



**EIP-AGRI WORKSHOP NEW VALUE CHAINS
FROM MULTIFUNCTIONAL FORESTS
NOVEMBER 2016 - VIENNA, AUSTRIA**



EIP-AGRI Workshop 'New value chains from multifunctional forests'

Thursday 10 November–Friday 11 November 2016
Vienna, Austria

The EIP-AGRI network is organising a two-day workshop dedicated to **the promotion of new forest value chains**, with the support of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management.

EU forests serve a wide range of economic, social and environmental purposes and provide around three million jobs. Wood remains the main source of financial revenue and forest biomass represents the biggest source of renewable energy in the EU. However, forests also provide a large range of other products, such as cork, resins, mushrooms, nuts, game or berries as well as recreational services which are increasingly being valued on the market. Promoting new value chains for such products can be a powerful economic incentive for integrated forest management schemes, increasing forest multifunctionality and contributing to sustainable forest management.

The aim of the workshop is to present existing examples and explore concrete opportunities for developing innovative value chains of forest products and services which are currently under-used. This includes food products, non-food products, agroforestry and leisure and recreational uses.

The workshop will bring together a diverse group of foresters, researchers, advisers, innovation support agents, authorities managing rural development programmes, representatives of forest industry and NGOs in order to:

1. **Explore** a range of concrete examples of developing new value chains from multifunctional forests;
2. **Critically examine** the practical challenges and opportunities for setting up such new value chains;
3. **Promote** the setting-up of EIP-AGRI Operational Groups (OGs) focusing on the creation and development of new value chains from multifunctional forests;
4. **Offer** some 'tips and tricks' for setting up OG partnerships for projects that could tackle the practical challenges identified in setting up new value chains;
5. **Present and spread** all of this information to inspire the creation of new OGs and promote wider use and establishment of new value chains from multifunctional forestry.



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Programme

Day 1: Thursday, 10 November

8:00 – 9:00 **Registration**

Setting the scene

- 09:00 – 10:00**
- Welcome
Antonella Zona, Directorate-General Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
 - Concept and objectives of the workshop
Robert Mavsar, European Forestry Institute
 - How are we going to work together?
Mark Redman, EIP-AGRI Service Point

Showcasing new value chains case studies

10:00 – 12:00 Exchange Platform (including coffee and networking time)
20 posters with examples of new forest value chains will be presented and displayed during this session. Participants will be able to explain their examples, hear about others' examples and discuss them in small groups.

12:00 – 13:15 Interactive discussion in World Cafe format about the innovative value chains presented at the exchange platform
Discussion in groups of what is working well and less well on the presented value chains. Participants will then vote for the value chains which they consider to have the greatest potential to be transferred to other contexts.

13:15 – 14:30 **Lunch**

Parallel break-out session I: Practical challenges and opportunities for new value chains

14:30 – 16:00 Break-out session
Interactive group discussions on the challenges and opportunities to make the value chains a success.

16:00 – 16:30 **Coffee break**

16:30 – 17:30 Feedback from the break-out sessions
Rapporteurs from the breakout groups will present the main conclusions from the discussions to all the participants in a plenary session.

20:00 **Networking dinner**



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Day 2: Friday, 11 November

Opening of Day 2

- 08:45 – 09:15**
- Message from the host organisation
Gerhard Mannsberger, Head of the Forestry Division of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management
 - Summary of conclusions from Day 1
Robert Mavsar, European Forestry Institute
 - Introduction to Day 2 programme
Mark Redman, EIP-AGRI Service Point

Introducing EIP-AGRI Operational Groups

- 09:15 – 10:45**
- Opportunities offered by EIP-AGRI Operational Groups in connection with the EU Forest Strategy
Dan Burgar-Kuzelicki, Directorate-General Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
Pacôme Elouna Eyenga, EIP-AGRI Service Point
 - Practical experience of setting up and running an Operational Group
Ludger Linnemann, ENU-Wheat (DE)
Christophe Chauvin-Droz, OUI-GEF (FR)

Parallel break-out session II: Inspiration for new forestry Operational Groups

- 10:45 – 12:15** Break-out session and coffee
Interactive group discussions on how EIP-AGRI Operational Groups could help to support the establishment of new value chains from multi-functional forests.
- 12:15 – 12:45**
- Feedback from break-out sessions
Rapporteurs from the breakout groups will present the main conclusions from the discussions to all the participants in a plenary session.
 - Facilitated discussion with Q&A
- 12:45 – 13:00**
- Closing remarks
 - Evaluation of workshop
- 13:00** **Light lunch and goodbye**