



EIP-AGRI SEMINAR

TURNING FOREST INNOVATION INTO PRACTICE

24-25 NOVEMBER 2021 - ONLINE EVENT



Speaker and facilitator bios

Plenary speakers (in order of the programme)



Pierre Bascou

Director of Sustainability and income support, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

Pierre Bascou is the Director for Sustainability and income support, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission. Between 2010 and 2014 he was Head of the Unit responsible for Agricultural Policy Analysis and Perspectives. From 2003 until 2009 he was heading the Unit in charge of the economic analysis of EU agriculture for the conception, the management and the evaluation of the Common Agricultural Policy. He received his PhD in Agricultural Economics (1989) from the Imperial College London, (UK) and Ingénieur" in agronomy from ESA Toulouse in 1986.



Pacôme Elouna Eyenga

Team leader, Support Facility for Innovation and knowledge exchange | EIP-AGRI

Pacôme Elouna Eyenga is Belgian and was born in Yaoundé, Cameroon. He graduated as agronomist in the field of rural economy and sociology, at Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech / Université de Liège in Belgium. Since July 2021, he is the Team Leader of the Support Facility for 'Innovation & Knowledge Exchange | EIP-AGRI. From 2013 until May 2021, he has been Deputy Team Leader and then Team Leader of the EIP-AGRI Service Point established by the European Commission - DG AGRI.



André Vizinho

Main facilitator, Support Facility for Innovation and knowledge exchange | EIP-AGRI

André Vizinho is a participatory action researcher and project coordinator in the Faculty of Sciences of Lisbon University (FCUL), where he focuses in climate adaptation of agroforestry systems. He also works as consultant on agroforestry management and participatory planning. Presently he is working in a region wide participatory farmer research project on regenerative pastures, namely Keyline and Holistic Management. In the last and recent year he has co-lead and co-developed interesting works such as: i) a Village Condominium designed with the community to manage and reconvert the eucalyptus forests for fire prevention (with TerraCrua); ii) planned three and managed two large conservation agroforestry farms (Micélio, FCUL and EDIA); iii) planned the climate adaptation of the agriculture and forestry on one municipality (Mértola); iv) learned, trained and coached a consortium to implement Consortium Benchmarking on energy communities (in ECOLISE) bringing it now to participatory action research with farmers; v) developed, tested and published two new frameworks for climate adaptation planning, now used in several projects and contexts. As main facilitator he collaborates with EIP AGRI since 2019, namely in the Agri-innovation Summit 2019 entitled "EIP leading the Transition to Agroecology", EIP-AGRI workshops "Shaping the EU mission 'Caring for soil is caring for life'"(2020) and "Towards Carbon Neutral Agriculture" (2021). André Vizinho has co-published 30 papers, technical reports and books in his PhD studies and research work, after graduating in Environmental Engineering and obtaining a master on economic viability of the sustainable management of cork oak forests. From 2005 to 2012, after working on research on remote sensing of carbon sequestration in the agroforests of south Portugal (Faculty of Sciences and Technology of New University of Lisbon), he worked in rural local development, coordinating projects, working as a trainer of Permaculture Design and Transition Towns, facilitator and animator for sustainable local development and communities.


Gerhard Weiss
Coordinating expert, Support Facility for Innovation and knowledge exchange | EIP-AGRI

Gerhard Weiss works at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna, and is also the head of the Forest Policy Research Network of the European Forest Institute. His fields of expertise are forest policy analysis as well as innovation in the forest sector. In the recent years, the focus of his work was on the various types of forest ownership, innovations in various forest value chains – such as non-timber forest products or building with wood – and social innovation in rural areas. He supports this seminar as coordinating expert.


Kerstin Rosenow
European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Kerstin Rosenow is Head of Unit 'Research & Innovation' in DG AGRI, European Commission where she is responsible for programming, managing and monitoring agricultural research and the European Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability (EIP-AGRI). Previously she was Head of Unit in the EC Research Executive Agency (REA) managing the implementation of the project portfolio for Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 2 (food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine, maritime, and inland water research and the bioeconomy). She's been working in the EC for over 17 years after covering a managerial position in the German administration (Representation of the State of Hessen to the EU). For DG AGRI she coordinated negotiations with pre-accession and candidate countries and the preparation of the 2014-2020 CAP legislative framework. She studied law, politics and administration in Marburg, Grenoble and Bruges.

Thematic sessions

Adaptation to climate change
Lídia Guitart Xarpell
[LIFE MixForChange](#)
Mitigation of climate change
Yann Fortunato

Forêt de Brassac

Circular bioeconomy
Uwe Kies
[ROSEWOOD4.0](#)
Monitoring in forest management
Ilaria Mazzoli
[Operational Group Talking Chestnuts](#)
Forest biodiversity
Serena Corezzola
[LIFE GoProFor](#)
Managing for ecosystem services
Francesco Benesperi
[OG ForLEAVES](#)
Multifunctional forest management
Pádraig Dolan

LEADER LAG Silver River Parklands

New ways of developing silviculture and technologies in forest management

Hara Koutalou

Forest & Free Grazing Animal monitoring with Small Flying Objects

Organisational innovations

Guido Milazzo

[Forest Sharing](#)

New forms of cooperation among forest owners or along the value chains

Benjamin Chapelet

[Experiences from the Centre National de la Propriété Forestière \(CNPF\)](#)

New business models and marketing approaches

Silvio Schüler

[ValoFor: Small Forests – Big Players](#)

New ways of institutional support or founding new associations

Fabio Boscaleri

[ERIAFF Forest Innovation Workshop](#)

Aleksandar Damnjanovic

[Standing Working Group \(SWG\) for Regional Rural Development in Southeast Europe](#)

Social engagement, participatory management and social enterprise

Nike Krajnc

[Interreg Fem4Forest \(Forests in women's hands\)](#)

Carla Barlagne & Arsène Vinglassalon

[H2020 Social Innovation in Marginalised Rural Areas \(SIMRA\) and Operational Group VALAB \(Integrated Value Enhancement of the Guadeloupean Forest Agrobiodiversity\)](#)

DG Agriculture and Rural Development



Magdalena Mach

European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Magdalena Mach is a Policy Officer at the European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, Research & Innovation Unit. She holds a Master's degree in International Relations. Before joining the EC she worked for the Agriculture and Fisheries Section of the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland to the European Union and Polish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development where for 6 years she was responsible for the implementation of LEADER approach under Rural Development Programme.



Klavdija Ramsak-Noemi

European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Klavdija Ramsak-Noemi is a Policy Officer at the European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, Research & Innovation Unit. She joined European Commission, DG AGRI, in 2005. As a programme manager she managed the approval negotiations and implementation of the Rural Development Programme for Slovenia 2007-2013 and contributed to the preparation of the Partnership agreement with Slovenia 2014-2020. At DG AGRI she worked on German Rural Development matters as well as financial management. She has held a socio-economic researcher position in Switzerland. She studied economics in Ljubljana and holds a Master's degree in Human Ecology from Free University of Brussels.

Support Facility 'Innovation and knowledge exchange | EIP-AGRI' team



Beatriz Guimarey Fernandez

Task Manager

Grown up on a small family farm in Galicia region (NW Spain), Beatriz Guimarey is Forestry Engineer and has a Master in Sustainable Land Planning by the University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain). She's Sustainable Forestry Management Officer at the EIP-AGRI and her main duties involve the organisation and facilitation of EIP-AGRI events, screening of projects and initiatives for their analysis and providing content for communication products. Furthermore, at the University of Santiago de Compostela, she works as a researcher at the Land Laboratory and Territorial Information System Platform. There, she participates in projects related to spatial planning, rural development and land use change.



Stefania Lombardo

Co-task Manager

Stefania began working for the EIP-AGRI Innovation & knowledge exchange as a Sustainable Forestry Management Officer in 2021 as a part of the Innovation & knowledge exchange - EIP-AGRI team. Since 2021, she has been a programming officer for rural initiatives, knowledge transfer, and farmer adoption with Ente Terre Regionali Toscane. Prior to this, she spent nearly two years at the University of Florence researching precision agriculture technology adoption. She has a Master's in Forestry and a PhD in Agro-Forestry Engineering in joint supervision between the University of Florence and the University of Sevilla.



Aleksander Bomberski

Co-task Manager

Graduated studies at the Bydgoszcz University of Technology in the field of agrobiotechnology and biotechnology in animal production. Completed postgraduate management studies at the WSB University in Toruń. Defended his scientific dissertation in the field of agricultural economics and agribusiness at the Bydgoszcz University of Technology. Author of several articles and publications in the field of innovation in agriculture and the creation of multi-stakeholder structures for the development in rural areas. Employee of the National Rural Network under Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. As the chief specialist, he acts as the National Innovation Broker, conducting trainings, consultations, workshops and conferences for farmers, entrepreneurs, scientists and advisers throughout the country. Board member of the European Forum for Agricultural and Rural Advisory Services (EUFRAS). Permanent Expert of grant committees at the Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW). Knowledge and Innovation Officer in EIP-AGRI Support Facility.



Tine Defour

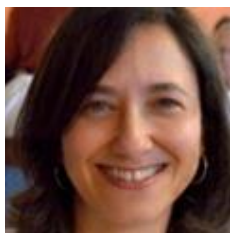
Event communication officer

As part of the Support Facility's communication team, Tine writes and coordinates brochures, press articles and other EIP-AGRI publications, including the yearly *Agrinnovation* magazine. She contributes to the contents of the EIP-AGRI website and offers support for European events. From 2014 till 2021, she worked full-time as a member of the EIP-AGRI Service Point team. She loves whipping words into publishable shape.

Tine has an academic background, with a PhD in English linguistics. From 2003 to 2014 she was a researcher and lecturer at Ghent University, Belgium, allowing her to gain experience in international networking and in organising events. During that time she also worked as an editorial assistant and proofreader for a peer-reviewed academic journal.

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Margarida Ambar
Facilitator

Margarida Ambar is one of the Knowledge and Innovation officers in the EIP-AGRI Support Facility, and her main tasks are related to AKIS, networking and stakeholders management. Margarida Ambar studied Agricultural Engineering at the Technical University of Lisbon and has a master in Territorial Management and Urbanism, focusing on stakeholders' involvement. She worked fulltime as part of the EIP-AGRI Service Point from 2013 till 2021, and worked for over 20 years for the Portuguese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. Prior to becoming part of the EIP-AGRI Service Point team, she had already gained experience in international cooperation projects and networks aiming at knowledge exchange.



Szabolcs Biró
Facilitator

Szabolcs Biró is a Research & Innovation Officer and Head of Division B: Fostering a smart and resilient agricultural sector and food security. His main task is to monitor and evaluate innovation development related to farmer's income and resilience, competitiveness and their position in the food value chain.



Katarina Blicklingova
Facilitator

Katarína Blicklingová has a PhD in Agricultural Economics. From 2013 she was working for the Union of Slovak Clusters as a project manager, dealing with implementation of international projects, development of strategies, studies and analyses related to clusters and cluster policies. Since 2015, Katarína has been a Director of the Slovak Bioeconomy Cluster, where she is dealing mainly with networking of key players (SMEs, R&D, academia, etc.) in all bioeconomy sectors and promoting innovation and partnerships at national as well as international level. She has experience with evaluation of the Slovak Rural Development Programme as well as with analysis of innovation capacities of SMEs, whereby she has conducted several innovation audits and she is helping the companies to identify their innovation potential and needs and she is providing recommendations.



Willemine Brinkman
Facilitator

Together with Katrien Dejongh Audenaert, Willemine Brinkman is one of the two deputy team leaders of the EIP-AGRI Support Facility. She was deputy team leader of the EIP-AGRI Service Point between April 2013 and May 2021. Since 2007, she has worked in various executive agencies of the Netherlands Ministries of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy and of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality. She previously coordinated the European Tropical Forest Research Network, bringing research closer to policy and practice. Ms Brinkman studied tropical forestry and agronomy at Wageningen Agricultural University, and worked as an advisor in forestry and agriculture in an integrated rural development project in the Philippines.



Katrien Dejong Audenaert
Facilitator

Katrien is an Agricultural Engineer (sub) Tropical Agriculture from Ghent University (Belgium), with post graduate training in Rural Development at the University of London (Wye College).

She currently reinforces the EIP-AGRI Support Facility as one of the deputy team leaders. Katrien was part of the previous EIP-AGRI Service Point since June 2019 as a farm practices officer. She supported the organisation of the meetings of the permanent Subgroup on Innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability.

Katrien has a long experience in sustainable agricultural practices, smallholder farming, agro-ecology, agricultural cooperatives, social innovation and social enterprises, mostly in Latin America and Africa. She has facilitated numerous change processes in that context.



Andrés M. Garcia Lamparte

Facilitator

PhD Forest Engineer by the University of Santiago de Compostela. He has been working as research assistant in the Land Laboratory of the same university since 2007. Andrés main fields for research are land-use change models, spatial analysis and decision support tools. Andrés has worked from 2014 to 2021 at the EIP-AGRI Service Point as database officer and website administrator. He has participated as backup in several EIP-AGRI Focus Groups and as Task Manager for the EIP-AGRI Focus Groups on mixed farming systems and soil salinisation as well as for the EIP-AGRI workshop on new value chains from multifunctional forests and the seminar on soil health. Andrés is currently working in the EIP-AGRI Support Facility.



Fokke Fennema

Facilitator

Fokke Fennema studied Biology (MSc) and has a broad more than 30 years' (intern)national experience in the field of agriculture, nature management and rural development. Fokke works as a senior advisor at the Netherlands Enterprise Agency in the field of peatland farming, sustainable green house farming and nature management. Since 2021 Fokke is a part-time Smart Farm Practices & Rural Development Officer and Facilitator at EIP-AGRI SF focusing on agribusiness development.



Elisabeth Klingbacher

Facilitator

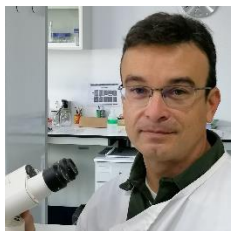
Elisabeth Klingbacher is part-time research and innovation officer at the EIP-AGRI Support Facility. She studied agricultural sciences at the University of natural resources and life sciences and agrarian pedagogy at the University College for Agrarian and Environmental Pedagogy in Vienna (Austria). Elisabeth has a broad experience in organic agriculture with a focus on organic knowledge transfer and knowledge exchange. Besides, she works at the Research Institute of organic agriculture (FiBL Austria) in the department of sustainable food systems.



Xurxo Loureiro Veira

Facilitator

Xurxo is research and innovation officer at the EIP-AGRI Support Facility. He studied forest engineer at Santiago de Compostela University (USC) with a postgraduate course in agri-food business management from A Coruña University and a master degree in land planning (USC). He is working in Land Laboratory (USC) on food security, forest resilience, biogovernance, ecosystem services and rural development.



Pedro Miguel Naves

Facilitator

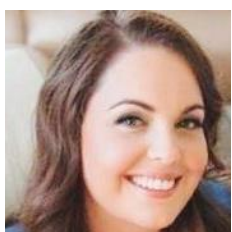
Pedro Naves is an Auxiliary Researcher at INIAV (Portuguese National Institute for Agricultural and Veterinary Research), being the Technical Responsible for the Acarological Laboratory. Pedro's career has been focused on integrated plant protection, ecology, biology, and pest management of agricultural and forest pests, with participation on scientific research projects and protocols with international and national public and private funding. Other activities include training and technical/scientific assistance, consulting and divulgation, organization of technical and scientific events and education, development of technical and scientific publications to the agro-forestry sector. Pedro has been an invited speaker in lectures, seminars, and technical and scientific congresses, trainer in courses and training actions for agroforestry technicians, and participating in international and national scientific and technical meetings. Author and co-author of 123 scientific publications, in a total of 622 international citations, and scientific reviewer of 31 international scientific journals. Pedro is also a Research and innovation officer at the Support Facility for Innovation & knowledge exchange - EIP-AGRI, focusing on project portfolio analysis and research needs from practice.

**Ana Pires da Silva****Facilitator**

Ana is a Smart Farm Practices & Rural Development Officer in the EIP-AGRI Support Facility Team. She studied Agricultural Engineering at the Technical University of Lisbon and has a Master degree in Organic farming and Integrated Pest Management. Worked for 10 years at the National Support Unit of the Portuguese National Rural Network (NRN) having been responsible for LEADER and Rural Development at national and international level. She is currently working at the Portuguese National Institute for Agricultural and Veterinary Research.

**Iiri Raa****Facilitator**

Iiri is a part-time expert at EIP-AGRI Support Facility with main duties of supporting organization and facilitating in the events. By academic background she has a degree in environmental sciences. In her current position in Estonian Agricultural Research Centre she has gained long-term experience in RDP/agri-environment policy with a special focus on evaluation of RDP measures with environmental impact.

**Tajana Radić****Facilitator**

Tajana Radić is a Head of Division D "Strengthening the Socio-economic fabric of rural areas" in EIP-AGRI. Her main work is coordination of the activities that aim to attract young farmers, promote employment, local development including bioeconomy and sustainable forestry and to improve the response of EU agriculture to societal demands on food and health, including safe, nutritious and sustainable food, as well as animal welfare policy. She holds a Ph.D. degree in Agricultural Science and 12 years of experience in the field of agriculture and rural development as a Head of the Policy, Innovation and International Cooperation Department of the Croatian Chamber of Agriculture. She was managing the projects funded by the European Commission (*Information measures relating to the Common Agricultural Policy Programme*) "CAP for you" and "CAP for us" that were focused on showing the benefits of the Common Agricultural Policy and synergy among stakeholders.

**Liina Ulm****Facilitator**

Part-time Smart Farm Practices & Rural Development Officer in EIP-Agri since 2021. Working also in Estonian Agricultural Research Centre as knowledge transfer officer. Born and raised on a small subsistence farm in rural Estonia, I studied animal husbandry at the Estonian University of Life Sciences. I have had several years of hands-on experience in working with cattle in the dairy and beef industry.

**Ina Van Hoye****Communication back-up**

Ina Van Hoye is communication manager at the EIP-AGRI Support Facility, coordinating the communication unit. She is responsible for the communication action plan, contributes to all communication tools, including social media and press, and takes up the role of event communication officer.

Ina Van Hoye is a communication expert who has more than 20 years communication experience. From 2013 until 2021 she was the coordinating communication officer at the EIP-AGRI Service Point. Previously she was involved in several regional and European projects for the Flemish Government, Waterwegen en Zeekanaal NV to support them in their communication for several Sigma Plan projects.



Ineke Van Vliet
Facilitator

Ineke studied tropical crop science (specialization rural development) at Wageningen University, and later on Business administration at Utrecht University of Applied Science and Fine Art at Upgraders in Art – Arnhem.

She works as an adviser at the Netherlands Enterprise Agency RVO in the field of greening cities, financial constructions for nature, sustainable agriculture and energy transition. Tasks among others are process management and facilitation.

Ineke has broad experience in the field of agriculture and rural development. She is most effective in a coordinating position with a lot of short-term mile stones. Working together in a team motivates her to create high quality products. She enjoys developing new ideas in interactive cooperation and has both analytical and creative skills to offer. She always carefully considers the institutional environment, the different stakeholders and the client's demand in her work.



Marta Yonkova
Facilitator

Marta is a Smart Farm Practices & Rural Development Officer at the EIP-Agri Support Facility team. She has a Master degree in International Projects' Management and has studied Economics in Bulgaria and Italy. Experienced in Marketing and Consultancy in the agri-food sector, Marta has a rich portfolio, which includes a vast number of projects, social activities and even issuing an agricultural magazine. Her work experience includes working for one of the biggest NGOs in the agricultural sector in Bulgaria, several information campaigns and many initiatives aimed at farmers and their needs.