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Speaker and facilitator CVs

Speakers – in the order of the programme



Martijn Weijtens

Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, the Netherlands

Martijn Weijtens is Director of Plant Production and Food Quality, at the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands.



Anikó Seregélyi

European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Anikó Seregélyi is policy officer in DG AGRI's Research and Innovation Unit EIP-AGRI team since March 2015. She started her career at the EC in 2007. Her current responsibilities are related to the EU-wide EIP-AGRI networking activities (Focus Groups, Workshops, Seminars) and the EIP-AGRI Service Point contract management. In the last years she was following several Focus Groups, workshops and seminars mainly related to the sustainable management of natural resources, plant health and capacity building activities. In the last 3 years she was the technical manager of the Preparatory Action on EU plant and animal genetic resources in agriculture. Prior to joining the Commission, she worked as EU project manager in Hungary responsible for several research supporting projects in the 5th and 6th RTD Framework Programme and for researchers' mobility issues.

Anikó studied in Budapest, Freiburg, Aachen and Speyer. She is graduated in Geography at the Eötvös Loránd University Budapest (MSc) and holding a postgraduate Master in European Studies from the Aachen University, Germany.



Niels Rump

EIP-AGRI Service Point

As a biologist (MSc) and organic farmer, Niels has developed a singular awareness for systemic and complex aspects of living systems. He gathered his practical experience as manager and board member of different farmers' organisations at local national and European level. This enables him to act as a very pragmatic Human Systems Engineer (MAS). To facilitate collaboration and to support change and learning processes in multicultural settings has become his speciality. The successful implementation of participatory methods in small and large groups is one of his recognised skills. Niels is always available to focus on the process so that others can concentrate on contents. His sources of inspiration are Transcendental Meditation® and Aikido.

Edoardo Costantini

EIP-AGRI Service Point



Edoardo is the workshop's coordinating expert. Before retirement, Edoardo worked as research director at the Research Centre for Agriculture and Environment of Florence, belonging to the CREA National council for agricultural research and economics. He acted as director of the CREA Research Centre for Agrobiology and Pedology of Florence. Former lecturer of Pedology by the Department of Earth Sciences of the University of Siena and tutor of Ph thesis and member of International doctorates in Italy, Spain and France. He is the chair of the Pillar 4 "Enhance the quantity and quality of soil data and information: data collection, analysis, validation, reporting, monitoring and integration with other disciplines" of the European Soil Partnership and current Secretary of the European Society for Soil Conservation. During his research career, he has coordinated several national and international projects and published more than 200 papers books and monographs on agronomy and soil genesis, classification, mapping, and conservation.

Bhim Bahadur Ghaley

University of Copenhagen, Denmark



Ghaley is working as an Associate professor in the research group "Climate and Food security" under the Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences, University of Copenhagen. Ghaley has a background in molecular plant breeding and agronomy and have extensive experience in agronomy/field crop production, nutrient uptake and utilisation, ¹⁵N stable isotope use, cultivar screening for pest and disease, crop and soil process modelling, soil carbon and nitrogen dynamics, ecosystem service quantification and valuation, ecological stoichiometry, value chain analysis, energy synthesis and cereal-legume intercropping. Currently, I am coordinating 2 ERA-NET projects, one on agroforestry (sustainfarm.eu) and another on improvement of soil, water and nutrient use (www.narss.sci.eg/webroot/waterfarming/) and participating in 2 Horizon 2020 projects viz. LANDMARK (<http://landmark2020.eu/>) and DIVERSify (<https://www.plant-teams.eu/>). My research activities are located in the developed and developing countries including a project on cotton breeding in India, to develop varieties for the smallholder farmers.

Paolo Mantovi

Fondazione CRPA Studi Ricerche (CRPA Foundation)



Researcher/project manager in the Environmental research unit of CRPA Foundation (Research Centre on Animal Production). Paolo holds a degree in Environmental Sciences and has now more than 20 years of experience in research and demonstration projects on the implementation of innovative processes and best practices in agriculture, to reduce environmental impacts (e.g. methods for nutrient use optimisation, treatment and agricultural utilisation of organic residues, water recovery and irrigation). Paolo has been a member of the EIP-AGRI Focus Groups on "Water & Agriculture" and "Carbon storage in arable farming" and is involved in many Operational Groups financed by RDPs under the cap of EIP-AGRI. He participated in several meetings of the Nitrate Committee of the EC, as a delegate of the Italian Ministry of Agriculture. The activity is documented by more than 150 international and national publications.

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Roberto García Ruiz

Center for Advanced Studies in Olive Groves and Olive Oils, University of Jaen, Spain

Roberto is a soil ecologist, Professor at the Department of Animal and Plant Biology and Ecology (University of Jaen), ex-member of the group of experts for technical advice on organic production, head of the Unit of Ecology in the Center for Advanced Studies in Olive groves and olive oils (University of Jaen) and lecturer in the degrees of Environmental Science and Biology and in the Master degrees of Organic farming (UPO) and of Agroecology; an approach for rural sustainability (UNIA). His main research interests include the assessment of soil quality and fertility, soil carbon dynamics and biodiversity under various management strategies, which include cover crops, in agricultural soils. He is the coordinator of SUSTAINOLIVE (PRIMA-H2020) and has been actively involved in Sustainable Farm Systems: Long-Term Socio-Ecological Metabolism in Western Agriculture.



Judith Treis

Operational Group 'Organic Vegetables', Hesse, Germany

Judith Treis has been managing director of the Operational Group 'Biogemüse GbR' since 2018 and is responsible for the coordination of the project as well as the cooperation and financial management. She is an agricultural engineer and has studied organic farming at the University of Kassel, Germany. In addition, she has been manager of the organic farm 'Ruhlgut' in Neumorschen since 1997, where she works and lives with her family. They grow cereals, legumes, potatoes and vegetables in a diverse crop rotation. The farm has no livestock, but a feed-manure cooperation with organic chicken farmers in the neighbourhood. With her consulting office for agriculture and regional development 'Treis Agrarkonzept' she is involved in the conception and support of several EIP-AGRI projects and regional projects.



Magdalena Mach

European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Magdalena Mach is a Policy Officer at the European Commission, Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development in the 'Research and Innovation' unit. She holds a Master's degree in International Relations. She has been working on rural development-related issues for the last eight years, starting at the Agriculture and Fisheries Section of the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland to the European Union. In 2012 she embarked on a career at the Polish Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development where for 6 years she was responsible for the implementation of LEADER approach under Rural Development Programme. As of November 2018 she joined the European Commission holding responsibility for activities and events related to the European Innovation Partnership for Agriculture productivity and sustainability (EIP-AGRI).

EIP- AGRI Service Point team

Margarida Ambar

Facilitator and Task Manager



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.

Andrés Manuel García Lamparte

Facilitator



PhD Forest Engineer by the University of Santiago de Compostela. Andrés has been working as research assistant in the Land Laboratory of the same university since 2007. His 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 in the EIP-AGRI Focus Group on mixed farming systems and the EIP-AGRI workshop on new value chains from multifunctional forests.

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Eike Lepmets

Facilitator



Eike is working at the EIP-AGRI Service Point as a rural development officer since 2017. She is also working at the Estonian Ministry of Rural Affairs programming RDP agri-environment measures and other topics related to sustainable agriculture. Eike is a specialist in horticulture by academic background. She is growing organic fruits and vegetables at her small farm in West-Estonia.

Ineke van Vliet

Facilitator and Back-up to the Task Manager



Ineke has broad experience in the field of agriculture and rural development. She is most effective in a coordinating position with a lot of short-term mile stones. Working together in a team motivates her to create high quality products. She enjoys developing new ideas in interactive cooperation and has both analytical and creative skills to offer. She always carefully considers the institutional environment, the different stakeholders and the client's demand in her work.



Pacôme Elouna Eyenga

Team leader and 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.



Tine Defour

Communication officer

As part of the Service Point's communications team, Tine writes and coordinates brochures and other Service Point publications, and she is responsible for DG AGRI's yearly *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.

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