

AGROFE and EURAF

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AgroFE (Agroforestry for education in Europe) is a programme launched by the European Union and funded under the Lifelong Learning Programme, running from 1 October 2013 for a period of 2 years. The project is led by Charles Burriel ([AgroSup Dijon](#), France).

Individual countries, public organizations, professional organizations and/or actors who are dedicated to education, are trying to reintroduce Agroforestry into the education and training systems, mainly by training adults.

In a few European countries, e.g. Belgium, France and UK, experimental courses in agroforestry were developed, based on the available knowledge gained by scientific research, agricultural associations and at farm-level. These courses were conducted on a small scale, as resources, trainers and available skills were scarce.

The main objective of the AGROFE project is to promote agroforestry by providing a resource for farmers, advisors and trainers through a transfer of knowledge. This means that the available information on research needs to be transformed into educational material, e.g. guide books for farmers, teaching materials and training units.

The AGROFE project is based on:

- gathering results of agroforestry related scientific research, practical experiments and experiences;
- professional training practice based on practical training experiences;
- innovative teaching resources, e.g. creation of a knowledge database.

It has been estimated that 15.000 to 20.000 farms in the countries participating in the AGROFE project (France, UK, Belgium, Czech Republic, Hungary and Romania) will require training in agroforestry within the next 5-7 years.

That implies a great need for advisors, trainers and human resources in the years ahead. The AGROFE partners have identified different training needs: on the one hand farmers and future farmers need to be trained, but also their advisors and tutors. AGROFE's activities therefore have to take into consideration different levels of qualification and different types of learners.

EURAF is participating in the project as a member of the AGROFE steering committee. EURAF has an advisory role for the development of the training reference systems, the educational material and the training programs.

EURAF participates in the national working groups, but as well in the transnational meetings and workshops. It also provides references and documents which can then be used in the training programs. Beside this, EURAF will participate in the development and dissemination of the project results at the European level.

Please see the [project's website](#) in order to discover more information on the AGROFE project.