroforestry legislation, lead by Rosa with collaboration with the rest of the members of the EC.
- + Organization of a Biannual conference, Everybody is involved
- + Electronic Newsletter, lead by Nuria in collaboration with the rest of the members of the EC
- + Web page management, lead by Joao with the help of Nuria
- + Animation of the service of national structures European, allowing the exchange of informations about agroforestry through Europe, organizing congresses, symposiums and seminars. Lead by Rosa with the promotion of the establishment of AFINET and the e-mails that are regularly sent to everybody, with answer from everybody (usually fast), but also with the information of what is done in Brussels every executive committee meeting. But also through the inclusion of new agroforestry national delegations and papers of agroforestry in Europe (i.e. Bulgaria).

EXPENDITURE IN THE AGFORWARD PROJECT

* 7 people

Francisco Javier Rodríguez (2.5 person month) under USC supervision

Antia Villada (2 person month) under USC supervision

Dario Arias (2.5 person month) under USC supervision

Cristina Nascimento (2.0 person month//web page of EURAF) under ISA supervision

Total spent: 9 month (7 policy). In policy not covered: 13-7: at least 6 person month (98% USC)

Rosa thanked all those who participated in the EURAF duties:

Anastasia Pantera representing EURAF in different meetings

Gerry Lawson: 4 meetings per year (at least)

Environment and Climate Change (2 positions)

Forestry and Cork (2 positions)

Jeroen (some meetings)

Joana Amaral, Andrea Pisanelli, Joao Palma (meetings)

All EURAF members (policy report of the AGFORWARD project)

Nuria, Mercedes and Adolfo (Newsletter)
 Robert Borek (national agroforestry policy)
 Etc...

In the following table we can see that EURAF has 10063.97 € and 3621.29 € to spend in personnel and direct costs, respectively, before 31 December 2017. Rosa asked the USC and we can move the personnel money to the direct costs but we have to decide how to spend that money before 31 December. Rosa explained that there are two options a) to return the money to the EU or b) spend the money in dissemination material. The EC thinks that we should spend the money in dissemination material-One option could be the use of the money to print the AGFORWARD leaflets in different languages. We need an invoice before 31 December. Joao Palma and Fabien Balaguer said that they know some companies in their countries which could prepare the invoice. Fabien Balaguer said that he will take care of everything.

	EURAF - A justificar en CS#3			spent	Left
	RTD	Other	TOTAL		
Personnel	12.768,11	32.694,86	45.462,97	35.399,00	10.063,97
Subcontracting			0		
Other direct Costs		3.621,29	3.621,29		3621,29
Indirect Costs	2.553,62	7.263,23	9.816,85		
Total	15.321,73	43.579,38	58.901,11		
EU Contribution	7.660,87	43.579,38	51.240,25		

Actions: Fabien will accomplish all needed tasks to get an invoice before 31 December 2017 to justify the EURAF expenses in dissemination material.

- **AFINET**

Rosa explained us the following table in which we can see the EURAF tasks in the AFINET project. Rosa explained that she had a meeting with the participants of EURAF in AFINET last June. She proposed to have each EURAF workpackage leader linked to the person months and therefore contract of EURAF in order to make easiest the EURAF work and to “teach” new people on the duties of EURAF to make EURAF more independent in the future. Several Delegates indicate that spread the people was not a good idea and it was agreed that ISA because it is in charge of the Web Page and USC will host the people contracted by EURAF to carry out EURAF activities in AFINET. This was also mentioned in a previous EURAF meeting. It has to be taken into account that only going to Brussels means at least 6.1 person month a year, AFINET has a period of work of 3 years (so 6.1 x 3=18.3 person months are needed) and AFINET has allocated 19 person months for the whole duties (see table). So it was agreed to allocate a person working 10.5 person

months for EURAF based in the Spain (USC) and 8.5 person months for EURAF based in Portugal (ISA). They will learn how to do the duties to make EURAF a more independent institution.

	PERSON MONTH	IN CHARGE	WP															
KNOWLEDGE CLOUD		2 ISA	WP2															
DISSEMINATION		ISA	WP4	DISSEMINATION MATERIAL														
		6 USC	WP4	RAIN DISSEMINATION, TRANSLATION TO OTHER LANGUAGES (ANASTASIA: GREEK; MERCEDES: GERMAN)														
POLICY ISSUES		USC		SINERGIES EU AND INTERNATIONAL														
		7	WP5	EXPLOITATION PLAN														
WEB PAGE		3,5 ISA	WEBPAGE	WEB PAGE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE														
PROJECT COORDINATION		0,5 USC	WP6	PROYECT COORDINATION														
		19																

Rosa said that nowadays EURAF has a very important role in policy because we are in an important moment with a deep knowledge of policy and with new funding opportunities (extension services, smart cities and reports). In an international context the EURAF role is also very important: i) IUAF; ii) GACSA (any of you. No funds), iii) GRA (any of you). No funds), iv) South America: Argentina, Brasil, v) Central America: Jamaica, Mexico, Ecuador, Guatemala (6000 followers in a facebook), vi) ICRAF, vii) India. Therefore, EURAF should continue under the AFINET project the work started with the AGFORWARD project as it was added in the call. In the AFINET project EURAF has also tasks related with the web page and the translation of documents to several languages. Rosa thanked Anastasia for the translations to Greek for free.

Fabien Balaguer does not agree to use the money of AFINET in doing the tasks of AFINET. He thinks that at this moment EURAF needs a strategy because EURAF should work in aspects different to the policy such as preparation of projects or the way to get sponsors. Jo Smith mentioned that we can reduce the time going to Brussels. Rosa mentioned that going to Brussels is the unique thing that EURAF can do but neither of us can and this was included in the AFINET project. After discussion, it was agreed to revise the current strategy of EURAF, for which we can have a face-to-face meeting in Greece.

Regarding the current contracts it was decided to maintain the contracts of Darío Arias, Francisco Javier Rodríguez and Cristina Nascimento under the AFINET project for the quarter of the time that EURAF has. These contracts should be maintained to justify expenses in June 2018 in AFINET.

Actions: *Maintain the contracts of Javier Rodriguez, Cristina and Dario. Start to think in the revision of the EURAF strategy.*

- 2. AGROFORESTRY IN UK**
- 3. CONSULTANCY “PRESERVING AGRICULTURAL SOILS IN THE EU”**
- 4. CONSULTANCY “PEFC”**
- 5. NEXT EURAF CONFERENCE**
- 6. NEWSLETTER**
- 7. OTHER ISSUES**

These points of the agenda were not discussed for lack of time and will be addressed in the next meeting

The next EC meeting is scheduled for the 10th of January 2018 at 10:30 CET