



Quarterly Newsletter

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Message from our President, Professor Uno Svedin

Welcome to our third quarterly newsletter for 2024. Since our second newsletter in June, the organisation's work has continued intensely during the summer.

The most important sequence of events was our hard work in the EU over eight months, which led to the finalisation of the EU report mirroring the significant consensus final decision at the end of August. It was followed by the publication of the Strategic Dialogue on the Future of EU Agriculture—A Shared Prospect for Farming and Food on September 4. See

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_24_4528

Euragri, one of the participant organisations representing research and innovation, was one of the 29 invited stakeholder bodies involved in the Dialogue. The report contributes to making agri-food systems more sustainable and resilient and provides a politically more consolidated frame for the EU's handling of this vital sector. As a personal reflection, I want to highlight its significant contribution to creating trust and moving on from the often-polarised discussions between the sector's many diverse actor groups.

Mark your calendars for October 23, 2024. This year, we're exploring new grounds of procedure with our annual conference by collaborating with two esteemed French organisations, **INRAE and CIRAD**, both Euragri members, to host two online events on the same day.

On the morning of October 23, 2024, INRAE will host a virtual session focused on recent research to achieve the pesticide reduction goals of the European Green Deal and relate to parts of the discussion about connected issues in the new EU Strategic Dialogue report.

On the same day, October 23, 2024, Euragri and CIRAD will join forces to bring you a unique hybrid session. This session, to be held in Paris, is part of an international workshop on classifying forest and woodland ecosystems and assessing their degradation, particularly concerning reducing deforestation by various import measures.

We are deeply grateful for your continued interest and support. We eagerly anticipate your active participation in our upcoming events.

Uno Svedin



The Strategic Dialogue on the Future of EU Agriculture

"A shared prospect for farming and food in Europe"

The Dialogue achieved its objective by creating trust and building bridges and published its report.

Several key recommendations are illustrated in the diagram on the left.

An important Dialogue feature was caring for the livelihood of the farming and rural communities.

It represents a significant achievement and is a possible model for future agri-food policy developments in the EU.



Date for
your
Diary



INRAE



European Research Alliance
ERA Pesticide Free
Towards a chemical pesticide free agriculture

Euragri Virtual Conference Event
Hosted by INRAE
October 23, 2024, 10:00 to 12:20

The event will highlight updates on pesticide-free agriculture supported by the European Research Alliance.

10:00: Cecile Detang-Dessendre (INRAE) - Welcome and Introduction.

10:10: Uno Svedin (President of Euragri) - Welcome Address

10:20: Christian Huyghe (INRAE) – introduction and challenges for the EU Agriculture (from diversification to biocontrol)

10:50: Ixchel Hernandez Ochoa (University of Bonn) - Co-designing a landscape experiment to investigate diversified cropping systems

11:20: Riccardo Bommarco (SLU, Uppsala) – Crop rotational diversity and cultural efficiency.

11:50: Panel discussion moderated by INRAE.

12:20: Close



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Euragri Hybrid Conference Event
A workshop hosted by Cirad
October 23, 2024, 15:00 to 18:00

The "Forest and Societies" research unit from CIRAD's Environment and Society department is leading a project titled "Development of a Method to Classify Tropical Forests Based on Their Ecological Diversity and Degradation State – A Case Study in Brazil." The Agence Française de Développement (AFD) funded the project as part of the CST-Forêt program.

The project aims to improve the classification of tropical forests by linking their definition to an ecological framework. This approach will help differentiate between undisturbed or minimally disturbed forests and those highly degraded. The research focuses on Brazil, encompassing a wide range of tropical wet and dry forests. The first results from the project will be presented and discussed at the workshop

15:00: Introduction: The forestry issue in the dialogue of the future of EU agriculture - Uno Svedin (Euragri President).

15:10: Challenges and digital solutions for monitoring forests in due diligence declarations associated with international regulations - Rémi d'Annunzio (FAO)

15:25: Reminder of the European Deforestation-free Regulation - Antoine Haouchine (DG ENV)

15:40: Classifying tropical forests and assessing their degradation - Camila Rezende (CIRAD)

16:05 Coffee break

16:20: WRI work on deforestation and forest degradation - Sarah Carter (WRI)
16:35: Distinguishing tropical grassy ecosystems and why it matters - Kate Parr (University of Liverpool)

16:50: General debate

17:50: Conclusions and close

Booking links to follow

Webinar Series 2

A series of three webinars hosted by MED Uevora (Pt) and INIA-CSIC (Sp)

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

The Mediterranean region has and continues to face several significant adaptation challenges for agriculture and food production due to climatic, various environmental and socioeconomic factors. Increasing temperatures, changes in precipitation patterns, and more frequent extreme weather events such as droughts and heat waves pose significant challenges to agricultural production including:

- Soil erosion, desertification, and land degradation are ongoing problems.
- Biodiversity loss threatens the resilience of farming systems.
- Socioeconomic factors such as rural poverty, limited access to markets and financial resources, and lack of education and training opportunities reduce the ability of farmers to adapt to changing conditions and adopt sustainable agricultural practices.

The two presented webinars on the developments in climate change adaptation for crop production and the Mediterranean region's horticulture, viticulture and olive sectors.





Presenters in this MED-hosted webinar included

Gottlieb Basch, MED.

Michal Nekvasil, European Commission DG for Climate Action.

Mathieu Marguerie, Arvalis Institut du Végétal.

View Webinar Video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FWekycSpvTY>

Read Webinar Summary - <https://www.euragri.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/MED-uevora-webinar-key-messages.pdf>



Prof Fatima Baptista, Director of MED said the webinar aimed to give an update on climate change adaptation research and policy for crop production in the Mediterranean region. Significant progress is being made, but many challenges remain, particularly in supporting farmers in transitioning to more climate-resilient systems. The new and growing research

knowledge reservoir addresses the transition complexities that require local multi-faceted solutions reflecting the unique characteristics and vulnerabilities across the region.

The opening remarks by **Prof Jose Rafael Marques da Silva** highlighted the need for a new transition where the emphasis moves from production efficiency to system resilience to address the challenges the region faces in tackling climate adaptation and its complexities.



THE EURAGRI WEBINAR SERIES 2

CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

The adaptation responses for horticulture, viticulture and olives production in the Mediterranean region

Presenters in this INIA CSIC-hosted webinar included

Ali Rhouma, PRIMA

Alfonso Dominguez, UCLM

Antonio Manzaneda, UJA

Iban Eduardo, IRTA

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Dr Rocio Lansac, INIA's Coordinator of International Scientific Relations, opened the webinar, the focus of which was on horticulture, including olive groves, wine grapes and fruit tree crops in the Mediterranean region. It is set against the background of the vulnerability of these horticultural crops to the expected regional climate change, water management, and the sectors' ability to adapt to the current conditions. There were four presentations describing the work of the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area, PRIMA, (<https://prima-med.org/>), and three related research projects SOILOLIVE (<https://www.supromed.eu/index.php/en/>)

SUPROMED (<https://www.supromed.eu/index.php/en/>)

FREECLIMB (<https://primafreeclimb.com/>).

The project activities and outcomes are assisting in developing the adaptation responses to horticultural, viticulture, and olive farming systems.

EU-FarmBook (FB) is a seven-year Horizon Europe project working at regional, national, and EU levels to build an online platform that will host the practice-orientated knowledge outcomes of EU-funded projects to meet the knowledge needs of farmers, foresters and their advisors.

Euragri is delighted to be one of the project's 29 partners as a sectoral ambassador to promote and develop the FB platform.

FB is actively seeking H2020 and HE project researchers and Operational Groups to participate in uploading their project outputs or knowledge outputs (reports, flyers, videos, podcasts, etc.) to the database.



Can you please notify any **potential contributors** in your country, FB is providing **online training sessions** on

- **Tuesday 22 October:** Annotating and uploading.
- **Tuesday 12 November:** Correct annotation of Practice Oriented Materials.
- **Tuesday 10 December:** How to create high-quality Practice Oriented Materials.

Use the link below to register for one or more of the sessions:

<https://welcome.eufarmbook.eu/trainingsessions/>

We need you!

Let's cultivate knowledge together

A **Contributor** is the **main contact** between a project and EU-FarmBook:

- ✓ Provider of practical project outputs.
- ✓ Partner or Coordinator from Horizon 2020, and Horizon Europe Cluster 6 projects.

Ready to contribute?

Not sure which projects' outputs to choose?

- ✓ Does it **address** potential needs of **farmers or foresters**? Is the information practical to support their daily activities?
- ✓ Is the project output in **any of these formats**: text document, video, presentation, podcast, image, software application, or dataset?

If the answer is positive, then you know it's the right output to upload to EU-FarmBook.

Support Center

Help you getting started:



Scan the QR Code to access FAQs, Manuals, Guidelines, Video Tutorials, Training Sessions, and to meet the Ambassador in your Member State.





Euragri Conference Back Catalogue



DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION OF THE
AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN –
OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES AND
THE ROLE OF SCIENCE

Berlin, Germany, December 2020

<https://www.euragri.org/conference-new/digital-transformation-of-the-agricultural-value-chain-opportunities-challenges-and-the-role-of-science-2/>



2019 THE XXXIII EURAGRI
CONFERENCE

Ghent, Belgium, September 2019

<https://www.euragri.org/conference-new/digital-transformation-of-the-agricultural-value-chain-opportunities-challenges-and-the-role-of-science/>

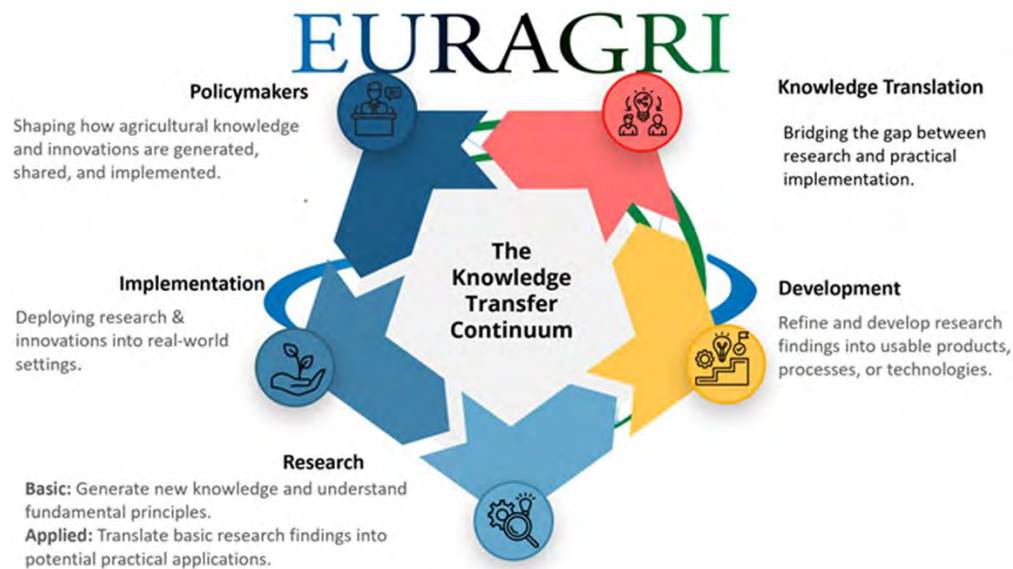


2018 XXXII THE EURAGRI
CONFERENCE

Oslo, Norway, September 2018

<https://www.euragri.org/conference-new/2018-xxxii-the-euragri-conference/>

Euragri – who are we?



Euragri, is a not-for-profit organization, is run by its members. It offers a unique platform in Europe's knowledge transfer continuum for independent and robust discussions on the emerging challenges and the science-based solutions to a unified and equitable transition of the farming, food, forestry, and coastal sectors.

At Euragri, our members have a proactive mindset, always ready to complement the myriad of national, European, and international activities in natural resource management. Our size and operational ethos give us the flexibility and agility to respond quickly and effectively.



Check out our website

<https://www.euragri.org/about-us> if you want to find out more.



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