



EUROPEAN AGROFORESTRY FEDERATION

EURAF, 14, Rue Pagès, 34070 Montpellier, FRANCE

www.agroforestry.eu

1. EURAF'S PROJECT ACTIVITIES
 - 1.1 AGFORWARD AND EURAF
 - 1.2 AGROFE AND EURAF
2. REGIONAL AGROFORESTRY NEWS
 - 2.1 CZECH REPUBLIC: CZAA NOW FULLY LEGALIZED
 - 2.2 BELGIUM: KICK-OFF-MEETING
3. LATEST NEWS FROM BRUSSELS
4. MISCELLANEOUS

1. EURAF'S PROJECT ACTIVITIES

1.1 AGFORWARD AND EURAF

EURAF started working in the European Union project called AGFORWARD (AGroFOREstry that Will Advance Rural Development), led by Paul Burgess (see <http://www.agforward.eu>). At EURAF, activities are coordinated by Rosa Mosquera-Losada, as the current president of EURAF, together with Anja Chalmin Jabier Ruiz Mirazo and Norbert Lamersdorf. Within the project EURAF's duties cover two main aspects: policy and dissemination.

EURAF's policy work is firstly related to a European Regulation review of those measures dealing with Agroforestry in CAP, but surveys will also be carried out by EURAF in collaboration with [EFI](#). An analysis of the past and current CAP policies, including the Rural Development Programs, is coordinated by Rosa Mosquera-Losada, Norbert Lamersdorf and Jabier Ruiz-Mirazo. Main results show that measures related to landscape features are identified in Pilar I in Atlantic countries, while measures dedicated to reduce fire risk are mostly carried out in the Mediterranean countries. Socio-economic and policy surveys are conducted with the aim to obtain the opinion of farmers about agroforestry policy implementation. Surveys will be carried out for the following sectors: High Nature Value Areas, Livestock, Arable lands and High Value trees.

Dissemination aspects are also key to further promote agroforestry in Europe within the AGFORWARD project. This activity is led by Anja Chalmin Rosa Mosquera and Norbert Lamersdorf. Among others, EURAF has already organized the successful [EURAF agroforestry conference](#) in Cottbus and is now preparing an Agroforestry Festival for 2015. Further dissemination activities will be carried out in collaboration with other partners, for example while dealing with the newsletter, booklets and the project web-page. Moreover, specific activities will be carried out to increase the number of Agroforestry Associations across Europe.

Source: Rosa Mosquera-Losada, Anja Chalmin, Jabier Ruiz-Mirazo and Norbert Lamersdorf, Sept. '14. Follow the [link](#) to contact the Agforward project.



EUROPEAN AGROFORESTRY FEDERATION

EURAF, 14, Rue Pagès, 34070 Montpellier, FRANCE

www.agroforestry.eu

1.2 AGROFE AND EURAF

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.

Source: Sylvie Guillerme (Toulouse University, France, [sylvie.guillerme at gmail.com](mailto:sylvie.guillerme@gmail.com)), Bohdan Lojka (Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague, [lojka at ftz.czu.cz](mailto:lojka@ftz.czu.cz)), Anja Chalmin, Sept.'14.



EUR OPEAN A GRO F ORESTRY FEDERATION

EURAF, 14, Rue Pagès, 34070 Montpellier, FRANCE

www.agroforestry.eu

Newsletter 5/2014

October 09, 2014



2.1 CZECH REPUBLIC: CZAA NOW FULLY LEGALIZED

The Czech Agroforestry Association (CzAA) was established on 30 May 2014 in Prague at the Czech University of Life Sciences. The Association was recently fully legalized, and members last met on September 26th.

Sources: *Jakub Houška (Czech University of Life Sciences), Bohdan Lojka, EURAF national delegate for Czech Republic, [lojka at ftz.czu.cz](mailto:lojka@ftz.czu.cz)*

Fig 8: This 5 ha plot is situated in South Moravia, Czech Republic. It is owned by the Czech State Forest Service and managed by Židlochovice Forest Enterprise. It combines poplar (*Populus sp.*) and vegetables - which are mainly paprika and pepper.

2.2 BELGIUM: KICK-OFF MEETING IN FLANDERS

The agroforestry project "An Economically Profitable Answer to the Demand for Agro-Ecological Production Methods" had its Kick-Off meeting in Flanders in September 2014.

The project aims to increase the opportunities for agroforestry in Flanders, through a) an integrated collaboration throughout the entire chain of stakeholders, b) co-development of research knowledge and practical experience, and c) provision of solutions and guidance for the target group of partners. The project primarily focuses on the agricultural sector, but it also includes other stakeholders such as tree nurseries and wood and biomass processing plants. More details, e.g. on projects' objectives, partners and duration can be found on the projects' [website](#).



Source: *Bert Reubens, EURAF National Delegate for Belgium, [bert.reubens at ilvo.vlaanderen.be](mailto:bert.reubens@ilvo.vlaanderen.be)*



EUROPEAN AGROFORESTRY FEDERATION

EURAF, 14, Rue Pagès, 34070 Montpellier, FRANCE

www.agroforestry.eu

3 LATEST NEWS FROM BRUSSELS: COMPOSITION OF THE NEW EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND ASSESSMENT OF THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES

The European Commission is taking shape

On the 10th of September, the President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, announced the names of the 27 Commissioners who will be part of his team for 5 years. You can find out the new faces [here](#).

As agroforestry is mainly dealt with by three Directorates General (DG), namely DG Agriculture, DG Environment and DG Climate, let's shed light on:

- Commissioner-designate for Agriculture and Rural Development **Phil Hogan** (Ireland, Centre right, Former Minister of Environment);
- Commissioner-designate for Environment, Fisheries and Maritime Affairs **Karmenu Vella** (Malta, Socialist, Former Minister of Tourism);
- Commissioner-designate for Climate Action and Energy **Miguel Arias Cañete** (Spain, Centre Right, Former Member of the European Parliament and Former Minister for Agriculture and Environment).

Further information on the Commissioners-designate is available [here](#).

Each Commissioner will work closely with one or two Vice Presidents who will be responsible for coordinating policies in order to ensure consistency. They will also serve as a "filter" between the Commissioners and Jean-Claude Juncker: a proposal will first have to get their approval before being presented to the College of Commissioners.

After a successful hearing in front of the responsible Committee(s) of the European Parliament, Phil Hogan and Karmenu Vella won majority backing unlike their fellow Miguel Arias Canete. The Spanish Commissioner-designate for Climate and Energy had a tough hearing mainly because of his ties with the petroleum sector. His fate will be decided this week (06 October).

Even for Mr Hogan and Mr Vella, the institutional process is not over since the European Parliament, which has a veto right, will have to give its approval to the entire European Commission (mid-October). It is expected that the new team will start working on the 1st of November 2014.

NGOs have voiced deep concern about the fact that DG Environment has merged with DG Fisheries and that there is no longer a focused Commissioner for Climate Change. We will have to assess to what extent the new structure of the European Commission impacts on sustainable development policies. EURAF will have to meet with the team of new Commissioners in order to raise awareness about agroforestry and build long-term working relationships. For instance, one of the key files on Mr. Hogan's plate will be the implementation of the CAP reform with the mid-term review in 2017. In this regard, it will be important to assess what needs to be improved for agroforestry.



EUR_{OPEAN} AGROFORESTRY FEDERATION

EURAF, 14, Rue Pagès, 34070 Montpellier, FRANCE

www.agroforestry.eu

Rural Development Programmes: on-going assessment by DG Agriculture and DG Environment

111 out of 117 Rural Development Programmes have been submitted to DG Agriculture by national and regional authorities. Most programmes will be adopted by the end of the year.

Only some of them will be adopted by early 2015. All of these programmes are being assessed by the European Commission. In this process, DG Agriculture and DG Environment pay particular attention to the specific needs of the countries, the fact that the measures have to be adequately financed, targeted and controllable, and to the system put in place in order to achieve a comprehensive monitoring.

In the CAP Reform, a step forward has been made for agroforestry in the 2nd pillar. The link between agroforestry and extensive agriculture has been deleted, allowing farmers to get funding regardless of the type of agriculture. Furthermore, the extension of the period for public support (annual fee) up to five years has been welcomed. It will be critical to see to what extent national and/or regional authorities have included this option in their Rural Development Programmes.

At a conference on Rural Development organised earlier this month by several NGOs, Mrs. Olazabal from DG Environment stated that some models are emerging from the draft programs:

Member States with a super specialised land use strategy: focused on extensive areas.

Member States with wide coverage and high funding allocation: money spread everywhere.

Member States allocating disproportionate funds to areas of natural constraint. When these areas are of high nature value, funding is positive. Otherwise, this is disproportionate.

Moreover, we can notice major differences among Member States. For instance, the surface of the land covered by agri-environmental measures is between 1,7% and 83,7%. Furthermore, very few Rural Development Programs do not comply with the mandatory 30% of environmentally and climate change friendly objective.

Mrs. Olazabal said that the ongoing dialogue between the European Commission and Member States should lead to a revised version of the Programmes.

Source: *Mélanie Lamaison, AlienorEU*, [melanie.lamaison at alienoreu.com](mailto:melanie.lamaison@alienoreu.com)



EUROPEAN AGROFORESTRY FEDERATION

EURAF, 14, Rue Pagès, 34070 Montpellier, FRANCE

www.agroforestry.eu

4. MISCELLANEOUS

Examples of good agroforestry websites needed:

To support, e.g. newly created national agroforestry associations, we would like to collect examples of good agroforestry websites. Please send your suggestions to Anja: [euraf at eurafagroforestry.org](mailto:euraf@eurafagroforestry.org)

Request for Support (Patrick Worms, World Agroforestry Centre)

Patrick is looking for research data related to economic benefits of existing agroforestry systems. If you have any information, e.g. case studies on income gains or cost reductions in agroforestry systems, please kindly share them with Patrick: [P.Worms at cgiar.org](mailto:P.Worms@cgiar.org)

Final AgroCop Conference 2014, Italy

The conference will be held in Porano, October 16 to 17 and will cover a variety of topics concerning agroforestry systems, based on the most recent scientific achievements nationally and internationally. The contributors of this conference will highlight potentials and constraints for the successful implementation of innovative land use concepts based on agroforestry. For further information, please follow the links to visit the conference [website](#) and the conference' [flyer](#).

4th Agroforestry Forum 2014, Germany

The conference will be held in Dornburg/Saale, December 3 to 4. The forum is a scientific meeting, organized and led by the project "AgroForstEnergie – Economic and Ecological Evaluation of Agroforestry Systems in Farming Practice". The forum is looking at short rotation agroforestry systems, and at the same time it is a well-established presentation and discussion forum to present work on agroforestry aspects of land use. For further information, please follow the link to visit the [conference website](#) (German).



EUROPEAN AGROFORESTRY FEDERATION

EURAF, 14, Rue Pagès, 34070 Montpellier, FRANCE

www.agroforestry.eu

Contact us:

EURAF's Executive Committee ([euraf at eurafagroforestry.org](mailto:euraf@eurafagroforestry.org))

President:	Maria Rosa Mosquera Losada, Spain	mrosa.mosquera.losada at usc.es
Deputy-President:	Gerry Lawson, UK	gerrylawson at ntlworld.com
Secretary:	Jeroen Watté, Belgium	jeroen at wervel.be
Deputy Secretary:	Adolfo Rosati, Italy	adolfo.rosati at entecra.it
Treasurer:	Sylvène Laborie-Roussel, France	sylvene.laborieroussel at gmail.com
Deputy Treasurer:	Joana Amaral Paulo, Portugal	joanaap at sa.ulisboa.pt

EURAF's National Delegates and Sub-Delegates

Belgium	Bert Reubens	bert.reubens at ilvo.vlaanderen.be
Czech Republic	Bohdan Lojka	lojka at ftz.czu.cz
France	election results awaited	
Germany	Norbert Lamersdorf	nlamers at gwdg.de
	Heinrich Spiecker	instww at uni-freiburg.de
Greece	Konstantinos Mantzanas	konman at for.auth.gr
	Anastasia Pantera	panteranatas at gmail.com
Hungary	Andrea Vityi	vityi.andrea at gmail.com
Italy	Andrea Pisanelli	andrea.pisanelli at ibaf.cnr.it
Kosovo	Sami Kryeziu	sami.kryeziu at agrovvet-ks.com
Poland	Robert Borek	rborek at iung.pulawy.pl
Portugal	João HN Palma	joaopalma at isa.ulisboa.pt
Spain	Gerardo Moreno	gmoreno at unex.es
Sweden	Johanna Björklund	johanna.bjorklund at oru.se
Switzerland	Felix Herzog	felix.herzog at art.admin.ch
	Mareike Jäger	Mareike.Jaeger at agridea.ch
The Netherlands	Mark Vonk	mark at duinboeren.nl
	Emiel Anssems	emiel at duinboeren.nl
UK	Jo Smith	jo.s at organicresearchcentre.com
	Mike Strachan	mike.strachan at forestry.gsi.gov.uk

EURAF Staff

Policy Officer	Jabier Ruiz Mirazo	jruizmirazo at gmail.com
Project Manager	Anja Chalmin	euraf at eurafagroforestry.org

This is your newsletter! If there's anything you think should be included, please pass suggestions to [euraf at eurafagroforestry.org](mailto:euraf@eurafagroforestry.org) for inclusion in the next issue.

This newsletter is carried out in collaboration with the European [AGFORWARD](#) Project.

Editorial Committee: Rosa Mosquera Losada, Gerry Lawson, Jeroen Watté, Adolfo Rosati, Sylvène Laborie-Roussel, Joana Amaral Paulo, Bert Reubens, Bohdan Lojka, Norbert Lamersdorf, Heinrich Spiecker, Konstantinos Mantzanas, Anastasia Pantera, Andrea Vityi, Andrea Pisanelli, Sami Kryeziu, Robert Borek, João Palma, Gerardo Moreno, Johanna Björklund, Felix Herzog, Mareike Jäger, Mark Vonk, Emiel Anssems, Jo Smith, Mike Strachan

Person in charge of the newsletter: Anja Chalmin