



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



### Speakers' CVs

#### In order of the programme



**Antonella Zona**

**European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development**

An Italian citizen, Antonella holds a Master's Degree in Advanced European Studies by the College of Parma. She has been working for the European Commission since 1993 (rural development, markets for fruit & vegetables, direct support to farmers).

She is currently an Innovation Policy Officer in the unit responsible for Research and Innovation in the field of agriculture and rural development. The mission of this Unit is to link research policy and the rural development policy to bridge the gap between science and practice based on the interactive innovation model, notably through the European Innovation Partnership for agricultural productivity and sustainability. The unit is also responsible for parts of Societal Challenge 2 of Horizon 2020.



**Dan Burgar Kuželički**

**European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development**

Dan currently works as Policy Officer in European Commission in Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development in the unit Environment, Forestry and Climate Change.

He graduated as a university graduated engineer of forestry in 2011 at the Biotechnical Faculty in Slovenia. During his studies he was active in various NGOs, in both Slovenia and internationally, most notably the International Forest Students Association, where he was member of the board in 2010.

Dan started working in Brussels in 2013 as a stagier in European Commission, but continued in an NGO, dealing with nature related issues, such as wildlife management and legislation related to environment and species protection. Joining the European Commission again in 2015 his work is now mainly related to forestry and implementation of EU Forest Strategy, renewable energy and climate change, with focus on agricultural emissions and land use, land use change and forestry.



**Robert Mavsar**

**Workshop Coordinating Expert (European Forest Institute)**

Robert Mavsar (PhD) is the Deputy Director of the European Forest Institute, being responsible for the overall development of research activities of the institute. He holds a PhD in economics and a degree in forestry. His research background is in the field of forest and environmental economics. He has over 10 years of experience in coordinating and participating in international research projects. He was also the coordinator of the EU funded project StarTree ([www.star-tree.eu](http://www.star-tree.eu)), which explored how Non Wood Forest Products (NWFP) can be used to strengthen and diversify economic activities in rural areas. The project was based on an integrated approach, identifying challenges and proposing solutions to enhance the management, product development, innovation, multi-stakeholder dialogue and marketing of NWFP.



**Gerhard Mannsberger**

**Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management**

*Austria*

Gerhard Mannsberger has been Director General of the Forestry Department in the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management since 1997. During and after having finished his studies he worked in the fields of science (forest ecology, forest protection) at the Austrian Health Department and at the Austrian Environment Department. The Forestry Department consists of five divisions. One of those is the Austrian Service for Torrent and Avalanche Control with more than 1000 employees. He has an MSc in Forestry. He is married and has 5 children.



**Ludger Linnemann**

**Forschungsring für biologisch-dynamische Wirtschaftsweise e.V.**

*Germany*

**OG: ENU-Wheat**

Mr. Ludger Linnemann currently works as an agricultural researcher and consultant for farmers, millers and bakers within the operational group ENU-Wheat.

His working areas within the Forschungsring in Darmstadt, Germany ([www.forschungsring.de](http://www.forschungsring.de)) include mainly aspects of food quality. In this context he developed from 2007-2009 the "optimized baking test" OBT ([www.orgprints.org/18758](http://www.orgprints.org/18758)) in collaboration with a great bakery. With this innovation it is possible to produce bread with much lower nitrogen input than before.

The innovation bases on a 12 years' work as a researcher at the University of Gießen with a PhD in ecological crop science (2001). He is specialized in cereal chemistry, researching about the effect of nitrogen on the gluten-protein composition in contrast to wheat quality parameters.



**Christophe Chauvin**

**Irstea, Mountain Ecosystems Unit**

*France*

**OG: OUI-GEF**

Christophe CHAUVIN first worked for 13 years in public forests as a forest engineer in the French National Forest Forestry Commission (ONF), where he dealt with forest management, forest inventories and forest planning. Then he joined the research institute Irstea in Grenoble, where he directed researches on the multiple roles of mountain forests, their management, hence integrated management and finally forest policy.

He specialized in monitoring tools, collaborative forest management structures at local and regional scales, and explored diverse emergent issues in relation with the integration of the forests in the territorial development, such as sub-urban forests, fuelwood, and unmanaged forests networks.



## Case study poster presenters' CVs



**Joan Alibés Biosca**

**Bealia**

*Lugo – Galicia – Spain*

**POSTER: Bealia: low input agroforestry system to produce high added value lamb and kid meat**

Joan Alibés is an agronomical engineer formed at Catalonia (Spain) with 1 year Erasmus stage at ENSA of Rennes (France). Coming from Barcelona city centre, he has started with his wife a goat meat farm at Galice (Spain) in 2008. At the same time he was technician at sheep and goat's Galician producers ONG (OVICA). Due to commercialization constricts in 2009 he co-founded Bealia in order to sell the production of its farms and other neighbours lamb and kids producers. At 2012 they launched Cordeiro & Cabrito Atlántico (Atlantic lamb and kid) quality label as a way to establish a common standard production system of Bealia farmers.

As a technician and sheep and goat expert Bealia started in 2016 consulting services to general Galician farmers. Since 2015 he's involved in O-Xan, a think-tank group of Galician wolf cohabitation strategy, connected with other similar national groups.



**Christophe Arrondeau**

**Pays Adour Landes Océanes**

*France*

**POSTER: How create sustainable tourism products**

Since 2002 I'm the manager of The "Pays Adour Landes Océanes". It is a non profit-association (local development agency) which groups together 5 inter-municipalities (75 towns) and local private actors (association, farmers, business managers, public services...). This association has been created in 2002. We became LAG in 2009. We are also member of a FLAG.

We have two general missions/functions: We are a support, a resource for project managers (private or public) and we try to create different networks on different subjects (Tourism, Forest, local development, agriculture). Answering calls for projects is the usual frameworks of our efforts. Each time, we try to promote public/private partnership, innovation, transversal approach...Between 2007-14 I was a member of the **forestry thematic initiative**, supported by the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD).



**Gian Antonio Battistel**

**Centro Ricerca Innovazione/Fondazione Edmund Mach (CRI-FEM)**

*Italy*

**POSTER: "Rigoni di Asiago" CoC PEFC certified honeydew honey**

Gian Antonio Battistel has a master degree in "Forest Science" and PhD in "Economics of Mountain Environmental Agro-Forestry Systems". Is a senior researcher at CRI-FEM, a publically-funded research organization of the Autonomous Province of Trento (Italy). FEM is currently organized into three centers: one dedicated to secondary school and further education (CIF), one providing technical support to local farms, orchards, wineries and cooperatives, the Centre of Technology Transfer (CTT), and one focused on scientific research, the Research and Innovation Centre (CRI). His research field, experience and publications concern Non Wood Forest Products, SFM and CoC Certification and Innovation Systems. He has been a member of the WGs of various multi-actors projects, coordinator of FEM-owned Certification Body (AQA-Certificazioni), member of WGs of the National Standardization Body (UNI) on SFM. Currently is collaborating as Project Manager at "FoxLab", a scientific initiative jointly operated by the National Research Council of Italy (CNR) and CRI-FEM, as well as at MOUNTFOR, an European Forest Institute (EFI) Project Centre on Mountain Forests hosted by CRI-FEM.







**Corentin Bolyn**

**Cellule d'appui à la petite forêt privée (Support unit for small private forests)**

*Belgium*

**POSTER: Trekking trail and forest exploitation in a fragmented forest**

Bio-engineer graduated in management of natural and forestry areas in the University of Liège Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech (2014). I started working some month in the secondary education in Brussels. Presently, I am working in the "support unit for small private forest" achieving a PhD in cooperation with Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech. The support unit for small private forest is a Walloon public service, its three main missions are:

- The information desk to give the forest owners all information they need to manage their forest or to contact professionals;
- The development of projects of "forest management group" in scattered woodlands in order to encourage and to optimize forest management in wooded parcels smaller than 5 ha;
- The monitoring of the small forest ownership (owners profiles, structure of the ownership, evolution of forest resources,...).

Furthermore, it is an official partner of the Interreg project "Forêt Pro Bos" and my thesis, entitled "A multi-sensor approach for the characterisation and mapping of the forest resource", is part of it. Indeed, one of the Interreg project goals is to better assess forest resources and their turnover in the concerned area.



**Luís Filipe Calaim**

**CONFAGRI - Confederação Nacional das Cooperativas Agrícolas e do Crédito Agrícola de Portugal CCRL**

*Portugal*

**POSTER: Wood, honey and aromatic plants**

Forestry and Natural Resources Engineer (2006), Post-Graduate in Environmental Law (2009), Participated on a Master Degree in Agro-Forestry waste - Biomass (2016-2017). Auditor and Control technician on Agriculture and Forest subsidies on Rural Development Program (IFAP) (2008-2011). Forest technician for Portuguese Confederation of Agriculture Cooperatives (2011 - now). In CONFAGRI he works in the forest technical department, is adviser in the Secretary of State Forest's and Rural Development on issues like forest fires, phytosanitary, forest management or ecosystem services. National and International member of FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) and member of Portuguese Standard Normalisation of Forest Management (CT145). Also participate in Horizon 2020 projects connected with energy efficient and agro-forest residues.



**Michael den Herder**

**European Forest Institute**

*Joensuu, Finland*

**POSTER: Livestock agroforestry - combining forestry with livestock husbandry: woodland eggs and poultry**

Michael den Herder works as a senior researcher at the European Forest Institute. He holds a PhD in Forest Sciences (2003) from the University of Eastern Finland and a MSc in Biology (1997) from the University of Amsterdam. Before joining the EFI, he worked as a researcher at the University of Eastern Finland. There he participated in several project on the ecological impact of large herbivores, small mammals, forest management and forest fires. At the EFI, he has been working on a Sustainability Impact Assessment on the production of forest biomass for energy in Eastern Finland, by comparing different scenarios balancing the future needs for forest-based energy and biodiversity conservation. Currently, Michael is working in the AGFORWARD project (Agroforestry that will Advance Rural Development, FP7) where his main task is on mapping the current extent of agroforestry systems in Europe, as well as up-scaling the potential benefits of agroforestry practices to the European level.





**Nicholas S. Efstathiadis**

**Greek Forest Owners Association**

*Thessaloniki, Greece*

**POSTER: The concept of complete forest utilisation**

Dr Nicholas Efstathiadis is a professional Forester. He holds a Diploma of Forestry, a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering, a Master of Science Degree in Forest Products Technology and a Doctoral Degree in Sustainable Forest Management. As a part of the Greek Forest Service he exhausted the hierarchy finishing successfully his career as acting Director General. During his public service he joined the diplomatic corps for three years representing his country as Agricultural Counselor at the Greek Embassy in the USA. Dr Efstathiadis has participated in a great number of European Union and United Nations meetings as well as national and international scientific conferences, lectured sustainable development courses in several countries, performed development projects in several places of the world and he authored more than sixty scientific and technical publications. Currently Dr Efstathiadis practices forestry as a private advisor for the Greek Forest Owners Association in the general frame of the consulting company GEOSYNERGY Co.



**Judith Evenaar**

**Wageningen Truffle Center**

*Gelderland, The Netherlands*

**POSTER: Truffles from Mycoforest**

Judith Evenaar has been involved in the growth, sales and marketing of edible mushrooms over 15 years. She initiated a Wild Food Harvesting Slow Food Group in 2002. Initially, she specialized in the cultivation of wood degrading edible mushrooms such as Shiitake and Pleurotus using wood logs and growing bags. However, inspired by the pleasure of real good quality food, the role of forest in climate change and the sheer beauty of forest, she is convinced the path forward is a combination of conservation of forests as well as the valorization of its rich biodiversity, and especially of edible mushrooms. Since 2012 she works as a truffle grower in her own truffle orchard. She works on the development of a sustainable truffle chain to introduce a Dutch truffle for the local market. She is actively disseminating her knowledge on setting up a truffle growing business both in the Netherlands as well as actively participating in development of a sustainable truffle chain in Morocco. She graduated as a Food Engineer at the Wageningen University and has a background in Bioprocess -engineering and Microbiology.



**Elena Górriz Mifsud**

**EFIMED (European Forest Institute – Mediterranean regional office)**

*Spain/Mediterranean*

**POSTER: Payments for recreational and commercial mushroom picking permits**

Forest engineer by the Technical University of Valencia and M.Sc. Economics by the University of Barcelona, Elena Górriz has been also studying and working in Germany, Argentina and Finland. Since 2008 she has been working at EFIMED and at the Catalan Forest Sciences Center (CTFC) in research and transfer projects related with forest economics. She was also previously working as environmental educator. She is finalising her PhD at University of Lleida and Padova. Her main research lines cover the socio-economic aspects that affect forest policy instruments. Specifically, she deals with the analysis of the supply-side in the provision of forest ecosystem services, the design and implementation of sustainable economic instruments for environmental externalities, and social perceptions on forest governance reforms. In the field of forest ecosystem services, Elena has studied the targeted forestry costs, forest owners' motivations and business models for payments for environmental services. In the field of stakeholder conflicts, she has dealt with forest property rights and institutional change applied for wild forest products, as well as with trade-offs around forest bioenergy. Her PhD focuses on the relationships between social capital in rural areas and governance of payments for mushroom picking.





**Jiri Kadlec**

**Mendel University in Brno**

*Czech Republic - Moravia Region*

**POSTER: Via Delicia- Local utilisation of edible non-wood forest products**

Jiri Kadlec works as lecturer and researcher at Faculty of Forestry and Wood Technology, Mendel University in Brno, since 2001. He has lectures about non-wood forest products (NWFPs) and timber logging. His research is connected with utilisation of (NWFPs), potential resources of NWFPs and heavy horses in forestry. The aim of research activities is encouraging of rural development by utilisation of local resources. He has experience from projects in above mentioned fields on national and international level. He is educated in forestry and economy and PhD degree in forest technology with specialisation on non-wood forest products.



**Indrek Kuuben**

**EcoSpruce OÜ**

*Estonia*

**POSTER: EcoSpruce: new added value products from spruce needles**

Indrek Kuuben (1967) has worked in public service for many years and has extensive experience in management and creating management structures. He has led several local and international projects which has taught him project management and the keys to realizing successful projects. As the initiator of the idea of using spruce needle biomass, he is extremely motivated to realize his ambition and disseminate the novel idea.

Current employer- 2016 EcoSpruce OÜ, Board member. EcoSpruce OÜ is a newly founded company that was established with the aim of industrially utilizing spruce needle mass and promoting the better use of spruce needles as a resource through developing and commercializing spruce juice and its by-products. The SME's overall strategy seeks to combine profitable business activities with wider societal (especially health) benefits and the mission is to offer added value to society through diversifying the use of natural resources.

Previous employment - 2001- 2016 Estonian National Archive, Deputy State Archivist. Duties: coordinating the work/cooperation of National Archive different structures, planning and implementing strategies, development programmes and directives, planning the work of employees, representing National Archive, daily management. Organisations - Estonian Fund for Nature, Conservation Holidays teamleader 2006, Estonian Defence League 2014, Alam-Pedja Nature Reserve Cooperation Board 2016.



**Sven MUTKE**

**INIA, National Institute for Agricultural and Food Research and Technology**

*Madrid, Spain*

**POSTER: Mediterranean pine nuts from forests and agroforestry**

Forest Engineer and PhD at Madrid TU. My research lines are Sustainable Forest Management for Non-Wood Forest Products (pine nuts, resin, holm oak woodlands); Mediterranean pines, their forest systems, forest genetic resources and especially *Pinus pinea* and its edible pine nuts. Coordinator of the activity on Mediterranean stone pine within the FAO/CIHEAM Inter-regional Research Network on Nuts, including the periodic Agropine Meetings. Coordinator of IUFRO RG1.08.00 on Silviculture for production of edible fruits.

2012–present. Head of Service for Forest Industries, Forest Research Centre INIA-CIFOR

2009–present. Researcher Sustainable Forest Management Research Institute UVA-INIA

2006–2011. RTD Technologist INIA-CIFOR, Dpt. Forest Systems and Resources

1994–2006. Pre and postgraduate research fellow, PhD grant holder, researcher Technical University Madrid, Forestry College, Madrid (Spain)

2005. PhD Madrid TU, Spain. 2000. MSc Forestry, U. Valladolid, Spain





**Hannu Pauli Kalervo Piispanen**

**Pro Pakuri Finland ry**

*Mikkeli, Finland*

**POSTER: Finnish Pakuri: Speciality mushrooms**

I was born in the countryside in Eastern Finland and used to play in the forest and observe the nature's growth and wildlife. Picking wild mushrooms and berries in the autumn as well as wood harvesting in the winter were essential parts of the way of life during that time. After receiving technical education I understood that I did not wish to focus only on machine construction, and therefore I completed also commercial and language studies. In professional life I have had a long career in Finnish Technology Industry, especially in Forest and Paper industry's global sales and marketing for machinery and automation.

Education: BSc 1974 Waertsilä University of Applied Sciences ; Finnish Export Institute 1977; Helsinki School of Economics, MSc Tampere University of Technology 2000

Language skills: Finnish , Swedish, English, French, some words of Italian and German

Hobbies: Marathon running, nature photography, forest works, cooking and enjoying of healthy life.



**Bruno ROLLAND**

**Regional Centre of the Forest Ownership (CRPF)**

*Rhône-Alpes, France*

**POSTER: Amycoforest: mushroom production and forestry**

Bruno ROLLAND is a forest officer who studied in the French Institute of technology for forest, environment, natural resources and land management, in Nancy (institute ENGREF). He has worked in several French institutes in different regions, in public or private organizations.

Currently, he works for an institute called, Regional Centre of the Forest Ownership (CRPF) in Rhône-Alpes. This public institution has to guide and develop forest management in the privately owned forests, in particular to increase the forestry management plans. He is responsible for coordinating the technical development (experimentation, publications) and international projects. He coordinates various regional projects related to the consideration of climate change in forest management, carbon sequestration, biodiversity conservation and the development of new related tools.

He was the project manager of the Amycoforest program (INTERREG France-Italy) - 2011 to 2013 on the development of forestry including forest production and mushrooms.



**António Salgueiro**

**GIFF – Integrated Forest Management and Development (Gestão integrada e Fomento Florestal)**

*Portugal*

**POSTER: ResiVal: gumming and other NWFP in the sustainable management of the maritime pine ecosystem**

António Salgueiro is CEO and co-founder of GIFF LDA., a SME Portuguese company, devoted to the management, conservation and protection of forest areas against wildfire, specialized in the use of prescribed fire, and forest management with pine resin extraction. He holds a degree in Forestry Engineering. Has 6 years of experience as project leader and technical assistant in European Union projects in Africa, in forestry and nature conservation, (Projet de Reboisement Villageois and National Park of High Niger). At the General Direction of Forest Resources (DGRF), Portugal he worked as consulting expert for legislation related with forest fires and technical fire use. In the frame of FP6-EU Fire Paradox project, was responsible for the conception, organization and coordination of Wildfire Specialist Group (GAUF), inside the National Forest Services, and supporting the National Authority for Civil Protection (ANPC) in big wildfires suppression action. Development, evaluation and coordination of resin exploitation. Coordination of operational group for valorization and protection of forests, based on the exploitation of non-wood forest products.







**Alfredo Maria de Sousa Cunhal Melero Sendim**

**Herdade do Freixo do Meio**

*Portugal*

**POSTER: Herdade do Freixo do Meio, Montado System as an ancestral Agroecologic model**

Master in Agricultural Economics, University of Évora; Master of Science in Agriculture and food products commercialization, Intenational Centre of Mediterranean Agriculture Studies from Saragosa, Spain; Post-Graduate "Agricultural Business Management" Agronomic Institute of Chania, Greece (CIHEAM); Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science, University of Évora. He is the manager of several enterprises related to agroforestry production, food production and commercialization of rural products in Alentejo region (Portugal). Mr Alfredo Sendim is a central figure in Portugal for all those that dedicate their lives to organic farming.



**Mindaugas ŠILININKAS**

**Euromediena group**

*Lithuania*

**POSTER: Phytoremediation services**

For the last 7 years I am a manager and co-owner of Euromediena group, which owns and manages 1500 ha on newly established hybrid aspen forest plantations and 700 ha of short rotation poplar plantations.

The activities of Euromediena group involve woody biomass growing, practical implementation of circular economy concepts (e.g. usage bio-waste for fertilization) and new bio-based project developments related with usage of biomass. I am also a deputy chairman of Lithuanian forest owners association and Member of the board, chairing scientific and biomass growers panel of Lithuanian biomass energy association Litbioma.

I hold a Master degree in business and in my previous life I was a partner of local investment banking boutique.



**Henri Vanhanen**

**Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke)**

*Finland*

**POSTER: Profitability of birch sap tapping in Finland**

Dr. Henri Vanhanen Senior Research Scientist Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke) is an expert in agroforestry and non-wood forest product (NWFP) applications. Before research career he gained experience on law enforcement work on agroforestry. During his research career he has focused on NWFP applications from sustainable plant protection in SCION New Zealand to food production as agroforestry practice in MTT Agrifood Finland. He has lead several national agroforestry projects such as cultivation and domestication forest berries.



**Maria Verdum Virgos**

**Catalan Cork Institute**

*Catalonia, Spain*

**POSTER: High value 3D printed products from low quality cork raw materials**

Maria Verdum Virgos has a degree in Biology at the University of Girona and a Master's degree in Advanced Microbiology at the University of Barcelona. She did the final project (Presence of influenza virus in pets: dogs, cats and horses, in Veterinary Immunology) in CReSA-UAB (Autonomous University of Barcelona). She worked as technical researcher in Genomics and Proteomics of Bacterial Virulence Factors group in Department of Microbiology from University of Barcelona. From December 2014 to January 2016 she worked in Catalan Cork Institute as





laboratory technician working in quality controls of cork, wine and food sector. Since then, she has been working on R+D department in Catalan Cork Institute. As technical researcher, she has been part of several Regional, State and European projects like ENCORK (2014-2016) or LIFE-ECORKWASTE (2015-2018).

Catalan Cork Institute wants to demonstrate that increasing resource efficiency of cork oak forest is possible with the implementation of a circular economy in the cork industry. The Institute is working in that direction since it was created in 1991.”

## CVs - EIP-AGRI Service Point team



**Mark Redman**

### **Main Facilitator**

Mark Redman is a free-range rural development enthusiast and expert with over 25 years of experience in research, consultancy and teaching.

He has a background in practical agriculture, with a PhD in Soil Science (1991) from the University of Edinburgh, UK. Since 1999 he has supported the development of agri-environment schemes, environmental legislation and Rural Development Plans in over 15 countries, both pre- and post-EU accession. He has worked closely with the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD) and several national rural networks since 2009, and as a lead facilitator / independent expert with the EIP-AGRI Service Point since 2013.

Born and bred in the pastoral landscapes of south-west England, he now lives in the mountains of southern Transylvania, Romania.



**Andrés Manuel García Lamparte**

### **Task Manager / 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 of research are land-use change models, spatial analysis and decision support tools. Andrés is working since 2014 at the EIP-AGRI Service Point as database officer and website administrator. He has participated as backup in the EIP-AGRI Focus Group on water and agriculture and Task Manager of the EIP-AGRI Focus Group on mixed farming systems. Andrés is currently the Task Manager of the EIP-AGRI Workshop ‘new value chains from multifunctional forests’.



**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.

### **Iiri Raa**

#### **Facilitator**



Iiri holds a BSc in environmental sciences, currently she works as the chief specialist in the Agri-environmental Monitoring Bureau of the Agricultural Research Centre (ARC) in Estonia. She has fifteen years' experience of specialised and organisational work, including five years' experience working with soil amendments (primarily compost) and eight years' experience in RDP/agri-environment policy with ARC, with a special focus on evaluation RDP measures with environmental impact. Her field of activity in ARC is related to providing input with annual analyses on rural development practices and policies.

She has been coordinator for the conferences, working groups and evaluation reports for RDP. She has been also lecturing on agri-environmental issues in trainings for farmers and given presentations both in national and international conferences.

### **Beatriz Guimarey Fernández**

#### **Facilitator**



Bea Guimarey is Forestry Engineer and has a Master in Sustainable Land Planning by the Univ. of Santiago de Compostela (Spain). At the same institution she works on the Land Laboratory and Territorial Information System Platform in projects related to Geographical Information Systems and remote sensing techniques.

At EIP-AGRI Service Point she is partial time research officer. Her main duties involve organisation and facilitation of EIP-AGRI workshops and Focus Group, communication with research institutions and she contributes also to EIP-AGRI publications. Her main duties for this workshop are facilitating and assisting on the organisation.

### **Sarah Beigel**

#### **Communication officer**



As part of the Service Point's communication team, Sarah coordinates the EIP-AGRI newsletter and the Service Point standard email. She works on publications, contributes to the content of the EIP-AGRI website and offers support for events.

Sarah is British, currently living and working in France. She has a masters 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 as European project officer for AC3A (French Chambers of Agriculture).