

# Speakers' CVs

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION  
WORKSHOP 'ESTABLISHING OPERATIONAL GROUPS' – PRAGUE, 2014

## In order of the programme



### Mark Redman

#### EIP-AGRI Service Point

Mark Redman is an independent rural development consultant with other 25 years of experience in research, consultancy and teaching in sustainable agriculture, rural development and all aspects of the environment (water, soil, biodiversity and climate action). He has a background in practical agriculture, with a PhD in Soil Science (1991) from the University of Edinburgh, UK. He is specialised in agri-environmental policy analysis and programming for EU funding, and since 1999 he has provided technical assistance to the development of agri-environment schemes, environmental legislation and Rural Development Plans in over 15 countries, both pre- and post-EU accession. He has been working closely with the Contact Point of the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD) since 2010 and is very familiar with the opportunities and obstacles for using net-working to promote more effective stakeholder engagement in rural development policy development and implementation. He is an experienced facilitator and has led interactive discussions in groups of 4 to 400 people.

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### Inge Van Oost

#### DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Inge Van Oost is policy officer at the European Commission, Directorate General Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI) and involved in the setting up of the European Innovation Partnership "Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability", in particular for cross-cutting aspects and rural development issues. As member of the DG AGRI Taskforce "Research and Innovation" she has been shaping DG AGRI's research and innovation approach and Horizon 2020 work programmes. In her former post at the Commission she was policy officer in the Direct Support Unit and the Cross Compliance Unit, responsible for cross-compliance, the Farm Advisory System and links to the Rural Development policy. Before working at the Commission she was coordinator of the demonstration projects at the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Horticulture of the Ministry of the Flemish Region. There she was also involved in drafting rural development measures and designing the farm advisory system, was member of the selection committee and evaluator of many agricultural research projects. In the former federal Belgian Administration for Agriculture she has served the Secretariat-General as coordinator of the Horticultural chain, dealing with chain management, food quality, traceability and safety, evaluation of sustainable production methods, indicators, certification schemes and

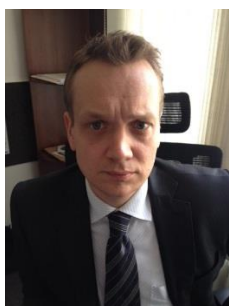
communication with consumers. Before becoming administrator she first worked as a farm advisor, then as the coordinator of a team of advisers. Being based in an applied research institute the team was advising farmers, as well as designing and implementing experimentation and demonstration projects.



### **Pilar Gumma Solernou**

#### **DG Agriculture and Rural Development**

Pilar Gumma Solernou graduated in Veterinary Medicine in Barcelona University in 1990. She worked in food safety for the Catalan Government for 10 years. She moved to the European Commission in 2002, first in DG Health and Consumers (working first in audit and then in enforcement) and after that she joined DG AGRI. At the moment Pilar Gumma Solernou works in unit H5 in the EIP team.



### **Josef Tabery,**

#### **Managing Authority Department for Rural Development Programme of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic**

Josef Tabery has been working for the Ministry of Agriculture since 2002 on various subjects of the EU affaires, in particular following the CAP reforms. From 2006 to 2011 he joined the services of the Permanent Representation of the Czech Republic to the European Union in Brussels and led the negotiations of several issues during the Czech Presidency of the EU. Currently he is responsible for the implementation of the RDP and the preparation of the Programme for the period 2014-2020.



### **Margarida Ambar**

#### **EIP-AGRI Service Point**

Margarida Ambar is a team member of the Service Point for the implementation of the European Innovation Partnership 'Agricultural productivity and sustainability' (EIP AGRI).

She has been working since 1992 for the Portuguese Ministry of Agriculture, in the General Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Development. She worked as an expert on land development and has experience in managing teams both as head of division and at project level. Facilitating relations with stakeholders, particularly farmers and land owners in land consolidation projects has been a major part of her work.

Since 2005 she has been working in international networks. She is a member of the LANDNET network where she has been involved both at organisational and technical levels, giving presentations related to land development and participative processes. She was responsible from Portuguese side in Interreg projects such as "Future Approaches to Land Development – FARLAND" and "F:ACTS! – Forms to Adapt to Climate Change through Territorial Strategies!". She has organised and facilitated several events at national and international level and she participated in advisory missions in CEE countries.

Margarida Ambar studied Agricultural Engineering at the Technical University of Lisbon and has a master in Territorial Management and Urbanism, focusing on stakeholders' involvement.

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### Ms Kate Pressland

#### Soil Association, UK

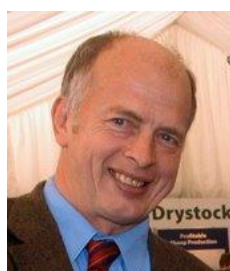
Kate Pressland studied her PhD at the University of Bristol, UK, investigating the effect of game management on farm woodland ecology, after working as a research assistant on a project comparing food webs and habitat structure of organic and conventional farms. From 2009, she worked as a landscape ecologist and agricultural advisor for a conservation charity working with farmers on agri-environment schemes and management of grasslands and wetlands. She joined the Soil Association, the UK's leading organic farming charity and certification organisation, in December 2013 as the Research Manager on the Duchy Originals Future Farming Programme (DOFFP). She leads the research elements of the programme, including the fund, research partnerships, and development of the field lab programme, to ensure DOFFP informs and inspires scientists and policy makers.



### Herman Schoorlemmer

#### Applied Plant Research of Wageningen University, The Netherlands

Ir H.B. (Herman) Schoorlemmer graduated in agricultural economics (Wageningen 1990). He has more than 20 years experience in applied research. His current position is Research Manager at Applied Plant Research part of Wageningen University & Research centre. Besides he is leader of the strategic research programme Transition & Innovation. Herman has been active in national and international projects about entrepreneurship, farm economics, rural development, co-innovation and knowledge & innovation systems. He has hands-on expertise in facilitation of innovation processes with farmers, SME's and other stakeholders.



### Tom Kelly

#### TEAGASC, Ireland

Dr Tom Kelly is Director of Knowledge Transfer in Teagasc; he manages the Agricultural Education and Farm Advisory Services in Teagasc. Teagasc advisory programmes are contracted to service 40,000 farmers and the education programme trains equivalent to 3,500 full time students. Teagasc is an independent state agency with responsibility for the development of Agriculture and Food in Ireland.

Tom has a primary degree in Agricultural Science and a research based Masters and PhD from the National University of Ireland, University College Dublin.

Tom also completed a corporate MBA at the University of Limerick.

Tom has many years of experience in the provision of education and advisory programmes and has a specific interest in improving the effectiveness of knowledge transfer in Agriculture. In particular the development of peer to peer learning networks and joint programmes with industry stakeholders. Tom is inaugural chairman of the newly formed EUFRAS (European Forum for Agricultural and Rural Advisory Services) Tom was brought up on a family run dairy farm and now lives with his wife Ann who is a farmer with beef and tillage enterprises, they have five children.



**Tomáš Rättinger**

**Technology Centre of the Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic**

Tomas Rättinger is senior economist of the Department for Strategic Studies. His current area of research concerns innovation and research policies in agriculture and food industry. Before he was Head of the Department for Agricultural Markets at the Institute for Agricultural Economics and Information (UZEI) in Prague (2009-2012), leader of Agricultural and Rural Development (SUSTAG) research group JRC/IPTS in Seville (2005-2009), and Senior Agricultural Economist at the Research Institute for Agricultural Economics (VUZE) in Prague (until 2005); in all these cases his research largely focused on investigation impacts of the both Pillars of the CAP on farmers, society and environment.

Tomas Rättinger worked as an external consultant for the European Network for Rural Development on studies concerning targeting territorial specificities and needs in rural development programmes and analysis of knowledge transfer and innovation measures (2009-2014).

Tomas Rättinger is also lecturer at the Faculty for Agri-tropical Sciences of the Czech University of Life Sciences in Prague.