

EIP-AGRI WORKSHOP

FARM DATA FOR BETTER FARM PERFORMANCE

9-10 DECEMBER 2021 - ONLINE EVENT



Speaker and facilitator bios

Plenary speakers (in order of the programme)



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.



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.



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

Albin Hunia is an EIP-AGRI workshop facilitator from the Netherlands. He has a background in rural-development project-management and formerly worked in integrated land-consolidation and re-wilding projects. His current other work is as adviser for transnational Interreg cooperation programmes.



Jürgen Vangeyte

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

Dr. ir. Jürgen Vangeyte (M), is scientific director at ILVO, ILVO performs multidisciplinary, innovative and independent research aimed at economically, ecologically and socially sustainable agriculture and fisheries in a from farm to fork approach.

He is the head of the department Agrifood Technology. The group exists of more than 35 researchers supported by a technical staff. He organizes, coordinates, and manages the research and the technical activities to support the implementation of the research and to foster innovation. He has a PhD in Bioscience Engineering at the Catholic University of Leuven, on the topic 'Development and validation of a low-cost technique to predict spread patterns of centrifugal fertiliser spreaders'. He coordinates national research projects and participates in several large European projects, like IOF2020, Smart Agri Hubs and Cybele. Jürgen Vangeyte was an expert in the EIP-AGRI Focus Group 'Mainstreaming precision agriculture'. His department supports an active and mature Digital Innovation Hub, called Smart Digital Farming and an Enoll recognized Living Lab on Agrifood technology. Also, cooperation with cooperative partners, the Flemish AgriFood data sharing initiative DjustConnect is developed and implemented by the same department.



Doris Marquardt

European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Dr. Doris Marquardt works for the European Commission, in the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development since July 2019 focussing on the digitalisation of the agricultural sector and rural areas and at Research and Innovation. She completed her PhD in agricultural policies at the Martin-Luther University, Halle-Wittenberg, Germany and holds a diploma (Msc) in Environmental Planning from the Technical University of Munich, Weihenstephan.

She held positions at the European Environment Agency, the German Permanent Representation, the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture, the European Network for Rural Development Contact Point, the Germany-based Leibniz Institute for Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe, the Center of Rural Economy in Newcastle, United Kingdom, and the European Academy in Bolzano, Italy. She has experiences in the implementation of the Common Agricultural Policy in several EU Member States, including Romania, Italy and Germany. She served as expert in policy design, agriculture, and rural and regional development in the wider European region in projects commissioned by, e.g. the World Bank, UNEP and FAO.



Anna-Carin Almqvist

Better decisions for cultivation strategy, Sweden

Anna-Carin Almqvist works as a project manager at the Rural Economy and Agricultural Society in Sweden. She is the project manager of the EIP project Better Decisions for Cultivation Strategy. Anna-Carin has a MSc in Horticulture from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences.



Stéphane Volant

IoTUMA - Operational Group, France

Stéphane Volant is an agricultural engineer. Graduated from the Beauvais (France) high institute of agriculture (Unilasalle), he had 20 years experience. Specialized in new technologies he's involved for several years in the development of management software for cooperatives of farmers (cuma) in the West of France, field monitoring and group coaching about mechanization spendings reduction.

He is piloting an EIP-AGRI Operational Group project concerning the collective use of IoT in agriculture in Normandy.



Richard Lloyd
Horizon 2020 - 4D4F

A farmer's son, Innovation for Agriculture's Precision Livestock manager Richard Lloyd, has first-hand experience on how new technology can improve animal welfare and reduce stress in today's ever increasing farm sizes.

Richard Co-ordinated the Horizon 2020 thematic network, Data Driven Dairy Decisions for farmers (4D4F), is the Dairy Tech thematic leader in the NEFERTITI – farm-demo project and works on multi actor farm health plans to reduce antibiotic use in dairy cows.

Previously, after gaining a degree in Agriculture from Newcastle University, Richard managed the family farm (dairy, poultry, beef, sheep and arable) before working in cattle genetics.



Tuija Kallio
SMARTFEED Operational Group, Finland

Project researcher, Unit of Measurement Technology | University of Oulu

Since 2018 Tuija Kallio has worked as a researcher and a coordinator for two EIP-AGRI Operational Groups (SMARTFEED and Good for Cattle). Currently, she is also involved in SustainIT ERA-NET project dealing with ICT in milk and beef value chains. She is biochemist (M.Sc) and applied research scientist having worked over 8 years in versatile applied R&D projects in the fields of agriculture, health & wellbeing and cleantech. Alongside she co-manages an organic farm and a forest holding that involves also forestry contracting.



Tom Kelly
Horizon 2020 - FAIRSHARE

Prof. Tom Kelly was Director of Knowledge Transfer in Teagasc from 2010 to his retirement at the end of 2020; He is an Agricultural Science graduate, with both Masters and Ph.D. awarded by University College Dublin. He completed an MBA through University of Limerick in 1998. He is a founding board member and former chairman of EUFRAS (European Forum for Agricultural and Rural Advisory Services) 2013 - 2019. Appointed Adjunct Associate Professor of Agricultural Extension at University College Dublin in 2017. In 2019 he was awarded an International Fellow of the Royal Swedish Academy for Agriculture and Forestry. He is currently active in EU H2020 projects (FAIRshare, IPM Decisions and i2connect).

Tom and his wife Ann farm a beef and cereal crop farm in Tipperary along with son Michal who is a full time farmer.



Jose Pedro Salema
Portuguese Irrigation Portal for farmers

José Pedro Salema is, since 2013, the President and CEO of EDIA – the public company responsible for managing the Alqueva multipurpose project.

He graduated in Agronomic Engineering in the University of Lisbon and holds an MBA in e-business and a master's degree in management from the Portuguese Catholic University. He was the co-funder and managing partner for 16 years of the leading Portuguese software house focused on farm management. He also lectured Economics and Management at the University of Lisbon.



Nicola Britta HOLSTEN
European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Nicola Britta Holsten is the Deputy Head of Unit 'Research & Innovation' in DG AGRI, European Commission. There, she is mainly works with the European Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability (EIP-AGRI). Previously, she was a Team Leader in DG AGRI's audit Directorate dealing with animal related support schemes and besides that involved in the CAP reform regarding cross-compliance and conditionality. Before joining the Commission, she has worked in EFTA Surveillance Authority and the German public administration, as well as a veterinary practitioner and did research on bovine diseases. She studied veterinary medicine in Germany, France and Belgium, as well as law and economics.

DG Agriculture and Rural Development



Anikó Seregélyi

European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Anikó Seregélyi started her career at the European Commission in 2007 and since 2015 she is policy officer in DG AGRI's Research and Innovation Unit EIP-AGRI team. She is actively involved in the EU-wide EIP-AGRI networking activities (Focus Groups, Workshops, Seminars). In the last years she was following several Focus Groups, workshops and seminars mainly related to the sustainable management of natural resources and capacity building activities.

Prior to joining the Commission, she worked as EU project manager in Hungary responsible for several research supporting projects in the 5th and 6th RTD Framework Programme and for researchers' mobility issues.

Anikó studied geography, European studies and science management in Budapest, Freiburg, Aachen and Speyer.



Valerio Abbadessa

European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Valerio Abbadessa is a Research Programme Officer at the European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, Research and Innovation Unit where he follows the scientific and policy developments in the livestock sector. He has been scientific officer at ENEA, Italy, and at the European Commission, DG RTD, as seconded national expert. Prior to this, he worked as researcher in the agro-food sector at ENEA and as an independent consultant for some international organizations in developing countries, within the fields of veterinary medicine and animal production. He studied Veterinary Medicine in Italy and UK.

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



Sergiu Didicescu
Task Manager

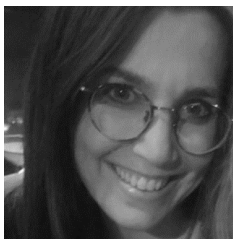
[18:36] Sergiu Didicescu

Sergiu has a background in oenology and agri-environmental economics. He started professional life as an oenologue in the 'Dealu Mare' area, one of Romania's largest wine producing regions. Later, he joined Romania's Rural Development Managing Authority where he was responsible for programming the agri-environmental measures for Romania's first RDP. Since 2013 Sergiu works for the EIP-AGRI Support Facility currently as Head of Division C "Environment and Climate".



Szabolcs Biró
Co-task Manager

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. He holds PhD degree in Management and Business Administration Sciences. Before joining EIP-AGRI he worked as Senior Advisor for Institute of Agricultural Economics in Hungary directing and participating research in the fields of Agricultural Policy Analysis, evaluation of CAP Direct and Rural Development support, strategy and analysis of effects and impacts. Other research fields are agricultural innovation, modernization and investment in agriculture, and farm structural change.



Sarah Beigel
Event communication officer

As part of the EIP-AGRI Support Facility's communication team, Sarah coordinates the EIP-AGRI newsletter and the standard email. She works on publications, contributes to the content of the EIP-AGRI website and offers support for events. Between 2013-2021, Sarah was also Communications officer for the EIP-AGRI Service Point. Sarah is British, currently living and working in France. She has a master's in International project management, and experience taking part in international cooperation projects aimed at knowledge exchange and she had organised a number of international meetings and events within her role in EIP-AGRI and also as European project officer for AC3A (French Chambers of Agriculture).



Ina Van Hoyer
Communication back-up

Ina Van Hoyer 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 Hoyer 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.



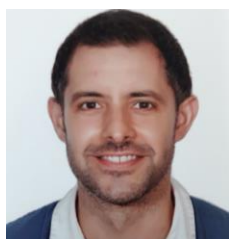
Margarida Ambar
Facilitator

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 until 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.



Remco Schreuder
Facilitator

From 2013-2021 he was a member of the EIP-AGRI Service Point, he continues his role as farm practices officer in the Support Facility team on the topic of smart and resilient agricultural sector and food security. Since 2014 working for the Dutch Agency for Entrepreneurs as an (policy) advisor on Agricultural issues, mainly rural development (agro environment and climate) and CAP. Spend 20 years at several Applied Research units of Wageningen University focusing on farm economics and sustainable farm development. Experienced in applied research on dairy farming, arable farming, bulb production and flowers, ornamental trees and fruit. Touching economics, entrepreneurship, manure treatment, crop protection, feeding, grassland management and many others.



Quico Ónega
Facilitator

Quico is Science and Research Officer at the Support Facility of the EIP-AGRI. During the last years he has been focusing on the digital transformation of agriculture as well as the sustainability of ruminant production systems. Besides, he works as researcher and lecturer at the Land Laboratory at the University of Santiago de Compostela (Galicia-Spain). He co-manages an organic grass-based sheep farm.



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.



Céline Karasinski
Facilitator

From 2014-2021 she was policy officer for EIP-AGRI Service Point. She is working non-permanent for the EIP-AGRI Support Facility.

She works since 2009 for Chamber of Agriculture network in France. She was involved in rural development. From June 2017 to March 2020, she managed a LEADER programme in her country and facilitated a Local Action Group. Since 2019, she works as facilitator for the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Regional Rural Network. In this unit, she is responsible for the organisation of meetings and conferences, coordination of working groups and help to the cooperation projects of the Local Action Group. She participates in the French rural network's meetings and conferences.

Céline Karasinski is Agricultural engineer, specialist of environment and ecology; she studied at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Agronomie of Toulouse (France).



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.



Hayet DJEBBI

Facilitator

Hayet Djebbi is a knowledge and innovation officer in the EIP-AGRI Support Facility and her main work covers AKIS development, networking activities, and stakeholders management.

Hayet is a Bio-engineer and sustainability specialist. She studied sustainable development in agriculture in Denmark and natural resources management and farming systems in France. She holds also a master's degree in environmental sciences.

She worked as an agricultural advisor and a field researcher dealing with projects related to agricultural value chains analysis and development with a particular focus on small farmers, stakeholders mapping, natural resources governance, agroecology, and food systems adaptation/resilience towards climate change mostly in Africa and Southeast Asia. She also has experience as a circular economy facilitator for some urban farming projects in Belgium.



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.



Ineke Van Vliet

Facilitator

Ineke studied tropical crop science (specialisation 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.



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.



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, she studied animal husbandry at the Estonian University of Life Sciences. She has had several years of hands-on experience in working with cattle in the dairy and beef industry.



Marta Yonkova
Facilitator

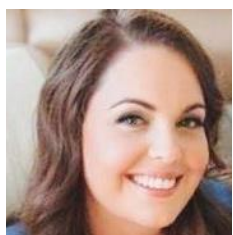
Marta is a Smart Farm Practices & Rural Development Officer at the EIP-Agri Support Facility team. She has a Master degree in International Projects' Management and has studied Economics in Bulgaria and Italy. Experienced in Marketing and Consultancy in the agri-food sector, Marta has a rich portfolio, 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.



Rasa Pakeltienė
Facilitator

She is a Knowledge and Innovation Officer at the EIP-AGRI | Innovation, and knowledge exchange Support facility. She is working as an associated professor at the Bioeconomy Development Faculty of Vytautas Magnus University (VMU), as well as AKIS activities coordinator at the Business and Social Partnership Center of VMU. Since 2014 Rasa is acting as editor-in-chief of the scientific journal "Management theories and studies for rural business and infrastructure development".

As a researcher, she has published over twenty scientific publications in the field of rural development, innovation assessment methodologies, social partnership, rural social infrastructure, environmental management, etc. The co-authors have published three research and study books. She is working on national and international research and study projects and is an active member of scientific associations and thematic networks.



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.



Tiina Köster
Facilitator

Tiina Köster is working at Agricultural Research Centre (ARC) in Estonia. She is graduated as agronomist in Estonian University of Life Sciences and she got her MSc in soil science at the same university. She has been working as lecturer of soil science and environment in the Estonian University of Life Sciences and as agronomist in variety testing centre in ARC and now she is involved in EIP-AGRI Support Facility and working also as soil specialist in ARC.



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.



Xurxo Loureiro Veira
Facilitator

Xurxo is research and innovation officer at the EIP-AGRI Support Facility. He studied forest engineering 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.