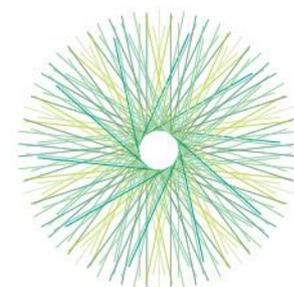


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Vassil Groudev

Ministry of Agriculture and Food, Bulgaria

Vassil Groudev was born on May 5, 1980 in Plovdiv, Bulgaria. He graduated the French Language School in Plovdiv and has a master's degree in law from the Law Faculty of the University "Franche-Comté" in Besançon, France. He has specialized European Cooperation at the Wageningen Business School, Netherlands.

From April 2006 to August 2013 Vassil Groudev occupied different positions in the State Fund Agriculture. From April 2006 to December 2008 he was an expert in Direct Payments Department. In December 2008, he became a chief expert in the same department. In the period 2009-2011 he was head of the Technical Inspectorate Department. From August 2011 to August 2013 he was Deputy Executive Director of State Fund Agriculture and from September 2013 to November 2013 appointed as Executive Director of the Fund. From 6 August 2014 to November 6, 2014 Groudev acted as Interim Minister of Agriculture and Food.

He now is Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Food in Bulgaria.



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.



Krijn Poppe

Wageningen University, the Netherlands

Krijn J. Poppe is a business economist working in the research management of the Agricultural Economics Research Institute (LEI) of Wageningen University and Research Centre, located in The Hague, the Netherlands. He is involved in the management of several large, multidisciplinary research projects for the EU. He co-chaired the collaborative working group AKIS (Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems) of the EU's Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR).

Current research interest focus on agricultural policy issues, monitoring, competitiveness of the European food sector, the agricultural knowledge and innovation system, cooperatives and ICT. From 2009 – 2011 he worked part-time as Chief Science Officer at the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation. In this role he co-chaired an EU collaborative working group on Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems and edited its report. Krijn J. Poppe was for 12 years (1999-2011) Secretary-General of the European Association of Agricultural Economists. He is honorary secretary-treasurer of the EAAEP Foundation (that publishes the ERAE), chairs the Steering Group of the journal EuroChoices, chairs the foundation eRNAC on research concerning cooperatives. He co-owns a small arable family farm.

Vincent Tiele Groenestege

EIP-AGRI Service Point



Vincent Tiel Groenestege is advisor on sustainability & stakeholder involvement. Since 1998 he has worked in various executive agencies of the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs, formerly the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation. During this period he was involved in several regional development projects in the Netherlands and abroad to advise and facilitate in participatory processes. He is co-author of 'the first Aid Kit to public participation(2007) which was published in 5 languages. Since 2008 he is inspired by the sustainability concept Cradle to Cradle. In 2009 the publication 'Cradle to Cradle as inspiration for sustainable regional development' appeared (in Dutch) of which he was the editor. He also regularly acts as lead facilitator/moderator at national and international conferences

European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development



Ana Cuadrado Galván

Ana Cuadrado Galván joined the European Commission (DG Agriculture and Rural Development) in 2012 as Desk Officer for the Rural Development Programmes of Scotland and Wales. She is currently Research Programme Officer in the Research and Innovation Unit within DG AGRI. This Unit is responsible for a part of Societal Challenge 2 under Horizon 2020 and the Agricultural European Innovation Partnership (EIP-AGRI).

Ana's main responsibilities are the implementation of new technologies in the agriculture sector (Precision Farming, Internet of Things, Big Data etc.). She also managed the Precision Farming Focus Group under the EIP-AGRI.

Ana Cuadrado Galván is an agricultural engineer and has a university degree on environmental sciences. She completed her studies with a Master in European Affairs.

Before joining the Commission, she was Head of the Delegation of the Innovation Agency of Castilla y León in Brussels. She has 15 years of experience in the management of EU research and innovation programmes and projects.

EIP- AGRI Service Point team



Willemine Brinkman

Facilitator

Willemine Brinkman is the deputy teamleader of the EIP-AGRI Service point. Since 2007, she has worked in various executive agencies of the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs, formerly the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation. 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.



Pacôme Elouna Eyenga

Facilitator

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. He is also Secretary General of AEIAR (Association Européenne des Institutions d'Aménagement Rural) since 2012.



Emilie Gätje

Facilitator

Emilie Gätje is a nutritionist, who qualified from the Justus Liebig-Universität, Gießen in 2000.

Before joining the EIP AGRI Servicepoint she worked several years as scientific officer for the Federal Office of Consumer Protection and Food Safety (BVL) in Berlin and the Federal Office of Food and Agriculture (BLE) in Bonn - mainly in the field of health-related consumer protection. Within the service point she works as Innovation and EU Research Policy officer and was involved in the organisation of the focus group on "Animal husbandry, reduction of antibiotic use in the pig sector" and the preparation of several EIP AGRI brochures. She is also task manager of this seminar.



Michael Ghezzi

Facilitator

Michael Ghezzi started in February 2016 as short term expert for the Animation Unit of Service Point for the implementation of the European innovation partnership 'Agricultural productivity and sustainability' (EIP-AGRI Service Point). From May 2015 he is advisor on irrigation and running field trials for Chambre d'Agriculture de la Vendée, France.

Between 2012 and 2015 he was involved in the biogas field, before as a country manager and later as a plant manager between Germany and Italy.

Michael Ghezzi studied Agronomy and sustainable farming system in Turin Italy



Quico Onéga

Task Manager

He is Research and Science Policy Officer at the Service Point of the European innovation partnership 'Agricultural productivity and sustainability' (EIP AGRI Service Point). He works as researcher and lecturer at the Land Laboratory at University of Santiago de Compostela (Galicia-Spain). He's been involved in several projects related to land policy design and improvement of land development instruments both at local, regional and international level. He participates in the Master on Sustainable Land Planning, coordinating and lecturing in courses dealing with Land Development Instruments, Rural Development Policies and Conflict Negotiation and Resolution. He has different publications in the realm of land management, rural development and agriculture, with innovation and institutional change as cross-cutting issue. From 2007 until 2009 he was involved in the creation and development of the Land Bank of Galicia, being its first Managing Director. He has practical experience in agriculture as he is part-time farmer (sheep farm) and co-partner of a small company for Direct to Consumer Lamb Marketing.



Ina Van Hoye

Communication officer

Ina Van Hoye is communication officer at the EIP-AGRI Service Point. She is responsible for the communications strategy, press contacts, social media, dissemination of the communication tools and events coordinator. Ina Van Hoye is a communication expert who has more than 15 years communication experience. 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.