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EIP-AGRI WORKSHOP SHAPING THE EU MISSION 'CARING FOR SOIL IS CARING FOR LIFE'



Speaker and facilitator CVs

In order of the programme



Kerstin Rosenow

European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Last 16 years **European Commission**

- Since March 2018: **Head of Unit B2 - Research and Innovation, DG Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI)**: Establishing the research policy agenda, programming and monitoring of the agricultural research and innovation policy. Managing of 22 staff.
- 3 ½ years: **Research Executive Agency (REA), Head of Unit B2 - Sustainable resources for food security and growth**: Managing Horizon 2020 research projects worth 3 billion Euros in the area of agriculture, food and bioeconomy. Establishing the unit, staff and procedures, managing 60 staff.
- 3 years: **DG AGRI: Negotiator/Policy Coordinator**: rural development: Preparation of the new legislative framework for the Common Agricultural Policy/rural development including negotiations with Council and European Parliament.
- 7 years: **DG AGRI: Team Leader/Programme Manager**: Coordination of negotiation, setting up and implementation of rural development programmes with the Agriculture Ministries, FAO and World Bank in the pre-accession/candidate countries.
- 1 year: **Representation of the European Commission to Turkey, Ankara**: Project manager for institution building and accession preparations.

Five years - **German administration, Representation of the State of Hessen to the EU, Brussels**

- **Head of Unit for EU regional policy and rural development**: Management of a small team, informing and advising the Minister President as well as the Hessian Government of/on EU policy developments, communication, stakeholder information.

Studies of law, politics and administration in Marburg, Grenoble and Bruges



Pacôme Elouna Eyenga

EIP-AGRI Service Point

Pacôme Elouna Eyenga is Belgian and was born in Yaoundé, Cameroon. He graduated as agronomist 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.



Pandi Zdruli

EIP-AGRI Service Point

Prof. Dr. Pandi Zdruli is Senior Research Scientist with the International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM) Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Bari in Italy since 1999 where he teaches soil science and natural resources management. Prior to joining the Bari Institute, he was Visiting Scientist (for two years) with the European Commission's Joint Research Centre at Ispra, Italy and Senior Fulbright Research Scholar (for five years) at the United States Department of Agriculture – Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA NRCS) in Washington, D.C. where he completed his PhD sponsored by the Fulbright Foundation after graduating from the Agricultural University of Tirana in his native Albania. Prof. Zdruli has published 80 papers and technical reports on relevant soil management topics and has edited 12 books. Among others, he is member of International Union of Soil Science, Soil, Crop and Agronomy Society of America, Italian Society of Soil Science, European Soil Partnership, European Society for Soil Conservation, Fulbright Association, member of the former European Soil Bureau Network (ESBN), Editorial Board member of the World Atlas of Desertification (3rd edition) sponsored by EC, Lead Author of the Land and Soil policy chapter of the landmark Global Environmental Outlook (GEO6) published by UNEP in 2019, editorial board member of the on-going Soil Atlas of Asia, member of the Sino-EU panel on Land and Soil, Assembly member of the EU mission Caring for Soil is Caring for Life, and Advisory Board member of the European Joint Programme on Soil (EJP-Soil).



Prof. Bridget Emmett

Head of Soils and Land Use at the UK Centre for Ecology and Hydrology, EU Mission Board on Soil Health and Food

Responsibility for 60 staff across 3 CEH sites working in a mix of research areas involving all aspects of soil health and land use including various aspects of ecosystem services, natural capital and the land-sea interface.

Particular interest in soils, biogeochemical and ecosystem science. Specific topics include; impact of land management on natural capital and ecosystem services; change in soil structure and function; impacts of nitrogen pollution; impacts of climate change on soils and ecosystem function; new knowledge systems exploiting advances in computer science. Science focus is on biogeochemical cycling and implications for ecosystem structure and function including the nitrogen cycle, carbon cycle, vegetation composition, water quality and greenhouse gas emissions. Work is focussed on supporting policy development and improving the evidence base. She is a member of a wide range of committees and panels and was the Specialist Adviser for the UK Parliamentary Inquiry into Soil Health in 2016. Current membership includes the EU Mission Board on Soil Health and Food; assessment panels for the UKRI BBSRC "Transforming the UK Food System for Healthy People and a Healthy Environment" Assessment Panel and UKRI EPSRC "Circular Economy; the Scientific Advisory Board of the Sustainable Soil Alliance and is contributing author to the 3rd Climate Change Risk Assessment for the UK. She recently served as Chair of the UKRI NERC Soil Security Programme Advisory Board and as a member of the UKRI NERC Strategic Programme Advisory Group.



Alfred Grand

Organic farmer, Vermigrand, Grand Farm, EU Mission Board on Soil Health and Food

Alfred Grand is an organic farmer and entrepreneur from Austria. At VERMIGRAND he is producing organic fertilizer and peat free soil substrates with the help of earthworms. In 2019 GRAND FARM was developed into a research and demonstration farm, focusing on soil health, agroforestry and market gardening. Alfred is part of a range of national and international research projects, member of the Global Lighthouse Farming Network, an Ambassador for the European Innovation Partnership for Agriculture and member of the EU-Mission Board for Soil health and food.



Herman Schoorlemmer

Wageningen Plant Research

Herman Schoorlemmer is research manager of Wageningen University & Research. Graduated in agricultural economics, he has more than 25 years' experience in applied research. He leads a research group of the unit Field Crops of WUR of 30 people with PhD, MSc and BSc degrees. Herman has been active in national and international projects about transition & innovation in agriculture, entrepreneurship, rural development and Agricultural Knowledge & Innovation Systems. Concerning current H2020 projects he leads a WP in the project AGRILINK in which new forms of advisory services are developed in six Living Labs across Europe. In the H2020 Project NEFERTITI he leads the WP about fostering learning, reflection and monitoring to improve the impact of demonstration farms. Herman is an experienced facilitator of workshops and multi-stakeholder processes.



Yanniek Schoonhoven

Regeneration Academy

Yanniek Schoonhoven lives and works with her husband on La Junquera, their 1100ha farm in Southern Spain. They are implementing regenerative organic agriculture and assisting other farmers in this transition. Yanniek holds a master degree in Environmental Sciences and has worked for Commonland and AIVelAI in projects related to large scale landscape restoration.

Together with her colleague she has set up the Regeneration Academy on the farm. It is a young and ambitious organization that works on the transition to regenerative agriculture and rural entrepreneurship. The activities and programs hosted through the academy have both a positive impact on the students, as well as on the farm and its surroundings.



Dr. John Gilliland

Devenish

John Gilliland, is Director of Global Agriculture and Sustainability at Devenish, an innovative livestock nutrition company which creates complete solutions, improving animal, human and environmental health, simultaneously.

For the last six years, John has been Project Leader of the Devenish Lands at Dowth in Ireland, a ruminant and landscape research farm, where the company is well on its way to delivering carbon neutral beef and lamb production by 2025; and as a result the farm been selected as one of eleven international lighthouse farms for Wageningen University & Research (WUR) in the Netherlands.

John Gilliland is highly respected and recognised as an excellent leader and communicator across the breadth of the Agri Food and Sustainable Land Management Sectors. He has been an award winning farmer in Ireland, President of the Ulster Farmers Union; a Non Executive Director of the Scottish Rural College (SRUC), and an Energy Regulator in N. Ireland; while at the same time, he has been a policy adviser for Devolved, National and European Governments on Biotechnology, Climate Change and Sustainability.

In particular, John chaired for seven years, the UK's Rural Climate Change Forum, reporting directly to the Secretary of State of DEFRA, he helped set up the Carbon Management Centre in SRUC, Edinburgh.

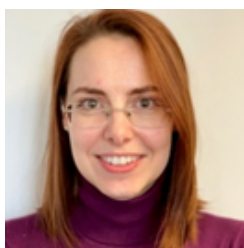
For the last six years John has been chairing the N. Ireland Expert Working Group on Sustainable Land Management, and on reducing Ammonia Emissions; and he is a member of the EU Commission's Mission Board Assembly on Soil Health & Food in Brussels.



Annette Schneegans,

European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Annette Schneegans is senior expert at the European Commission with an almost 20 year track record on European research policy and research funding, notably in the areas of life sciences and agriculture. Within her current activities, Annette is responsible for research programming in the areas of crop production and natural resources. As secretariat for the Mission Board Soil Health and Food she is closely involved in the development of a mission to raise society's awareness of soils and scale up efforts to improve soil health, amongst others through research and innovation under Horizon Europe. Annette has an academic background in agricultural sciences and international agricultural development with a focus on plant nutrition.



Magdalena Mach

European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Magdalena Mach is a Policy Officer at the European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, Research & Innovation Unit. She holds a Master's degree in International Relations. Before joining the EC she worked for the Agriculture and Fisheries Section of the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland to the European Union and Polish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development where for 6 years she was responsible for the implementation of LEADER approach under Rural Development Programme.

EIP-AGRI Service Point team



Liisa Kübarsepp

Task Manager

She is a member of the EIP-AGRI Service Point team in the Science and Research Sub-unit since 2017. Also, she is currently working for the Estonian Agricultural Research Centre and in the Estonian Crop Research Institute where she maintains the Potato Genebank which contains more than 450 varieties all over the world. She has previously worked in the Estonian University of Life Sciences as a junior researcher and continues her Ph.D. studies in the same university focusing on impacts of climate change on plant water relations and stomatal anatomy.



Andrés M. García Lamparte

Deputy Task Manager

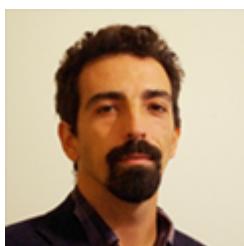
PhD Forest Engineer by the University of Santiago de Compostela. He has been working as research assistant in the Land Laboratory of the same university since 2007. Andrés main fields for research are land-use change models, spatial analysis and decision support tools. Andrés is working since 2014 at the EIP-AGRI Service Point as database officer and website administrator. He has participated as backup in several EIP-AGRI Focus Groups and as Task Manager for the EIP-AGRI Focus Groups on mixed farming systems and soil salinisation as well as for the EIP-AGRI workshop on new value chains from multifunctional forests.



Pandi Zdruli

Coordinating expert

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André Vizinho

Main facilitator

André Vizinho is a participatory action researcher and project coordinator in the Faculty of Sciences of Lisbon University since 2012, where he focuses in participatory landscape planning and climate adaptation of agroforestry systems. As main facilitator he collaborates with EIP Agri since 2019, in the Agri-innovation Summit 2019 entitled "EIP leading the Transition to Agroecology". He works also as a participatory action researcher in ECOLISE - European Network for Community-Led Initiatives on Climate Change and Sustainability. As freelance he works as participatory landscape planner, consultant on agroforestry systems and climate adaptation. He collaborates with the Portuguese National Rural Network as coordinator of the group on Forest Climate Adaptation and he is an active member of the Portuguese Competence Centre for Climate Change in the Agroforestry Sector (CNCACSA) and also of the Portuguese Competence Centre in the fight against desertification (CCDesert). André Vizinho has co-published 30 papers, technical reports and books and is presently finishing his PhD, after graduating in Environmental Engineering and obtaining a master on economic viability of the sustainable management of cork oak forests. From 2005 to 2012, after working on research on remote sensing of carbon sequestration in the agroforests of south Portugal (Faculty of Sciences and Technology of New University of Lisbon), he worked in rural local development, coordinating projects, working as a trainer, facilitator and animator for sustainable local development and communities.



Willemine Brinkman

Deputy team leader

Willemine Brinkman is the deputy team leader of the EIP-AGRI Service Point. Since 2007, she has worked in various executive agencies of the Netherlands Ministries of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy and of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality. 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.



Margarida Ambar

Facilitator

Margarida Ambar is one of the Rural Development officers in the EIP-AGRI Service Point, and her main tasks are related to networking and knowledge exchange, and to management and facilitation of events.

Margarida Ambar studied Agricultural Engineering at the Technical University of Lisbon and has a master in Territorial Management and Urbanism, focusing on stakeholders' involvement. She worked for about 20 years for the Portuguese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. Prior to becoming part of the EIP-AGRI Service Point team, she had already gained experience in international cooperation projects and networks aiming at knowledge exchange.



Sergiu Didicescu

Facilitator

Sergiu is educated in horticulture with a specialisation in oenology, as well as in agri-environmental economics. He started professional life as an oenologue in the 'Dealu Mare' area, Romania's largest vineyard. Later, he worked for the Romanian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the European Commission DG AGRI. From 2013 he is farm practice and rural development officer at the EIP-AGRI Service Point.



Beatriz Guimarey

Facilitator

Grown up on a small family farm in Galicia region (NW Spain), Beatriz Guimarey is Forestry Engineer and has a Master in Sustainable Land Planning by the University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain). Since 2014 she is Science & Research officer at the EIP-AGRI Service Point. Her main duties involve organisation and facilitation of EIP-AGRI events (Workshops and Focus Groups), specially dealing with forestry or climate change, and communication with research institutions. Furthermore, at the University of Santiago de Compostela, she works as a researcher at Land Laboratory and Territorial Information System Platform. There, she participates in projects related to spatial planning, rural development and land use change.



Alexandre Morin

Facilitator

Alexandre is a specialist in agricultural innovation projects. An environmental and hydrological scientist by academic background (MSc), he focuses on sustainable practices at farm and territorial levels. In his current position in the Chambre d'Agriculture in western French region of Pays de la Loire, he deals with European partnerships and fundings. He is also working part time for the EIP-AGRI Service Point, taking part in the organisation and facilitation of EIP-AGRI workshops and Focus Groups.



Annika Suu

Facilitator

Annika has studied biology (BSc) and ecology (MSc) at the University of Tartu. She has worked with the applied research programme, and RDP measures for knowledge transfer and cooperation in the Ministry of Rural Affairs in Estonia. She works for the Estonian NRN and is the project coordinator for the Innovation Cluster for Plant Proteins. Since 2018 she works for the EIP-AGRI Service Point as a database unit officer and facilitator.



Kevin Grauwels

Facilitator

Kevin is a part-time farm practices officer at the EIP-AGRI Service Point, specialised in soil and nutrient management. Besides, he is working at the Vlaamse Landmaatschappij (VLM) on project development in the area of sustainable transition of the agri-food system, rural development and ecosystem services. Before he was long-time involved in the Flemish nutrient management policies, first as a policy officer at VLM and later on as an advisor for the Minister of Environment.



Katrien Dejongh Audenaert

Facilitator

Katrien is an Agricultural Engineer (sub) Tropical Agriculture from Ghent University, with post graduate training in Rural Development at the University of London (Wye College).

Katrien joined the EIP-AGRI Service Point in June 2019. She is a farm practices officer and supports the organisation of the meetings of the permanent Subgroup on Innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability.

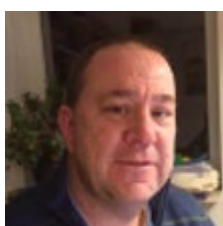
Katrien has a long experience in sustainable agricultural practices, smallholder farming, agro-ecology, agricultural cooperatives, social innovation and social enterprises, mostly in development countries. She has facilitated numerous change processes in that context.



Iiri Raa

Facilitator

Iiri is a part-time expert at EIP-AGRI Service Point with main duties of supporting organization and facilitating in the events. By academic background she has degree in environmental sciences. In her current position in Estonian Agricultural Research Centre she has gained long-term experience in RDP/agri-environment policy with a special focus on evaluation of RDP measures with environmental impact.



Remco Schreuder

Facilitator

Started in April 2013 as a member of the Service Point team Working non-permanent for the EIP-AGRI Service Point as Farm Practice Officer.

Since 2014 working for the Dutch Agency for Entrepreneurs as an (policy) advisor on Agricultural issues, mainly rural development (agro environment and climate) and CAP. Spend 20 years at several Applied Research units of Wageningen University focusing on farm economics and sustainable farm development. Experienced in applied research on dairy farming, arable farming, bulb production and flowers, ornamental trees and fruit. Touching economics, entrepreneurship, manure treatment, crop protection, feeding, grassland management and many others.



Zeus González Fernández

Technical helpdesk

Zeus works as a Systems Administrator at the Land Laboratory of the University of Santiago de Compostela (2013-). He deals with the management of the technological infrastructure, training of technical staff, software development, management of an e-learning platform, social media of the group's projects, and support for researchers.

At Service Point he manages the videoconferencing platforms to facilitate interactive online meetings



Ina Van Hoye

Communication officer

Ina Van Hoye is communication officer at the EIP-AGRI Service Point, coordinating the communication unit. She is responsible for the communication strategy, press contacts, social media, dissemination of the communication tools and events coordinator. Ina Van Hoye is a communication expert who has more than 20 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.



Tine Defour

Communication officer

As part of the Service Point's communication team, Tine writes and coordinates brochures and other Service Point publications, and she is responsible for the yearly EIP-AGRI Agrinnovation magazine. She contributes to the content of the EIP-AGRI website and offers support for events. She loves whipping words into publishable shape.

Tine has an academic background, with a PhD in English linguistics. From 2003 to 2014 she was a researcher and lecturer at Ghent University, Belgium, allowing her to gain experience in international networking and in organising events. During that time she also worked as an editorial assistant and proofreader for an academic journal.