



EIP-AGRI WORKSHOP TOOLS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL FARM PERFORMANCE



Speaker CVs

In order of the programme



Iman Boot

European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Iman Boot has been working for the Commission in DG Agriculture and Rural development for more than 10 years and has been working on a wide range of subjects (rural development, enlargement, different CAP Reforms, genetic resources). He is currently Senior Expert in the Unit Research and Innovation.



Krešimir Ivančić

Croatian Ministry of Agriculture

Krešimir Ivančić is Assistant Minister in the Ministry of Agriculture responsible for Management of EU Fund for Rural Development, EU and International Cooperation. He is responsible for the management and implementation of the IPARD programme and RDP 2014-2020 for Croatia. He was working at the Ministry of Agriculture during the pre-accession period on IPARD programme as Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor and Expert Associate for Coordination and Reporting. In 2010 he shifted to the Ministry of Regional Development, Forestry and Water Management. During his work there he was responsible for many fields: European Integration and International Cooperation, Regional Development and Cross-border Cooperation, Control and Legal Affairs, Financial Management and Control, Monitoring and Evaluation, Preparation and Implementation of Projects under the Operational Programme Competitiveness and Cohesion. Krešimir Ivančić studied agronomy at University of Zagreb, Faculty of Agriculture, Zagreb (Croatia).

Janet Dwyer



Countryside and Community Research Institute, University of Gloucestershire, UK

Janet is Professor of Rural Policy and Director of the Countryside and Community Research Institute at the University of Gloucestershire, UK, which is a specialist social science group researching a wide range of topics in rural/agri-policy and rural change (see www.ccri.ac.uk). Janet originally studied Natural Sciences at Cambridge before switching to Agricultural Economics for her PhD, through which she developed an enduring interest in understanding the Common Agricultural Policy and its impact upon the rural environment and rural communities across the EU. Her career includes 7 years working for a government environmental agency in England and 4 years at the environmental think-tank IEEP, based in London and Brussels, as well as time in academia (Cambridge Land Economy, Aberystwyth and Gloucestershire Universities). She is an experienced policy evaluator of EU agriculture, rural development and environmental policies, with expertise in integrated approaches, environmental sustainability, CAP reform, innovation and institutional adaptation. Current projects include the ex-post evaluation of England's Rural Development Programme, the preparation of Malta's new RDP, and a major pan-EU study on public goods and ecosystem services from farming and forestry (PEGASUS – see www.pegasus.ieep.eu). She is also a founder member of the Uplands Alliance, in England and fellow of the RSA.



Marta Pérez-Soba

Wageningen University & Research, Environmental Research (Alterra)

Marta works as senior researcher at the Team Earth Informatics at Alterra since 2000. Agricultural Engineer with a PhD on environmental impacts of ammonia emissions on forest ecosystems. She leads international projects developing and applying spatial methodologies and tools to assess impacts of land use change for several European organisations (e.g. EC, EEA, ESPON). Currently leading the mapping and assessment of public goods and ecosystem services in relation to agricultural and forestry management practices in H2020 PEGASUS (Public Ecosystem Goods and services from land management) and the knowledge integration in EU FP7 OpenNESS (Operationalisation of the concepts of Natural Capital and Ecosystem Services). She was the lead of the JRC framework contract for the provision of thematic studies in the field of agri-environmental assessment (2010-2014). She is vice-chair of the EC Horizon 2020 Advisory Group covering Societal Challenge 2 'Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture, Marine and Maritime Research' (2013-2015 and 2016-2018) and Associate Editor of the International Journal "Ecosystem Services". She has published over 80 articles and books for scientific, policy-making and educational use since 1989.



Martijn Buijsse

EISA (European Initiative for Sustainable Development in Agriculture)

After obtaining a masters degree in Agrotechnology and Bioresource engineering at Wageningen University in 2004 Martijn Buijsse started his career as food technologist for Cargill and later as expert in sustainability for the Dutch feed cooperative Agrifirm. As from 2014 he worked on sustainable agriculture as an independent consultant with many farmers, governmental organizations and corporates. As part of this he developed with Foundation Skylark their international recognized sustainability certificate, for example recognized as a sustainability certificate in the Dutch CAP. From 2016 on he is as well asked by the members of EISA (European Initiative for Sustainable Development in Agriculture) to support in promoting sustainable farming systems all over Europe.

Twitter of EISA: @sustagriculture



Vincenzo Angileri

Joint Research Centre of the European Commission

Vincenzo Angileri has been working as a Scientific Project Officer for the Joint Research Centre (Ispra, Italy) since 2006. He is in charge of research for the implementation and monitoring of the Common Agricultural Policy, focussing his activity on Good Agricultural and Environmental Conditions, Farm Advisory System and greening.

Agronomist as background, he got a PhD in Agricultural Engineering at the University of Milan (Italy) where he started his carrier doing research and teaching on landscape planning and Geographical Information System. In 1994, he joined the DG Agriculture of Lombardy Region as a farm advisor, where he was in charge of the drawing up and of the implementation of the drainage, irrigation and rural territory regional and local plans. He managed projects for landscape improvement of irrigation canals, promoted and managed the implementation of the Regional Geographical Information System for Drainage and was in charge of the coordination of research on water resources.



Simon Miller

General Manager, Cool Farm Alliance

Simon holds BSc Biology and MSc Environmental Sustainability, and has worked in environmental consultancies focussing on greenhouse gas accounting, eco-design and agricultural advice services.

In July 2015 Simon was appointed General Manager of the Cool Farm Alliance. The Cool Farm Alliance is a membership organisation that owns and manages the Cool Farm Tool (CFT). The CFT is an online tool for farmers to measure environmental impacts of agricultural production, covering GHGs, biodiversity and water. Alliance membership extends to 35 businesses, and Tool development is done in partnership with leading universities of the Alliance's Innovation Hub.

The Cool Farm Tool is free for farmers, and extends to crops and livestock. It is available in English, with Spanish and French versions being available later in 2017.

Twitter: @coolfarmtool



John Lynch

Teagasc Rural Economy & Development Programme – Ireland

John Lynch is a post-doctoral researcher at Teagasc, the Irish Agriculture and Food Development Authority, working on sustainability indicators for Irish agriculture. With an educational background in ecology, he studied the evolution of herbicide resistance for his PhD at the University of Warwick (UK). He then gained experience in agricultural economics and using Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN) data working on agricultural sustainability at the University of Nottingham (UK). Having moved to Ireland one year ago, he is continuing to work in this area using the Irish National Farm Survey.



Romain Dieulot

Réseau Civam – France

Romain Dieulot (Paris, 1983) is an Agricultural Engineer with a master of comparative agriculture and agricultural development from High Schools of Agronomy AgroParisTech. He studied economic assessment of farming system and impacts of agricultural projects or policies on a territory.

Since the beginning of his career, he works in farmer's organizations developing sustainable agriculture, first in FADEAR and farmer's union "Confédération Paysanne" in 2008, then in the Réseau Agriculture Durable in 2013, now named Réseau CIVAM. He focuses in supporting change in farming system, and coaching farmers in improving their decision-making autonomy.

He also worked in various farms to discover daily reality of agricultural activity and to take a step back regarding farmer's way of decision to manage their farm and the indicators they use.

Today in Réseau Civam, he is currently in charge of the development of grazing farming systems and of the sustainability assessment of farming systems.



Kathryn Green

LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming)

Kathryn is the Sustainability Manager at LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming). LEAF focuses on encouraging more sustainable farming practices and building public trust and understanding of food, farming and the environment. At the core of LEAF's work is Integrated Farm Management (IFM) which Kathryn has a key role in developing and advocating with farmers, advisors, scientists and the wider industry.

LEAF run an on-line management tool for farmers called the LEAF Sustainable Farming Review which supports the implementation of IFM. LEAF also works to enable market opportunities for farmers through the LEAF Marque, an independently verified farm assurance scheme recognising more sustainable farming.

Kathryn graduated from the University of Cambridge in Biological Natural Sciences and has practical agricultural experience. She sits on a variety of committees and scientific advisory boards and is actively involved in many industry partnerships.



Josien Kapma

Boer & Bunder

Josien Kapma is a water engineer (Wageningen, MSc) who went into development cooperation and soon, into knowledge management. Born and raised in the Netherlands, she lived and worked in Chile, Honduras and Egypt, as well as short missions in Asia and Africa. She became a true European when farming on a dairy farm in Portugal for the past 12 years. Today she is based in the Netherlands, promoting open innovation in agri-tech with Farmhack.NL.

Twitter: @josien



François Lerin

CIHEAM-IAMM (International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies)

I am currently Project Coordinator at the CIHEAM-IAMM (inter-governmental organization). I have a PHD in Economics but I rather present myself as a « social scientist » without disciplinary ID. Since the beginning of my career I used a multi-scalar approach: first in agricultural issues – from international markets to local situation of development; and today on agro-ecology, from international (and European) regimes to specific *dispositifs* (devices). I am pleading for embedded research in concrete actions and projects (constructivist and pragmatist approaches). These past years I was coordinating BiodivBalkans project, aiming to build environmental-friendly geographical indications in western Balkans countries and, more recently a H2020 program on High Nature Value farming (HNV-Link). I am also member of the scientific board of the Unesco Site "Causses & Cévennes" (« cultural landscape of Mediterranean agro-pastoralism »), and coordinate a network about "territories of agro-sylvo-pastoralism In the Med region" (TerrAMed).



Dóra Mészáros

Project Manager, Hungarian Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (ÖMKi)

Dr. Dóra Mészáros is a Project Manager at the Hungarian Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (ÖMKi). She used to work for Szent István University, Hungary at the Institution for Nature Conservation and Landscape Management (2014-2016). As a Technical Assistant she focused on the Hungarian adaptation of a French agri-environmental evaluation system. During this period she completed her PhD in Environmental Sciences. In her PhD research she worked on the development of a farm-level sustainability assessment tool, called SMART (Sustainability Monitoring and Assessment RouTine) together with the Swiss Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL).

In her current position at ÖMKi her responsibility is to introduce sustainability assessments on farm level in Hungary.

European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development



Louis Mahy

Louis Mahy is Research Programme Officer at the European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development. After concluding masters in Rural Development at Ghent University and Food and Resource Economics at the University of Florida, he has been active in research on agricultural policy issues from an economic perspective. He changed for the European Commission in 2014, to finally join Dg Agri's research and innovation team in 2016. Now he is working on the European research and innovation agenda, part of Horizon 2020 and EIP-Agri. His main focus lies on livestock -, digitization - and sustainability topics.

EIP- AGRI Service Point team



Sergiu Didicescu

Task manager

Born 1980, Romanian

Sergiu is educated in agricultural and food economics and has a specialisation in oenology. At the start of his professional life he worked as an oenologist in one of Romania's wine producing areas. He then worked for the Romanian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the European Commission DG AGRI. From 2013 he is farm practice and rural development officer at the EIP AGRI Service Point.

Sergiu believes that innovation, or what he calls 'ideas being successfully applied in practice', is key for unlocking the potential of EU farming. The way forward is to implement the new EU-wide innovation model based on interactive participation of farmers, scientists and other actors along the value chain closely working together which will make it more likely and more often that innovations and research results are adopted by farmers and transposed into practice successfully.



Margarida Ambar

Facilitator

Margarida Ambar is one of the Rural Development officers in the EIP-AGRI Service Point, and her main tasks are related to networking, and to management and facilitation of events, while contributing to other varied activities of the Service Point.

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 for about 20 years for the Portuguese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Prior to becoming part of the EIP-AGRI Service Point team, she gained experience in international cooperation projects and networks aiming at knowledge exchange. She also organised and facilitated events at national and international level, and participated in advisory missions in CEE countries.



Koen Desimpelaere

Facilitator

Koen Desimpelaere started in April 2013 as team leader of the Service Point for the implementation of the European Innovation Partnership 'Agricultural productivity and sustainability' (EIP-AGRI Service Point). Since July 2014 he is working partly for the EIP-AGRI Service Point as Farm Practice Officer.

Since 1997 he has been working for the Flemish Land Agency. During this period he has been involved in water protection in agriculture. From 2003 he was head of the Unit Manure Policy within the Manure Bank department. In this unit he was responsible for policy support in relation to the nitrates directive and the NEC-directive, for tendering scientific research in relation to sustainable fertilisation and improved water quality, and for creating reports in the framework of European and Flemish legislation. In this function he also led a team of 30 farm advisers.

In the nineties he was a representative for a mixed feed producer. He was responsible for the sale of mixed feed and for the support of farms in relation to the nutrition of livestock and the management on pig and cattle farms. Koen Desimpelaere studied Agricultural Science at the University of Ghent (Belgium).

Pacôme Elouna Eyenga

Facilitator

Mr Pacôme Elouna Eyenga is Belgian and was born in Yaoundé, Cameroon. He graduated as Agricultural Engineer in the field of rural economy and sociology, at Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech / Université de Liège in Belgium.

Since July 2014, he is the Team Leader of the EIP AGRI Service Point in which he was appointed Deputy Team Leader at its establishment in 2013 by the European Commission, namely DG AGRI. Before joining EIP AGRI Service Point, he has been working as European Affairs Officer from 2008 at VLM – Flemish Land Agency (Belgium) where he was dealing with European projects and policies especially rural development and cohesion policy, and networking.



Tine Defour

Communication officer

As part of the Service Point's communications team, Tine writes and coordinates brochures and other Service Point publications, and she is responsible for DG AGRI's yearly *Agrinnovation* magazine. She contributes to the content of the EIP-AGRI website and offers support for events. 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 an academic journal.

Twitter: @TineDefour

