

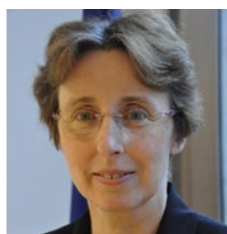
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Speaker and facilitator CVs

In order of the programme



Nathalie Sauze-Vandevyver

European Commission, Director of the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development Quality, Research & Innovation, Outreach

Since 1987, Mrs Nathalie Sauze-Vandevyver has held various positions within the services of the European Commission (Financial Control, DG Enterprise and DG AGRI).

After 18 years in DG AGRI legal department, she has been nominated in October 2017 as Director of the Directorate "Quality, Research and Innovation, Outreach" within the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development. Her mission is, in particular, to promote research and innovation in the agricultural sector through the EU's research policy (Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe) and the European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability.



Patricia Mora McGinity **Innogestiona**

Patricia Mora McGinity (LLB, LLM) is CEO in Innogestiona Ambiental (www.innogestiona.es), an Environmental Engineering company in Spain, with 20 years experience in Environmental counselling and participation in R&D projects related to Climate Change and Circular Economy. In recent years she has focused on aspects of Climate Adaptation needs in Europe, specially in the extensive livestock farming in Southern Europe. She is working in the improvement of water, soil and pasture management practises, within the LIVEADAPT project (www.liveadapt.eu), including also training, policies aspects, water harvesting and other IT solutions. Other projects in which she currently participates are Smartchain (www.smartchain-h2020.eu) focused on the development of collaborative short food supply chains and the promotion of a more favourable framework for sustainable, local, healthier and ethically produced food in Europe and CO-FRESH (www.co-fresh.eu) working on improving sustainable and competitive value chains for fresh fruits and vegetables. In all these projects she has come to be very aware of the current real needs and concerns of the European farmers.



Kylie Wagner
Pastured egg producer

Kylie Wagner is a pastured egg producer in Moyglass, Fethard, Co. Tipperary, Ireland and has a Bachelor of Business in Agricultural Commerce.

The hens on Kylie's farm graze the pastures moving every day in their custom built mobile hen houses.

Alongside the hens, Kylie also runs sheep, cattle and pigs.

While the pigs live in a woodland, the sheep and cattle are part of a holistically planned grazing system - also moving daily. The flock/herd graze down the grass to a manageable level for the hens whilst adding their own nutritious fertiliser.

Following along behind, the hens distribute the manure from the sheep and cattle and remove any parasites breaking parasitic cycles.

Kylie is passionate about regenerative agriculture and the importance of multi-species farming; building human health through soil health. She was this year's EU Newbie Farmer of the Year for Ireland.

The farm is certified organic.



Christine Bajohr
Farm manager @ Operational Group Grünland / Grassland - EIP-AGRI project KUHproKLIMA

Christine Bajohr has been managing a typical "Allgäu mountain farm" in Bavaria with her husband since 1998. They raise South Tyrolean gray cattle (dual-purpose breed), supply organic hay milk to a cheese dairy, and established a direct meat marketing business many years ago. In 2008 they converted to organic, but about 5 years later they started looking for more suitable and regenerative methods. Christine Bajohr therefore continued her education with Dr. Elaine Ingham in 2017 and also studied regenerative grazing systems, in particular Holistic Planned Grazing by A. Savory. She has been a Professional Educator of Holistic Management since 2020. Based on her own experience and the difficulties of grassland management under extreme weather conditions on her mountainous land, she developed a regenerative concept for grassland management in 2018 and founded the "Operational Group Grassland" together with other dairy farms and scientists in 2019. The concept is now being implemented in the on-farm research project KUHproKLIMA (EIP-Agri) since March 2020. Christine Bajohr is leading the project, which is expected to be extended for another three years starting in 2023. She gives a case study presentation Focus Group grazing for carbon OG-Grassland (Operational Group Grassland), Project KUHproKLIMA



Geneviève Savigny
Farmer

Farmer for some 30 years in the Southern Alps in France, Geneviève Savigny runs a free range chicken farm with her companion, arable farmer on 60 hectares of land, amid one hundred hectares of woodland, rough grazings and slopes. He grows lavender, triticale for the chicken, sainfoin and grassland. With a mix of mediterranean -mountainous climate the area can be very dry at times, making cultivation choices difficult. No irrigation on the farm.

With a diploma of « engineer in agriculture », Genevieve Savigny is committed in the defense of small and sustainable farms , and the development of peasant farming and agroecology, for better environmental, social and economic conditions. Member of the European Economic and Social Committee 2015-2020, she was rapporteur of an opinion to develop agroecology in Europe.



Teresa Pinto Correia
Mediterranean Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Development, University of Evora

Teresa Pinto-Correia is a Portuguese geographer, Professor at the University of Évora, Portugal, with a record of publications on the dynamics and change of European rural landscapes at multiple scales. She has long worked with Mediterranean landscapes and silvo-pastoral systems, their management, as well as tensions and synergies by their different uses, in the transitions between production, consumption and protection of the countryside. She is the Director of MED (www.med.uevora.pt) a research unit with 180 senior researchers, with a systemic and interdisciplinary perspective on Mediterranean agriculture and environment. And she is since 2019, vice-chair of the Soil Health and Food Mission Board of Horizon Europe. She proposed soil mission 'Caring for soil is caring for life'.



Sébastien Janssens
Vlaamse Landmaatschappij

Sébastien works as a policy officer at the Vlaamse Landmaatschappij (VLM) on the implementation of the Nitrates Directive in Flanders, Belgium through the Flemish action programs (MAP). Previously he has been involved in informing the farmers on the legal requirements contained in the MAP's, and in advising on nutrient-management and soil-quality. He co-developed the new advisory service for better water- and soil-quality (B3W), that has just started in January 2021. He graduated as agronomist at Gembloux Agro-Bio Tech in Belgium.



Claire Chenu
EJP Soil

Claire Chenu is research director at INRAE (French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and Environment) and consulting professor of soil science at AgroParisTech.

She is a member of the research unit ECOSYS at Grignon in Paris area. Her research deals with soil organic matter, which has a prominent role in ecosystem services provided by soils. She addresses the roles of soil organic matter in soil physical properties and investigates carbon dynamics and sequestration in agricultural soils. She was the 2019 Soil Science medallist of the European Geosciences Union and the recipient of the 2019 INRA Research Lifetime Achievement Award.

She is involved in the science-policy-practice interface and in awareness raising activities on soils. She has been nominated Special Ambassador for 2015 the international year of soils by the FAO. She is a member of the International Scientific and Technical Committee of the 4 per 1000 initiative. She coordinates the EU H2020 European Joint Programme SOIL that associates 24 European countries: "Towards climate-smart sustainable management of agricultural soils".



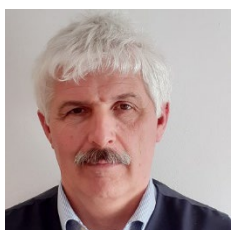
Arwyn Jones
EU Soil Observatory

Leader of the ENV SOL Project at the JRC, which is one of the pillars of the EU Soil Observatory, with a focus on environmental aspects of soil-related policies within the European Green Deal. Also responsible for coordinating the LUCAS Soil programme since 2015, currently planning the next iteration in 2022.

Have been working for the JRC for almost 30 years, and specifically in soil for over 20 of them. Currently working with the EJP Soil programme on steps towards an integrated soil monitoring system for the EU.

Leading the JRC's contribution to the development of the Soil Health and Food Mission. Responsible for the JRC's Soil Atlas Series, currently working on the Soil Atlas for Asia. Strong believer of the need for greater communication and awareness raising on the value of soil.

One of few Welsh mother tongue speakers in the European Commission!



Zoltán Hajdu
SOLTUB Ltd.

Zoltán is a graduated agronomist and a post graduated EU agricultural manager at Gödöllő Agricultural University in Hungary. He is the manager of the SOLTUB Ltd. company since 2004 dealing with research and consultancy in the agri-food sector. As expert participated in the EIP AGRI focus group of Fertilizers efficiency (2014) and Nutrient recycling (2006) also on other EIP AGRI events organised in Hungary and abroad. During his activity participated in several national and EU projects (FP7 and H2020) which description is available at www.soltub.hu. For assessing agri-food products environmental impact he developed the www.karbonlabnyom.com website since 2011.



Marco Giacomazzi
European Biogas Association

Marco Giacomazzi is the European Biogas Association (EBA) Policy Officer responsible for Circular Economy developments and policy intelligence. He is also involved in the ongoing Horizon 2020 project Nutri2Cycle, which studies how to close nutrient loops in agriculture and farming through agro-processing innovation. Previously, he was trained at several organizations in Brussels where he gained extensive experience in monitoring, influencing and reporting about Public Affairs. Marco holds a Master Degree in International Relations from the Alma Mater University of Bologna (IT).



Vincent Michel
Agroscope

Before my studies to become Ingénieur-Agronome, I worked on several farms with arable crops (farmer apprenticeship). During my studies at ETH Zürich, I specialised in crop protection with a PhD on cultural control methods of the soilborne tomato bacterial wilt in Taiwan and the Philippines. After six years activity in the breeding programme of Agroscope (Swiss agricultural research stations), I started to work on the control of soilborne diseases of greenhouse vegetables and berries in 2002. My research focuses on alternative control methods such as biofumigation, organic amendments, green manures and composts. The transfer of knowhow to practitioners is also an important part of my work. As deputy coordinator of the H2020 Best4Soil network, I can combine these two aspects.



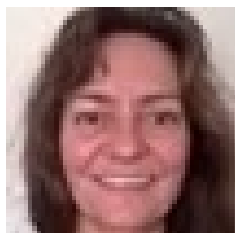
Anna Pollak
Global 2000

DI Anna Pollak is a research project engineer at the **GLOBAL 2000** Environmental Research Institute. She has participated in several research projects on agricultural biology, biodiversity and plant protection funded by the European Innovation Programme (EIP Agri) and the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG). She has organized and performed agricultural field experiments and disseminated their results (Alternative control methods of wireworms in potatoes, Flowering strips and intercropping for beneficial antagonists control aphids in legumes, Ecological plant protection concepts for the Austrian ornamental plant production). She conducted research on wildlife monitoring at the **University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences** (Monitoring bird and bat species using audio devices: Low-cost AudioMoth vs. high-cost SongMeter vs. manual field surveys). During her studies she was a research associate and tutor at the **Institute of Zoology**. She was working as a counselor at **biohelp GmbH** for biological control of pests and diseases in houses and gardens. She has gathered practical agricultural experience as a volunteer on several Austrian farms.



Edoardo Costantini
Academy of Georgofili, National Academy of Agriculture, Italy

Edoardo A.C. Costantini is the President Elect of the International Union of Soil Sciences, he is an agronomist with a specialization in Pedology, who carried out about 40 years of research work on soil genesis, classification, mapping, and conservation in Europe, Central and South America, and Asia. He has been Research Director at the Research Centre for Agriculture and Environment of the Italian Council for Agricultural Research and Economics (CREA), Acting Director of the Research Centre for Agrobiological and Pedology of CREA in Florence, and professor of Pedology at the University of Siena. Currently, he participates in an Operational Group in Italy as a teacher and adviser on soil and plant relationships, and on soil conservation, and runs the family farm. He is the secretary of the European Society for Soil Conservation, a member of the Georgofili Academy and the Italian National Academy of Agriculture. In 2017 he received the Norman Hudson Memorial Award of the World Association of Soil and Water Conservation (WASWAC) and in 2019 the Gerold Richter Award of the European Society for Soil Conservation (ESSC)..



Annette Vibeke Vestergaard
SEGES

Annette V. Vestergaard is agronomist and has since 2018 been working as Senior specialist in Soil Health and Cropping systems at Crop & Environment Innovation, SEGES (Danish Agriculture & Food Council F.m.b.A.)

At SEGES Annette is responsible for the professional development of counseling within soil fertility, field trials with soil improvement and soil tillage and for dissemination of research and trial results for farmers and advisors.

Before, she has been working as a special advisor in reduced tillage for farmers in the local advisory service for 12 years, as special advisor in organic fertilizers and soil improvement at SEGES for 5 years and as project leader in Organic Denmark for 2 years.



Gottlieb Basch
European Conservation Agriculture Federation

Gottlieb Basch holds a Doctorate degree in Agricultural Sciences from Georg-August-University Göttingen/Germany. Since its foundation in 1991, he is member of the "Institute for Mediterranean Agricultural and Environmental Sciences" (University of Évora) working on soil conservation and soil carbon dynamics. His main Interests are in sustainable land use and in the implementation of Conservation Agriculture system. Gottlieb Bash has been Chairman of the European Conservation Agriculture Federation between 2002 and 2008, and it is again since 2011.



Ana Margarida P. Fonseca
Mediterranean Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Development

Doctorate on Interdisciplinary Landscape Management at University of Évora, with a Master degree in Human Ecology and a graduation in Environmental Sciences, Ana Fonseca is actually a research fellow at MED – Mediterranean Institute for Agriculture, Environment and Development, University of Évora within the project Operational Group "ECOMONTADO XXI – A Agroecologia aplicada ao design do Montado Novo", about Keyline.

Ana Fonseca has expertise on small agriculture and short supply chains, through projects such as the European project SALSA, or the regional "Km0 Alentejo" initiative. Other expertise includes the Emery Evaluation Method and acorns for food among other projects from inside and outside the academy. https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Ana_Fonseca10



Íñigo Virto
Universidad Publica de Navarra, Spain

PhD Agricultural Engineer specialised in Soil Science working at the Soil Science Group at the Universidad Pública de Navarra (Pamplona, Spain). I have been teaching and doing research in Soil Science, with a special focus in agricultural management, since 2002, including pre-doctoral and post-doctoral research at UC Davis, UIUC, U Pennsylvania and AgroParisTech-INRA, mostly on mechanisms of stabilization and cycling of organic matter. I have been involved in several projects studying soil organic C at all scales (from microns to ha) in basic and applied projects, including the assessment of soil quality indicators in semi-arid land under conservation agriculture and agro-ecological management. Lately I have focused my research towards our local context, and have worked in projects dealing with management strategies to minimize the impact in CC of irrigated agriculture (<http://liferegadiox>) and on the particularities of calcareous soils for organic matter cycling, including its relationship to inorganic C dynamics. As a professor, I teach Soil Science, Soil Conservation and Soil Quality at different levels.



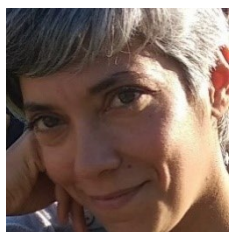
Eliisa Malin
Baltic Sea Action Group

Eliisa Malin is a designer in Baltic Sea Action Group and a carbon farmer from Finland. She is an agronomist, who works with sustainable agriculture. She tests carbon farming methods on her home farm and works to improve farmers, consumers and decision makers knowledge about regenerative farming. Vierelä organic farm is one of the hundred Carbon Action farms in Finland.



Cláudia Marques dos Santos Cordovil
Instituto Superior de Agronomia, Universidade de Lisboa

Professor at the School of Agriculture of the University of Lisbon, with a PhD in Agronomy engineering from the University of Lisbon and a postgraduate degree from the Universities of Wageningen and Gent. An evaluator for the European Commission, co-chair of the Task Force on Reactive Nitrogen, a UNECE working group under the Gothenburg Protocol, and is part of FAO, EU and OECD working groups, in the field of agriculture and environment, especially for the topics soil, sustainability, nitrogen, waste recycling and extensive and sustainable agro-silvo-pastoral production. With great experience in national, European and international projects, including as coordinator. Teaching and scientific activities are carried out along with that of being an agricultural entrepreneur.



Ana Marta Paz
INIAV

Ana studied Agricultural Engineering in Portugal and obtained a PhD in Environmental and Energy Engineering in Sweden. She has carried out a multidisciplinary activity in the agricultural area and worked in business, academia, and public sectors in Portugal, Sweden and the USA. She is a researcher in soil science at the **Portuguese National Institute for Agricultural and Veterinary Research**, with main research interests in soil conservation and interrelation between soil and climate change. Her current research projects are in the topics of soil salinization, remote sensing of soil properties, and modeling soil carbon sequestration. She is keen to participate in the interfaces between research and other sectors of society, being active in multi-actor forums, as board member of the Portuguese Soil Science Society (collaborating with the European and Global Soil Partnerships and the International Soil Science Society) and integrating the Horizon Europe's Soil Health and Food Mission Assembly.



Stephan Jung
Chamber of Agriculture - North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

Former EIP Project Coordinator „Desalination of greenhouse floors by halophytes“ Stephan is a specialist in plant nutrition, currently working for the Chamber of agriculture North Rhine-Westphalia in western Germany. An agricultural scientist by academic background, specialised in salinity. In his current position in the Chamber of agriculture he focuses on the implementation of the new German fertilization ordinance in practice.



Paula Alvarenga
School of Agriculture, University of Lisbon

Paula Alvarenga is an Assistant Professor at the School of Agriculture, University of Lisbon, and a researcher at LEAF - Linking Landscape, Environment, Agriculture and Food Research Center, and in the Associated Laboratory for Sustainable Land Use and Ecosystem Services TERRA. She has a PhD in Environmental Engineering (Technical University of Lisbon, 2009), a MSc in Analytical Chemistry (University of Évora, Portugal, 1998), and a BSc in Chemical Engineering (Technical University of Lisbon, 1992).

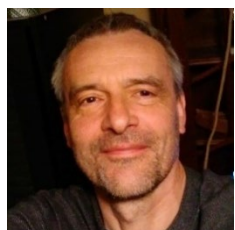
Her research activities have mainly focused on soil pollution, soil quality evaluation using physicochemical, biochemical and ecotoxicological indicators, soil remediation, phytoremediation, and risk assessment of the use of organic wastes as agricultural soil amendments.

She is currently involved in several national and European research projects related to the sustainable management of organic wastes and animal manures, aiming their valorisation as soil amendments, towards the increase in the circularity of carbon and nutrients in agriculture and the improve of soil quality.



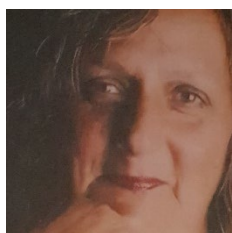
Vince Lang
Discovery Center, Hungary

Vince Lang is the lead researcher of the soils division at Discovery Center, Hungary. He holds a PhD and has a main scientific interest in soil science, focusing on soil classification, mapping and soil functions. He has a strong connection to farmers across the country, since the company besides doing agricultural research, has consultancy services, mainly focusing on precision agriculture and ag innovations. Together with his colleagues he is coordinating several Operational Groups across Hungary, on diverse topics. Before, Vince worked at the Szent Istvan University, Department of Soil Science and Agrochemistry, conducted research and field mapping campaigns in Africa, and worked on international projects like the Universal Soil Classification System WG of the IUSS, while working as a visiting scientist at Purdue University, USA.



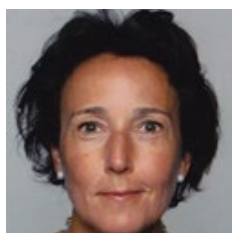
Stefaan De Neve
Ghent University

Stefaan De Neve is full professor and head of the research group of Soil Fertility and Nutrient Management, department Environment, Ghent University. He holds a master degree in tropical soil science and a PhD in Agricultural and Applied Biological Sciences, both from Ghent University. His research interests revolve around carbon, nitrogen and phosphorus dynamics in soils and in the environment, including both agronomic (fertilizers, organic matter addition, nutrient use efficiency) and environmental aspects (nitrate leaching, gaseous N losses, P saturation and P losses, C sequestration). A more recent research line is about unravelling and quantifying the role of the soil meso- and microfauna in N and C cycling in soils, using realistic soil mesocosms and entire communities of organisms, rather than single species. We very recently also started research on (micro)plastics dynamics in soils. He is teaching Soil science, Environmental soil science, Nutrient management and Applied soil biology in bachelor and master programmes at UGent.



Ughetta Bertini
Operational Group FERTIBIO

Ughetta Bertini is born in Leghorn (Tuscany-Italy) on November 4th. 1954 degree in veterinary medicine, horses's sportive medicine ,acupuncture and physiotherapy. She inherited her company from her father and started in running it in 1990. With the help of her husband the farm develops for 60 hectares not merged flat and is cultivated with cereals (wheat, oat) legumes (favino, chickpeas) and hay fodder, following the rules of crops rotation. the farm ,located in leghorn's province, 13 km from the city, is equipped with a good agricultural machinery fleet and is biological certified from 2015. The farmer is patner of Fertibio's project from Pisa University.



Marta Pérez Soba
European Commission, Joint Research Centre, Food Security Unit

Marta Pérez-Soba is Project Officer at the European Commission, Joint Research Centre, Food Security Unit. She leads the team developing a method to synthesise scientific evidence on the impacts of farming practices to address environmental and climate policy objectives. The method is being used by DG AGRI in the evaluation of the CAP Strategic Plans. She coordinates JRC activities in the AECHI Working Group on agriculture, environment, climate and health indicators interactions. Before JRC, she worked for more than 25 years at Wageningen University and Research Centre (NL), where she led international projects on land use sustainability. Vice-chair of Horizon 2020 Advisory Group Societal Challenge Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture, Marine and Maritime Research (2013-2015 and 2016-2018). In 2017 she was coordinating expert in the EIP-AGRI Workshop "Tools for environmental farm performance". Agricultural engineer (Madrid), she holds a PhD on impacts of ammonia emissions from agriculture on natural ecosystems (University of Groningen). Associate Editor of the International Journal "Ecosystem Services" since 2015. She has published over 90 articles, books and chapters for scientific, policy-making and educational use since 1989.



Vesna Čuček
Agriculture Advisory Service, Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia

B. Sc. Agron. and B. Sc. Econ.
Since 20 years, I have been Head of the Agriculture Advisory Service Department, at the Agriculture and Forestry Institute Celje, Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia. Before that, I was an advisory specialist for rural development and project manager of many national and international rural development projects for 10 years. In the Department, there are 58 advisors, of those 16 specialists. We take care of 10.500 farmers, in a region from Alps to flatland, 89 % of the area with natural constraints; the average farm has 6,9 hectares of arable land. More than 800 farms are organic, which is almost one quarter of all organic farms in Slovenia. In the last 10 years I've learned a lot about soil health from very experienced biodynamic farmers Alex Podolinsky from Australia and Pasquale Falzarano from Italy and I do my best to transfer knowledge on this topic to farmers, advisors and experts in Slovenia.



João Coimbra
Farmer at Quinta da Cholda

João Coimbra is a farmer from Portugal, his farm Quinta da Cholda is located in the fertile alluvial soils of Tejo river valley near Santarém in Portugal. João Coimbra's farm has been very invested in precision agriculture and he is one of the pioneer farmers in the area to implement Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) principles of ecological corridors and green areas for protection of biodiversity. He also collaborates closely with several universities such as the University of Lisbon and Wageningen in the Netherlands.

To take advantage of areas of low or zero productivity, areas to feed bees and other pollinators have been created. By planting seeds, plants and native flowers, many of which can also be

used for human consumption, it is ensured that these insects are able to thrive, helping to combat their decline.

One of the main crops in the farm is corn, as an irrigated crop, it needs water to develop, which makes its conservation indispensable. For that purpose techniques and technologies that allow a most efficient use are implemented. This ensures that only water necessary for the healthy growth of the plants is used.

In 2015 Quinta da Cholda became self-sustainable in electricity and today they are already net producers of renewable energy, selling the excess to the grid and thus contributing to the reduction of emissions and a cleaner electricity. To find out more about Quinta da Cholda visit www.quintadacholda.pt/en/



Mateusz Ciasnocha
Farmer @ European Carbon Farmers

Third-generation farmer operating a 700ha regenerative agricultural business in northern Poland on a mission of transitioning agriculture from convention to regenerative at the pace and scale required to unleash the world's greatest carbon capture and storage pool: healthy and living agricultural soil.

Building on his background, global experiences and networks, as well as commitment to regenerative agriculture, Mateusz – together with his brother, Paweł – set up **European Carbon Farmers**: a business promoting carbon farming practices in Poland and developing agricultural carbon payment mechanisms.

Mateusz is actively involved in the work of the UNFCCC's COP26 – Climate Champions, where he is the **Regenerative Agriculture Fellow**, the **Economy of Francesco's** Agriculture and Justice Village, where he co-facilitates work of the Startup Stream focused on developing network of **regenerative demo farms**, as well as **EIT Food**, where he manages a **regenerative agriculture program in Poland**.

Building on his commitment to the African continent and agriculture Mateusz is a Deputy Editor-in-Chief of **InvestAfrica.pl**, the key source of information on Africa in Poland from a business perspective, and was an Incubation Manager at **AgriTech Hub**, the first-ever VC fund focused on agricultural investments in Poland and the wider CEE region. In addition to working as a journalist quoted by national and international media organizations such as the **Polish Radio 24**, Mateusz is dedicated to supporting the development of the two most pivotal sectors of the economy globally: agriculture and energy with a particular focus on the African projects. From contributing to the development of a 700ha family-owned regenerative agricultural operation located in northern Poland, through working with 130.000 small-holder Indian farmers as a consultant with **Vrutti**, to helping investors deploy capital in agricultural projects. Mateusz is committed to helping sustainable business models scale rapidly and thrive for long. Mateusz is looking forward to building a long-lasting relationship with YOU.



Janjo de Haan
Wageningen University & Research

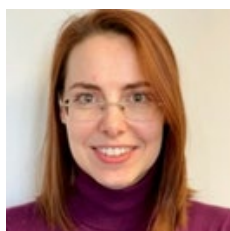
Janjo de Haan is Researcher/Projectleader Soil water & fertilization at the Wagening University. He is an expert in the development of sustainable farming in arable and vegetable production with focus on soil, water and fertilizer management. His drive is to achieve practical and sustainable solutions for and with entrepreneurs: solutions that are both good for business (sufficient income and farm subsistence) and for society (such as reduced emissions and the use of finite resources). Cooperation with entrepreneurs and other stakeholders is essential in this to connect with the questions from practice and also to transfer the knowledge developed into practice.

His current research is aimed at improving soil management with a focus on organic matter, soil tillage and fertilization. He is coordinating the Public Private Partnership research program Beter Bodembeheer (Better Soil Management), which works on the development of measures for sustainable soil management in field crops. The program focuses on the integration of soil knowledge and the translation of this knowledge into practical messages. He is also involved in the climate program Slim Landgebruik (Smart Land use), aimed at realizing 0.5 Mton of carbon storage in the soil per year from 2030, and in EJP SOIL, a large European program aimed at sustainable soil management. Janjo is secretary of the Standing Commission on Fertilization in Arable Crops and Field vegetables, which determines soil and fertilizer recommendations in the Netherlands and publishes the Manual on Soil & Fertilizer management.



Kerstin Rosenow
European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Kerstin Rosenow is Head of Unit 'Research & Innovation' in DG AGRI, European Commission where she is responsible for programming, managing and monitoring agricultural research and the European Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability (EIP-AGRI). Previously she was Head of Unit in the EC Research Executive Agency (REA) managing the implementation of the project portfolio for Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 2 (food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine, maritime, and inland water research and the bioeconomy). She's been working in the EC for over 17 years after covering a managerial position in the German administration (Representation of the State of Hessen to the EU). For DG AGRI she coordinated negotiations with pre-accession and candidate countries and the preparation of the 2014-2020 CAP legislative framework. She studied law, politics and administration in Marburg, Grenoble and Bruges.



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



Andrés M. García Lamparte
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.



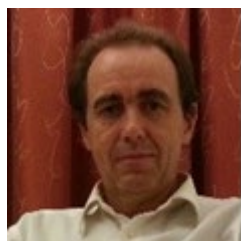
Liisa Kübarsepp
Deputy Task Manager

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.



Pandi Zdruli
Coordinating expert

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).



Niels Rump
Main facilitator

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.



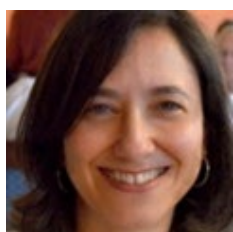
Pacôme Elouna Eyenga
Team leader

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.



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.



Katrien Dejongh Audenaert
Facilitator

Katrien is an Agricultural Engineer (sub)Tropical Agriculture from Ghent University (Belgium), with post graduate training in Rural Development at the University of London (Wye College). Katrien joined the EIP-AGRI Service Point in June 2019 as a Farm Practices officer. She 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 Latin America and Africa. She has facilitated numerous change processes in that context.



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.



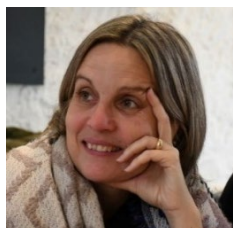
Kevin Grauwels
Facilitator

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) as Head of the Rural Development Unit. Before he was involved in project development in the area of sustainable transition of the agri-food system, rural development and ecosystem services as well as the Flemish nutrient management policies, first as a policy officer at VLM and later on as an advisor for the Minister of Environment.



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.



Céline Karasinski
Facilitator

At EIP-AGRI Service Point, Céline Karasinski is a part-time farm practices officer. Her main duties involve the organisation and facilitation of EIP-AGRI workshops and Focus Groups. She is agricultural specialist and she has over 20 years' experience in agriculture and rural development with a special focus on short food supply chains.

From 2012 to 2016 and from 2019 to present she works as the leader of a group of regional rural networks. In this unit she is responsible for the organisation of meetings and conferences, the coordination of working groups and helped with cooperation projects and evaluation of the Local Action Group. She participates in the French rural network's meetings and conferences. From 2017 to 2019, she has been managing a LEADER programme in her country and facilitates a Local Action Group. Currently, she is also member of the innovation service at the Chamber of Agriculture of Nouvelle-Aquitaine (France) in charge of European projects.



Agnes Kivistik
Facilitator

Agnes is one of the Research and Science Officers at the EIP-AGRI Service Point since November 2019 and her main tasks are organization and facilitation of EIP-AGRI workshops, seminars and focus groups. Agnes has studied Gene technology (BSc, MSc) in Tallinn University of Technology. Before joining the EIP-Agri Service Point team, Agnes worked at the Estonian Crop Research Institute as a researcher in Biotechnology department, where her projects were mainly focused on plant breeding with molecular markers and genotyping Estonian potato genebank. She has practical experience in agriculture as her family farm is producing grape and other perennial plants for sale. As of last year, she is also producing local table grapes for Estonians.



Quico Ónega
Facilitator

Quico is part-time Research and Science Officer at the EIP-AGRI Service Point. He has been focusing on the digital transformation of agriculture as well as the sustainability of ruminant production systems. Besides, he works as researcher and lecturer at the Land Laboratory at the University of Santiago de Compostela (Galicia-Spain). He is hands on in a grassland-based sheep farm.



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.



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.



Ineke van Vliet
Facilitator

Ineke studied tropical crop science (specialization rural development) at Wageningen University, and later on Business administration at Utrecht University of Applied Science and Fine Art at Upgraders in Art – Arnhem.

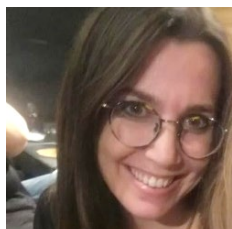
She works as an adviser at the Netherlands Enterprise Agency RVO in the field of greening cities, financial constructions for nature, sustainable agriculture and energy transition. Tasks among others are process management and facilitation.

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.



Ina Van Hoyer
Communication officer

Ina Van Hoyer 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 Hoyer 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.



Sarah Beigel
Communication officer

As part of the EIP-AGRI Service Point's communication team, Sarah coordinates the EIP-AGRI newsletter and the Service Point standard email. She works on publications, contributes to the content of the EIP-AGRI website and offers support for events.

Sarah is British, currently living and working in France. She has a masters in International project management, and 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 in EIP-AGRI and also as European project officer for AC3A (French Chambers of Agriculture).



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 the EIP-AGRI Service Point he manages the videoconferencing platforms to facilitate interactive online meetings