EIP-AGRI Workshop Cropping for the future

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TUESDAY 4 JUNE

08:00-09:00 Registration

Introduction to the workshop

09:00-09:15 Welcome by the host and by DG AGRI

- Martijn Weijtens, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, the Netherlands
- Anikó Seregélyi, Unit B2 Research and Innovation, DG AGRI, European Commission

09:15-10:30 Getting to know each other & setting the scene

Introduction of the programme and getting to know each other (Impromptu Networking)

• Niels Rump, EIP-AGRI Service Point



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Setting the scene and preparing interaction

- Edoardo Costantini, EIP-AGRI Service Point
- Bhim B. Ghaley, ERA-NET 'FACCE SURPLUS' project 'SustainFARM'
- Paolo Mantovi, Operational Group 'Agroecological Cover'
- Roberto Garcia-Ruiz, PRIMA project 'SUSTAINOLIVE'
- Judith Treis, Operational Group 'Organic vegetables'

Networking for crop rotation & crop diversification

10:30 – 11:15 **Discovering diversity** – getting familiar with projects represented at the workshop

Sharing projects with a cup of coffee – interactive session (Project Mesclun)

$11{:}15-12{:}30 \ \ \textbf{Building common ground}$

Looking for shared challenges and opportunities – interactive session (World Café)



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SustainFARM

Innovative and sustainable intensification of integrated food and non-food systems to develop climate-resilient agroecosystems in Europe and beyond (SustainFARM)

Bhim B. Ghaley (project co-ordinator) University of Copenhagen, Denmark









- Assessment of productivity in Integrated Food and Non-food System (IFNS)
- Develop metrics for agronomic productivity and environmental performance assessments in IFNS
- Valorization of woody components, co-products and residual wastes
- Total budget: 1.905 K (7 countries)
- Duration: March, 2016 August, 2019



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Submission of the pre-proposal on www.submission-facceipi.com Deadline: 04.03.2015, 14:00 CET



Integrated food and non-food systems (IFNS)





SustainFARM



Economic viability of agroforestry compared to sole crops in Denmark



Figure Net present value (NPV) for sole winter wheat, sole short rotation woody crop (SRWC) and four SRWC-winter wheat combined food and energy (CFE) agroforestry scenarios over 21 years.







Benefits of crop rotation and crop diversification

- > Agroforestry systems
 - productive and economically viable compared with monocultures
 - > produce stable yields compared to monocultures
 - enhances carbon sequestration, soil and water conservation, above and below-ground biodiversity for sustainable food and non-food production
 - Provision of a suite of ecosystem services (microclimate, reduced soil erosion, control of pests and diseases)
 - provides diversity of food products for balanced nutrition
 - preserve cultural heritage, traditions and landscape aesthetics









Lessons learnt

- Balance between tree population, spatial distance and cropped area are necessary to achieve optimal complementarity between the species
- Natural unmanaged agroforestry systems can be improved for enhanced productivity with management
- Agroforestry systems are conducive for recycling and reusing the waste between different enterprises within agroforestry (e.g animal waste for manuring pasture & grassland)
- Choice of agroforestry systems need to take account of the local demand and market for the produce
- Need for on-farm demonstrations and robust field-based evidence on IFNS under diverse socio-economic contexts









Perspectives on crop rotation and crop diversification

- Explore additional enterprises like mushroom, berries and honey production for increased income in IFNS
- Aboveground and below ground simulation of agroforestry systems for identification of productive systems
- Agroforestry systems are source for biomass to contribute to bio-energy, food, fodder and fiber production

