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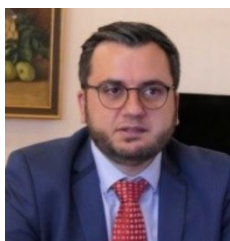
EU CAP Network Brokerage event

Innovation and Knowledge exchange - EIP-AGRI

'Get involved in Horizon Europe advisory networks'

Speaker and facilitator bios

Plenary speakers (in order of the programme)



Georgi Sabev

Deputy Minister of Agriculture of Bulgaria

Mr. Georgi Sabev is Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Bulgaria from August 2022 as he is in charge for application of EU policies in the area of agriculture, rural development and fisheries. He was also Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry from June 2021 to December 2021.

Mr. Sabev has graduated International Business at the Tampere University of Applied Sciences in Finland. Also, he has Master in Economics from the University of Food Technologies in City of Plovdiv in Bulgaria and Master in Economics and management of EU agriculture and rural areas from the Agricultural University Plovdiv. From September 2012 to June 2021 and from December 2021 to August 2022 Mr. Sabev is MEP Policy Adviser in the European Parliament on topics related to Common Agricultural Policy (CAP), geographical indications, rural development, fisheries, international trade.



Inge Van Oost

European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Inge Van Oost is policy officer at the European Commission, Directorate General Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI). She has been setting-up and is now supporting the implementation of the European Innovation Partnership "Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability" (EIP-AGRI), with responsibilities for the rural development programmes and strengthening linkages between research and rural development policies. As member of the DG AGRI



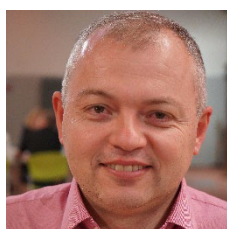
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Taskforce "Research and Innovation" she was instrumental in shaping DG AGRI's research and innovation approach in Horizon 2020 Work Programmes since 2012, and developed the new research project formats "multi-actor approach" and "thematic networks", for which she is still responsible. Meanwhile, one of her core tasks has become the development and implementation of the policy on Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS) as part of the CAP post 2020, including some improvements related to the EIP-AGRI. In her former post at the Commission she was policy officer in the Direct Support Unit and the Cross Compliance Unit, responsible for cross-compliance, the Farm Advisory System and interlinking with the Rural Development policy.

Before working at the Commission Inge Van Oost was coordinator of the demonstration projects at the Directorate-General for Agriculture and Horticulture of the Flemish Region. There she drafted rural development measures and designed the farm advisory system. In the meantime, she was evaluator of many agricultural research projects and member of diverse selection committees. In the former federal Belgian Administration for Agriculture she served the Secretariat-General as coordinator of the Horticultural Chain, dealing with chain management, food quality, traceability and safety, sustainability of production methods, communication with consumers and much more. Before joining the administration, she worked as a farm advisor, and after a while as the coordinator of the advisory team. Based in an applied research institute, the team did not only advise farmers, but also brokered and implemented multi-actor experiments and on-farm demonstration projects.



Dimitar Vanev

National agricultural advisory service and international cooperation

Dimitar Vanev has been working in the field of rural development for 19 years. He holds a post-graduate specialty: "Economics and Management of agro-industry". He is specialized in Strategic management, Sustainable Rural Development and Agricultural policy development.

Dimitar Vanev worked for nine years at the Rural Development Directorate to the Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture and Food. Most of his tasks were related to CAP and the development, monitoring, implementation and evaluation of the Bulgarian rural development strategic plans and programmes supported under the European Agricultural Rural Development Fund and other CAP and national schemes.

Since 2010 Dimitar Vanev works at the Bulgarian National Agricultural Advisory Service (NAAS). He has managed



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- the activities of NAAS specialised administration related to the distribution the information about Rural Development programmes, CAP, development
- preparation of projects supported under CAP schemes and programmes,
- training of farmers and providing advisory assistance for farmers
- the transfer and application in the practice of scientific achievements,
- the development of a database of scientific-technical and business information within the information system of the NAAS, collection from the farms of accounting information.

He has about 40 publications concerning strategic management in Agriculture and Food Processing, Supply Chain Management and Rural Development. He was short-term and middle-term expert as well as Team leader under different EU Twinning and TAIEX projects related to Rural Development and CAP. Also, he is the leader of work package 7 "Communication on demo-farm activities and dissemination of practical-oriented outcomes" under Horizon 2020 project NEFERTITI. He is also involved in Climate Farm Demo and modernAKIS.



Ana Patricia Lopez Blanco **European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development**

MSc LOPEZ BLANCO Ana Patricia is a Research Programme Officer at the European Commission Directorate General for Agriculture (DG AGRI).

She contributes to the development and implementation of DG AGRI's research and innovation strategy within the framework of Horizon Europe, in particular on food and food systems. She holds a master's degree in Environmental Sciences and a second Master in European Policies.

In recent years she has developed relevant scientific coordination work on sustainability at her previous occupation in the the European Federation of Food and Drink Producers.



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Patrick Pasgang
Innovatiesteunpunt

Patrick Pasgang holds an Economic Degree and MBA in Marketing and International Business. He is a Senior Innovation Consultant for Short food supply chains & business development for Belgian Farmers.

After more than 22 years of management within the food retail business he currently works at Innovatiesteunpunt of the Boerenbond Group. He is considered to be the Flemish specialist in Short Food Supply, having direct contact with farmers/producers, local stakeholders and related service providers. He helps regional non-profit organisations & cooperations in establishing Local Food Hubs. He organizes and facilitates external advisory committees to help farmers with independent business advice. He helps start-ups with the development of their new business-concepts.

Patrick Pasgang represents Innovatiesteunpunt in different Strategic Platforms (e.g. Strategic Platform of Short Chain Sales of the Flemish Government) discussing on Short Food Supply Chain & Multi-Functional Agriculture. He was an expert in the EIP Agri Focus Group on Short Food Supply Chain Management and the ENRD network on accelerator programs dedicated to farmers. Patrick Pasgang was involved in building The COREnet project. He is/was also involved in : Farmwell, SKIN and other projects like Newbie and Cocoreado.

Innovatiesteunpunt is involved in : Climate Farm Demo, EU FarmBook, ATTRACTISS, modernAKIS and the former Eurodairy.



Sylvain Sturel
APCA

Sylvain Sturel is an agricultural engineer MSc. with seven years' experience in agricultural and rural development in Africa and Asia. His task was to coordinate teams of agricultural and rural advisors.

Since 2003, he is in charge of European and international projects at Chambres d'agriculture France. These projects deal with the capacity building of farmers and advisors on various topics like farm business management, innovation on farms, developing products with high added-value, reducing the use of pesticides, etc.

Chambres d'agriculture France is the national umbrella organization of the French Chambers of Agriculture. The Chambers are public bodies led by elected representatives, which represent the interests of farmers to public authorities and provide services to farmers and other rural stakeholders. Overall, they employ around 5000 advisors, including about 350 agronomy advisors, 700 organic farming advisors, 1000



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advisors on plant protection, 85 forestry advisors and about 1,000 livestock advisors.

Sylvain Sturel is or has been involved in ten Horizon 2020 projects and four Horizon Europe projects dealing with interactive innovation (AttractISS and modernAKIS), as well as adaptation and mitigation of climate change (ClimateFarmDemo and ClimateSmartAdvisors).

In particular, he coordinates i2connect, a project which aims at creating a European-wide network of advisors involved in interactive innovation support.



Tom Kelly
TEAGASC

Tom Kelly is an Agricultural Science graduate, with a long time experience in research, advisory and education. At Teagasc he was Director of Knowledge Transfer from 2010 to 2020. Here he led the agricultural education and farm advisory services. He has experience of many EU funded research projects including AgriSPIN, LIAISON, FAIRshare, IPM Decisions and i2connect.

Tom Kelly chaired EUFRAS (European Forum for Agricultural and Rural Advisory Services) from 2013 to 2019.

Though retired, Tom Kelly continues to be involved in several (inter)national projects and activities:

- Adjunct Associate Professor of Agricultural. Extension at University College Dublin.
- Member of the Agricultural Science Association and the Irish Grassland Association.

In 2019 Tom Kelly was awarded an International Fellow of the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry.



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Support Facility 'Innovation and knowledge exchange | EIP-AGRI' team



Ineke van Vliet
Task manager

Ineke studied tropical crop science (specialisation 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 milestones. 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 demands in her work.



Albin Hunia
Lead facilitator

Albin Hunia is an EIP-AGRI workshop facilitator from the Netherlands. He has a background in rural-development project-management and formerly worked in integrated land-consolidation and re-wilding projects. His current other work is as adviser for transnational Interreg cooperation programmes.



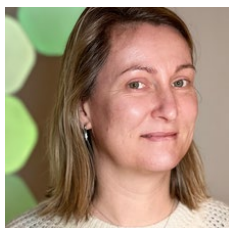
Céline Karasinski
Co-task manager

From 2014-2021 she was policy officer for EIP-AGRI Service Point. She is working non-permanent for the EIP-AGRI Support Facility. She works since 2009 for Chamber of Agriculture network in France. She was involved in rural development. From June 2017 to March 2020, she managed a LEADER programme in her country and facilitated a Local Action Group. Since 2019, she works as facilitator for the Nouvelle-Aquitaine Regional Rural Network. In this unit, she is responsible for the organisation of meetings and conferences, coordination of working groups and help to the cooperation projects of the Local Action Group. She participates in the French rural network's meetings and conferences. Céline Karasinski is Agricultural engineer, specialist of environment and ecology; she studied at the Ecole Nationale Supérieure d'Agronomie of Toulouse (France).



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Ina Van Hoya
Event communication officer

Ina Van Hoya is communication manager at the EIP-AGRI Support Facility, coordinating the communication unit. She is responsible for the communication action plan, contributes to all communication tools, including social media and press, and takes up the role of event communication officer. Ina Van Hoya is a communication expert who has more than 20 years communication experience. From 2013 until 2021 she was the coordinating communication officer at the EIP-AGRI Service Point. She is the communication manager for the SCAR Support Team that organises the SCAR workings groups for the European Commission, DG RTD.

She is founding board member of a cooperative regenerative farm Pomona Puur Natuur and founding board member of the non-profit organisation Pomona vzw to promote regenerative farming and to support farms in setting up cooperative regenerative farms. 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.



Pacôme Elouna Eyenga
Team leader EIP-AGRI Support Facility

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 2021, he is the Team Leader of the Support Facility for 'Innovation & Knowledge Exchange | EIP-AGRI. From 2013 until May 2021, he has been Deputy Team Leader and then Team Leader of the EIP-AGRI Service Point established by the European Commission - DG AGRI.



Margarida Ambar
Facilitator

Margarida Ambar is one of the Knowledge and Innovation officers in the EIP-AGRI Support Facility, and her main tasks are related to AKIS, networking and stakeholders management. 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 fulltime as part of the EIP-AGRI Service Point from 2013 until 2021, and worked for over 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.



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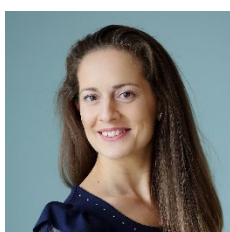
Aleskander Bomberski
Facilitator

Graduated studies at the Bydgoszcz University of Technology in the field of agrobiotechnology and biotechnology in animal production. Completed postgraduate management studies at the WSB University in Toruń. Defended his scientific dissertation in the field of agricultural economics and agribusiness at the Bydgoszcz University of Technology. Author of several articles and publications in the field of innovation in agriculture and the creation of multi-stakeholder structures for the development in rural areas. Employee of the National Rural Network under Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. As the chief specialist, he acts as the National Innovation Broker, conducting trainings, consultations, workshops and conferences for farmers, entrepreneurs, scientists and advisers throughout the country. Board member of the European Forum for Agricultural and Rural Advisory Services (EUFRAS). Permanent Expert of grant committees at the Warsaw University of Life Sciences (SGGW). Knowledge and Innovation Officer in EIP-AGRI Support Facility.



Ana Pires da Silva
Facilitator

Ana is a Smart Farm Practices & Rural Development Officer in the EIP-AGRI Support Facility Team. She studied Agricultural Engineering at the Technical University of Lisbon and has a Master degree in Organic farming and Integrated Pest Management. Worked for 10 years at the National Support Unit of the Portuguese National Rural Network (NRN) having been responsible for LEADER and Rural Development at national and international level. She is currently working at the Portuguese National Institute for Agricultural and Veterinary Research.



Marta Yonkova
Facilitator

Marta is a Smart Farm Practices & Rural Development Officer at the EIP-AGRI Support Facility team. She has a Master degree in International Projects' Management and has studied Economics in Bulgaria and Italy. Experienced in Marketing and Consultancy in the agri-food sector, Marta has a rich portfolio, which includes a vast number of projects, social activities and even issuing an agricultural magazine. Her work experience includes working for one of the biggest NGOs in the agricultural sector in Bulgaria, several information campaigns and many initiatives aimed at farmers and their needs.



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