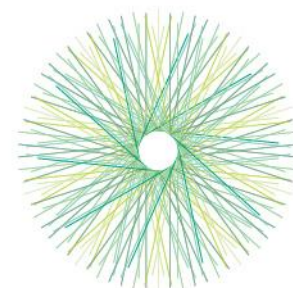


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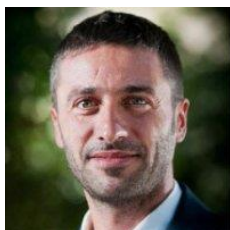
Rob PETERS



European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Rob Peters joined the European Commission in 1988 and has mostly worked on policy analysis, development and implementation in the field of agriculture and rural development in DG AGRI. Since 1st of January 2014 he is head of the newly created Research and Innovation unit, AGRI-H5, with responsibility for agricultural research and the European Innovation Partnership for agricultural productivity and sustainability.

Federico Maria GRATI



Biochemtex

Environmental Engineer. After graduating in Environmental Engineering at the University in Florence and at the Danish Technical University (DTU), he began his professional career in 2004 in the area of hydraulic and hydrological design. In parallel, he dedicated himself to international cooperation in various Countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. In 2005 he was a researcher at the Tropical Agronomy University in Florence, in the field of bio-energy (LIFE+ VOICE project). In 2006 he founded, Agroils srl, a start up in the area of bio-fuel production in tropical countries, acquiring a specific know-how on biofuels in more than 20 countries in Africa and South America. In 2010, he was honoured with the BEST Fulbright scholarship and attended a period of entrepreneurial training in the Silicon Valley. In 2011, he was charged to develop and manage a biofuel project in Ghana (7,000 hectares) as Managing Director of Smart Oil. From 2013, he worked as project manager in Biochemtex Agro, having the responsibility to develop cellulosic ethanol supply chains in Europe and Asia. Since 2013, he is project development manager for the ethanol project in Sardinia, with responsibilities for the development of a local biomass supply chain; re-conversion of abandoned land to profitable bioenergy crops is a key aspect to reach environmental and social sustainability. In Sardinia, Federico is managing contacts with Public Authorities, Farmers and other stakeholders for issues related to agricultural value chains, including dedicated energy crops and agricultural residues.

Christer SEGERSTÉEN



Södra

Deputy member of the Södra Board of Directors 1991, ordinary member 1992.

Vice Chairman of the Södra Board of Directors 1993-2010

Chairman of the Södra Board of Directors 2010- present

Christer's basic values are based on traditional farm values combined with an appreciation of ongoing social progress – a firmly rooted interest in the past matched by a strong interest in the future.

His strong feelings for the local district and for the countryside in general add to his conviction of the importance of rural industry for positive national development.

Christer's contributions to the Swedish forestry industry are based on personal experience from his forestry estate. These are the roots from which his genuine interest in forestry management – and in the natural and cultural value of the forest – has grown, and from which his passion to defend and promote the interests of forestry, especially family forestry, has developed. Christer also understands the need for innovation and adaptation to new ways. He has a holistic view of the forestry industry, combining his forestry perspective with active involvement in process industry development and the marketing of forest products.

Within the forestry industry he lobbies proactively for rational forestry policy and for solid R&D and education investments as well as for development of the co-operative corporate model.

On the market side he is an enthusiastic "wood ambassador", and has had a key role in developing forest certification as an effective tool for marketing forest and forest industry products.

He works actively on a national, Scandinavian, European and global level to promote family forestry and forest certification.

Catia BASTIOLI



Novamont

Catia Bastioli is the CEO of Novamont, industrial reality that she has turned over time from a research centre into a reference company in the field of bioplastics and products from renewable sources.

She has been developing and field-studying the model of third-generation biorefineries, where an efficient use of resources is the primary objective and priority is given to high value-added products, short supply-chains and a system-based economy. This represents a cultural (before an economic) development model, based on territorial regeneration that starts from decommissioned chemical sites and uses local biodiversity and scraps as sources of low-cost raw materials, capitalizing research and innovation and involving different stakeholders.

Catia Bastioli has been a member of important EU working groups on climate change, environment and renewable raw materials, and since 2013 she has taken part in the Bioeconomy Panel of the EU Commission. She is the author of many scientific and academic articles and contributions to international books and magazines about chemistry from renewable sources, bioplastics and biorefineries. She is also the inventor of around 80 patent families in the sector of synthetic and natural polymers and transformation processes of renewable raw materials.

Battista CUALBU

Coldiretti



Battista Cualbu is the Regional President of Coldiretti Sardegna, the most representative farmers' association in the Italian region of Sardinia. Since 1986 he leads an agricultural livestock enterprise where he breeds sheep, mainly for PDO (Protected Designation of Origin) Sardinian dairy products.

He holds the position of Vice President of the Consortium of the Lamb of Sardinia PGI (Protected Geographical Indication) and he represents the National Confederation Coldiretti as adviser in the CNEL - National Council for Economy and Labour, establishment of the Italian Republic for the Economic and Social Legislation.

He promotes agriculture and food "Made in Italy", both as representative and as farmer in Sardinia.

Virginie Rimbart



DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Virginie Rimbart is a French agronomist and she holds a PhD in human nutrition. She worked for 5 years in research in France and moved to Brussels to work for a European Food and Drink Association. In 2008, she joined the European Commission, first working in DG ENTR in the food sector and then spending 5 years in DG Research and Innovation working on bioenergy. In 2014, she joined in the new DG AGRI unit working on R&I dealing with H2020 and the European Innovation Partnership for Productive and Sustainable Agriculture.

Hans- Jürgen Froese



Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture of Germany

Dr. Hans-Jürgen Froese was born in 1961 in Marburg, Germany. From 1983 to 1988 he studied geography, with agricultural economics and public economy as secondary subjects at the Justus-Liebig University of Giessen. After that, Mr. Froese elaborated a research project on agricultural trade and production issues related to the adhesion of Spain to the European Community which was the basis for his doctoral thesis.

Since 1992, Hans-Jürgen Froese has been working in the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection of Germany in different

functions. Among other areas this involved the bilateral trade negotiations with Eastern European countries and the WTO trade negotiations in agriculture. Beside this, Mr. Froese has worked for several years in the German embassies in Madrid (1997-2000), Buenos Aires (2003-2008) and Mexico (2013-2014) as agricultural counsellor. In 2008, Mr. Froese changed to the bioenergy division of the Ministry dealing mainly with sustainability issues and bioenergy concepts. In November 2010, Mr. Froese became head of division for bioeconomy and industrial use of biomass where he is also responsible for general affairs with the Agency for Renewable Resources (FNR) and the ministry's funding programme for Renewable Resource. Mr. Froese is married and has three children.

Laurie Ducatillon



CHAMBRE D'AGRICULTURE DE LA SEINE-MARITIME

Agricultural engineer

Professional experiences:

In ESITPA (agricultural engineering school) in 2013:

Education in animal science

In chamber of agriculture, currently:

Development of projects of methanation

Technical-economic study on small wind turbines in the farm

Study on the effectiveness of woody strips against runoff

Project manager "INNOBIOMA": Produce and develop agricultural energy biomass to protect lands against erosion and water quality

Facilitators

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 participatory 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.

Sarah Beigel

EIP-AGRI SERVICE POINT



Sarah Beigel is part of the Service Point's communication team. She deals with the EIP-AGRI newsletter and the Service Point standard email. She also works on events and publications. She has 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).

Ann-Sophie Debergh

EIP-AGRI SERVICE POINT



Ann-Sophie Debergh is team member of the EIP AGRI Service Point and Task Manager of the EIP Focus Group "Optimising profitability of crop production through Ecological Focus Areas".

She started as scientific researcher at the Flemish Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries research (ILVO) working on a Eurostat project about agricultural competitiveness and agri-environmental indicators for rural development. Since 2008 she is working as a Rural Development policy officer at the Flemish Land Agency (VLM). There she has been coordinating several working groups of the Flemish Intergovernmental Rural Development Platform (IPO) (currently one about the valorisation of biomass harvested from landscape features). She coordinated in 2011 the development of the first Flemish Rural Development Policy Programme. Since 2013 she is involved in a land development project of the peri-urban area surrounding the Brussels region, focusing on short supply chains for farmers.

Throughout these years Ann-Sophie was trained and gained experience in the facilitation of interactive sessions and workshops at policy and project level.

Ann-Sophie Debergh holds a Master's degree in Bioscience engineering (specialisation of Land and Forest management) and an Advanced Master in European integration and development.



Sergiu Didicescu

EIP-AGRI SERVICE POINT

Born 1980, Romanian

Sergiu has a university degree in oenology and a license in agricultural and food economics. In the period 2001 – 2004 he worked as an oenologist in one of Romania's most important wine producing areas. From 2005 he started working for the Romanian Ministry of Agriculture, Managing Authority for the National Rural Development Programme where he dealt with land management and investments related support measures. In the period 2009 – 2013 Sergiu worked as an expert of the European Commission and from 2013 started working as farm practice officer at the EIP AGRI Service Point.

Sergiu believes that European agriculture has significant potential to grow despite the economic hardships and environmental challenges farmers have to cope with. Innovation, which he defines as 'great ideas being successfully mainstreamed into practice', is key for unlocking this potential. The way forward is to promote a new EU wide innovation model based on interactive participation of farmers, scientists and other actors along the value chain closely working together. This new model is expected to provide real innovative solutions that are not forgotten after the project is over, but are successfully adopted by farmers and transposed into practice.

Pacôme Elouna Eyenga

EIP-AGRI SERVICE POINT

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

