

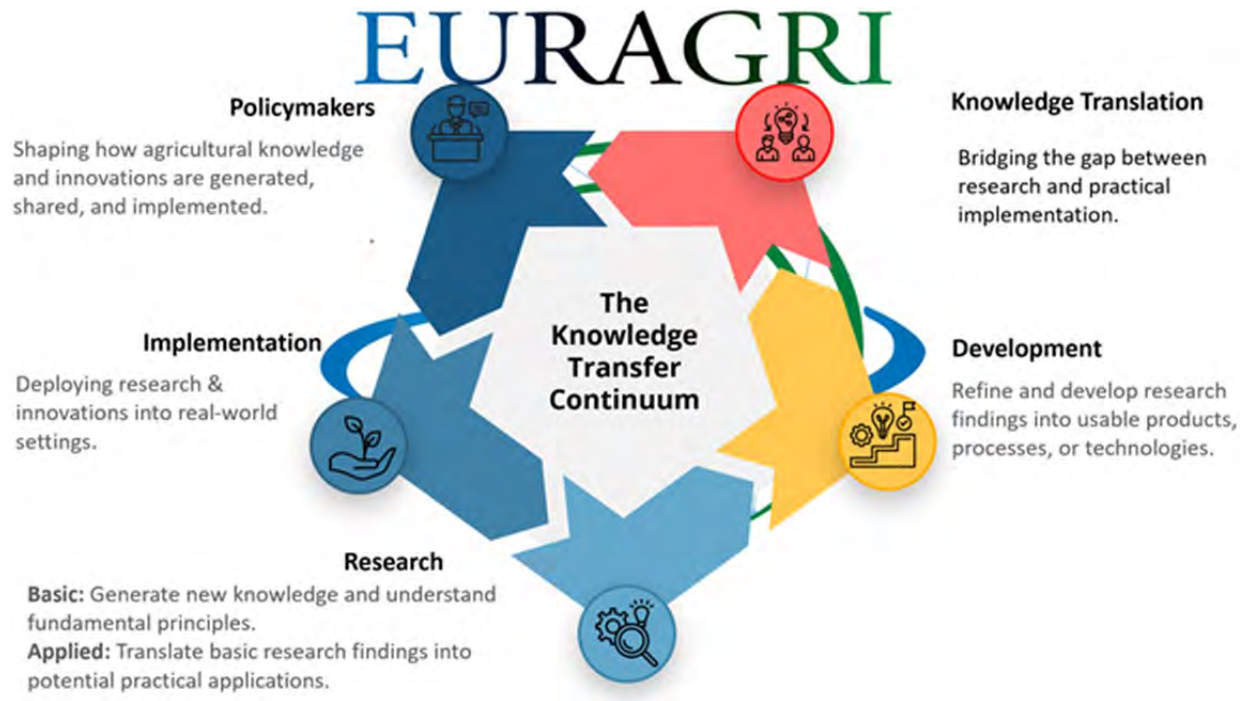


Quarterly Newsletter

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Euragri – who are we?



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

In Euragri, our members have a proactive mindset and are 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.

Message from our President, Professor (retired) Uno Svedin

Since the September Newsletter, we have hosted three engaging webinars and held our General Assembly. Below, you'll find brief highlights of the webinars organised by our members.

I am deeply honoured to have been re-elected as President of Euragri for another year during the General Assembly in December. This extension allows me to continue advancing Euragri's work programme, which is dedicated to establishing a robust foundation for our activities, impact, and member engagement. Euragri continues to play a vital role in shaping the research, knowledge transfer, and innovation agendas necessary for achieving sustainable farming and food systems.

I want to thank the two retiring Board members, Dr. Adrien Guichaoua (ACTA) and Prof. Wayne Powell (SRUC), for their invaluable contributions. At the same time, I warmly welcome Prof. Elizabeth Magowan (AFBI) to the Board. Elizabeth brings extensive experience that will significantly benefit the organisation and its operations.

I am also delighted to announce the approval of several key documents during the General Assembly: the updated Euragri Constitution, our Strategic Plan for 2025–2027, and our inaugural Communications Strategy & Plan. With your support, we are committed to implementing these in 2025.

I remain dedicated to supporting the translation and implementation of the Strategic Dialogue recommendations. I hope that negotiated central issues will guide the EU in designing and creating new political directions, institutional platforms, and innovations required to achieve the transition to a new consensus on sustainable food systems. EURAGRI will take on new initiatives this year as "follow-ups" using our platform for independent and robust discussions on emerging challenges and science-based solutions. Keep track of our 2025 activities in this arena and others on our website <https://www.euragri.org/about-us>.

I sincerely appreciate your continued interest and unwavering support and look forward to your active participation in our upcoming events.

Uno Svedin





The half-day Euragri virtual conference, hosted by INRAe provided an opportunity to reflect on the progress since the Franco-German 2022 Conference “Towards a pesticide-free agriculture” and supported by the European Research Alliance.

The conference was moderated by **Cecile Detang-Dessendre** (INRAe) and the speakers include **Uno Svedin** (President of Euragri), **C. Huyghe** (INRAe), **C. Grahmann** (ZALF) - Co-designing a landscape experiment to investigate diversified cropping systems and **R. Bomarco** (SLU, Uppsala) – Crop rotational diversity and cultural efficiency.

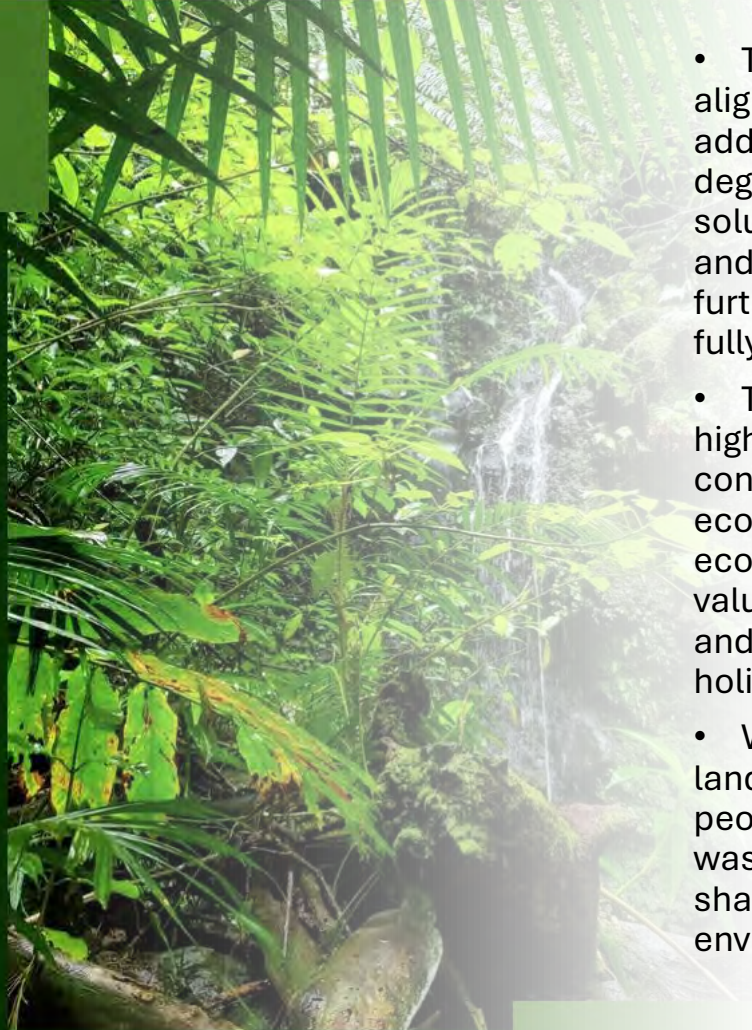
The conference provided perspectives on the challenges and research progress towards chemical pesticide-free agriculture. The openness of the thinking, the recognition of challenges for all stakeholders—from farmers to consumers—and the call for greater integration and diversity in our approaches were highlighted. The speakers demonstrated that challenging convention and fostering "outside-the-box" solutions are proving critical in our journey towards chemical pesticide-free agriculture.

<https://www.euragri.org/workshops/euragri-virtual-conference-event/>

Classifying forest and woodland ecosystems and assessing their degradation in the context of limiting imported deforestation:

An international workshop

On October 23rd 2024 from 3 pm to 6 pm (CET)



- The conference underscored the vital role of aligning public policy and scientific research in addressing global forest deforestation and degradation. Science offers technical solutions, particularly in forest classification, and while promising new tools are emerging, further development is needed to make them fully operational.
- Two additional critical themes were highlighted. First, forests must be increasingly considered integral components of natural ecosystems, capable of delivering many ecosystem services beyond their immediate value. Second, incorporating social sciences and humanities inputs is essential for more holistic approaches and solutions.
- While the discussions focused on physical land cover, the importance of land use—how people manage and interact with the land—was highlighted as equally significant in shaping outcomes for forests and the broader environment.

<https://www.euragri.org/workshops/classifying-forest-and-woodland-ecosystems/>

Euragri Members Hybrid Workshop - December 6, 2024

The workshop was moderated by **Kevin Hanrahan** (Teagasc), and heard presentations from **Gianluca Brunori**, who set the background to the Dialogue; **Uno Svedin** provided an overview of the Dialogue Process and Outcomes. Four speakers provided their individual perspectives on the Dialogue and the implementation challenges. These included **Rosalinda Scalia**, DG Research, **Sjoukje Heimovaara** WUR, **Cecile Detang Dessendre**, INRAE, and **Trevor Donnellon**, Teagasc.

Headlines

- The Strategic Dialogue recognises that the way forward is political, with many dilemmas to be addressed.
- Economic, environmental and social sustainability can reinforce each other but will involve potential trade-offs.
- The role of science is to clarify these and contribute to coherence in policy design.
- An integrated food system is required, and a systematic approach is necessary to provide knowledge to help redesign it.

Euragri Strategic Plan 2025 – 2027

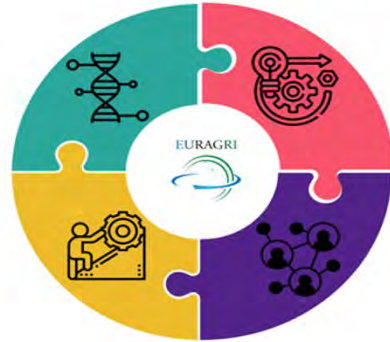
Euragri – The Organisation

Structure

- A not-for-profit organization financed and overseen its EU and non-European institutional members.
- An Irish registered company led by the Board and an elected President.
- Supported by a contracted Secretary General.
- Participates in collaboratives projects e.g., EU

Challenges

- A just transition to sustainable farming and food systems.
- Focus for Research, Knowledge Transfer & Innovation agendas.



Operational Context

Strategic agricultural and related issues, often systems oriented, concerning food, land use, sustainability, natural resources management. etc..

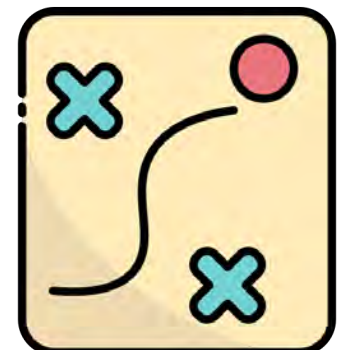
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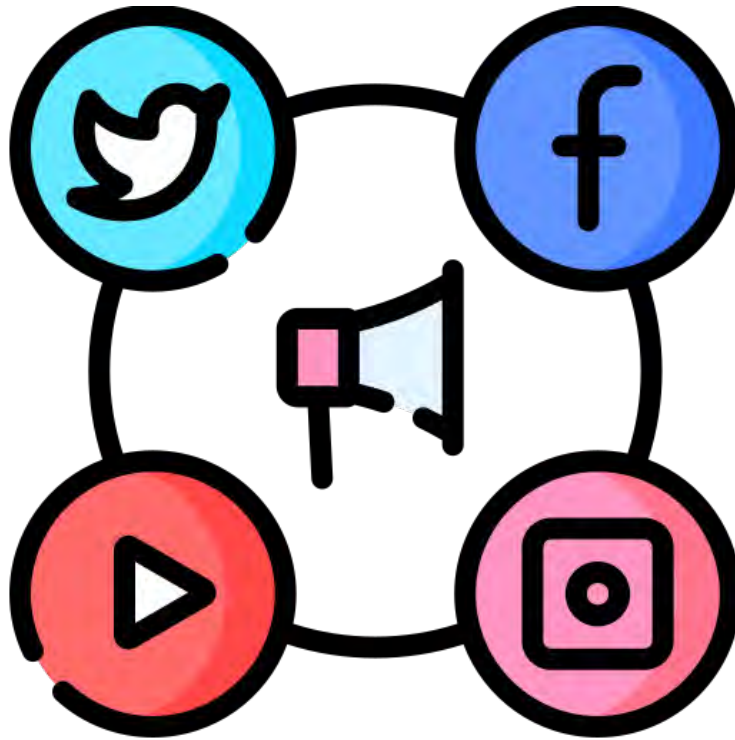
National and EU Ministries, Research organisations, and other AKIS members.

Strategic Goals

- Grow Membership.
- Increase Outreach.
- Increasing Member Engagement.
- Improve Social Media Presence.
- Increase External Collaboration.

Euragri – The Members





- **Euragri's Communications Strategy & Plan (CSP)** focuses on marketing our proven 30-year legacy and independence in supporting the knowledge transfer continuum - from research starting in the laboratory to the outcomes implemented in the field.
- The CSP will only achieve Euragri's Strategic Plan objectives by creating and promoting a significantly higher organisational profile among its institutional members and other agri-food sector stakeholders.

EU-FarmBook (FB) is a seven-year Horizon Europe project working at regional, national, and EU levels to build an online platform to 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.



Key Features

Features of EU-FarmBook	Access without registration	Access with registration
Access contributions	✓	✓
Download contributions	✓	✓
Access to feedback on contributions		✓
Join the community and engage with peers IN FUTURE	—	✓
Search for relevant content and contributions	✓	✓
Enhanced search		✓
Receive customised content	—	✓
Engage with experts IN FUTURE	—	✓

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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



2017 XXXI THE EURAGRI CONFERENCE

Dublin, Ireland, September 2017

<https://www.euragri.org/conference-new/2019-the-xxxiii-euragri-conference/>



2016 THE XXX EURAGRI CONFERENCE

Tartu, Estonia, September 2016

<https://www.euragri.org/conference-new/2016-the-xxx-euragri-conference/>



2015 THE XXIX EURAGRI CONFERENCE

Luxembourg, September 2015

<https://www.euragri.org/conference-new/2015-the-xxix-euragri-conference/>



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



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