

Speaker and facilitator bios

Plenary speakers (in order of the programme)

FINAL VERSION



Nicolas Munier-Jolain

France
IPM Works

Research on Integrated Weed Management in arable field crop, and on Sustainability assessment of low PPP cropping systems. Coordinator of the H2020 IPMWORKS project (a European network of Demo farms demonstrating cost-efficient IPM-based strategies with reduced reliance on pesticides).



Sari Peltonen

Finland
Ecostack

Responsible for developing advisory tools for crop production including sustainability aspects and environmental issues. Also acted in numerous projects concerning sustainable and ecologically friendly plant production. Holds a PhD in plant pathology and have been author or co-author of numerous publications.



Christine Judt

Austria
Tailored flowerstrips and undersowing

Christine Judt is a project coordinator and research assistant at the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL) in Austria. She is involved - among others - in the project bionet (vegetables). In close cooperation with farm managers, consultants and scientists, current research results and farming experience are prepared accordingly and tested for their practical suitability under Austrian site conditions. Before starting her position at FiBL, she worked as a consultant for (organic) fruit growers and pollination, initiated and led the EIP Agri project "Flower strips and undersowing control aphids in fava bean" and worked in a pesticide reduction programme for an environmental NGO. Christine holds a Master's degree in Nutritional Sciences and in Agricultural and Food Economy and she is doing her PhD at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna.



**Josef Ceijka****Czech Republic****Pesticide reduction by means of customised technology**

Agronomist using sustainable farming methods. These are primarily: band spraying, variable application of fertilizers and pesticides, seeding. Zonal application of pesticides etc. Reducing the use of pesticides by biological means and mechanical methods.

DG Agriculture and Rural Development

**Magdalena Mach****European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development**

Magdalena Mach is a Policy Officer at the European Commission, DG

Agriculture and Rural Development, Rural Areas & Networks 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.

**Gisela Quaglia****European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development**

Gisela Quaglia is a research programme officer at the European Commission, contributing to DG AGRI's research and innovation agenda in plant health and breeding. Before joining this position in 2020, she was a Marie Skłodowska-Curie PhD fellow in the EU Innovative Training Network, INSPIRATION (Horizon 2020). Gisela holds a PhD in Biosciences Engineering (Ghent University). She is a Chemical Engineer (ITBA) with a master's in Environmental Protection and Agricultural Food Production (University of Hohenheim).



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



Elisabeth Klingbacher
Task manager

Elisabeth is a part-time research and innovation officer at the EIP-AGRI Support Facility. She completed her agricultural studies at the University of natural resources and life sciences as well as agrarian pedagogy at the University College for Agrarian and Environmental Pedagogy in Vienna (Austria).

Elisabeth has a broad experience in organic agriculture with a focus on organic knowledge transfer and knowledge exchange. She is an employee at the Research Institute of organic agriculture (FiBL Austria) in the department of sustainable food systems.



Riccardo Da Re
Lead Facilitator

Riccardo Da Re is the Facilitator, Good Vibe & Culture Manager in Etifor srl. He achieved a master degree in Statistics for the Demographic and Social Sciences, and a Ph.D. in Real Estate Appraisal and Land Use Economics. He has been Postdoctoral Researcher at TESAF Department, University of Padova, for 8 years, involved in two EU H2020 projects. After the doctorate he deepened the study of participatory processes used in governance and rural development, and in 2019 he completed a Master's degree in facilitation held by Genius Loci. During the participatory processes he adopts different participatory techniques, both in-person and online, chosen according to the objectives of the individual projects where he gets involved.



Marleen Riemens
Coordinating Expert

Dr.ir. Marleen Riemens studied Plant Breeding and Crop Protection at Wageningen University. She obtained her PhD at the Crop and Weed Ecology Group of Wageningen University in 2009, completing a thesis with the title "On the development, environmental effects and human dimension of weed management". Since 2003 she has been working at Wageningen University and Research Centre at different groups in different positions. First as a researcher at the Agrosystems Research group, and since 2016 a head of the scientific



research team Crop Health that focusses on IPM (Integrated Pest Management) in arable production systems at WUR.

Marleen Riemens has expertise on sustainable arable plant production systems. She is specialised in integrated pest and weed management. She is project leader of several projects related to the development of arable plant production systems with reduced dependency on chemical crop protection.



Pedro Miguel Naves
Co-Task Manager

Pedro is a research and innovation officer within the EIP-AGRI Support Facility team, where collaborates in project portfolio compilation and analysis, drafting of documents, and organization of events, among others. Pedro has a PhD in Biology (entomology), working as a scientific researcher in the fields of plant protection, pest control, and taxonomy of agricultural and forest insects and mites, participating in scientific projects with international funding. Author and co-author of multiple scientific publications, including chapters in scientific/technical books, papers in indexed scientific journals, oral communications and technical publications, being also a scientific reviewer of international journals. Other activities include training and technical/scientific assistance, consulting and divulgation, organization of technical and scientific events, and education.



Sergiu Didicescu
Co-Task Manager

Sergiu has a background in oenology and agri-environmental economics. He started professional life as an oenologist in the 'Dealu Mare' area, one of Romania's largest wine producing regions. Later, he joined Romania's Rural Development Managing Authority where he was responsible for programming the agrienvironmental measures for Romania's first RDP. Since 2013 Sergiu works for the EIP-AGRI Support Facility currently as Head of Division C "Environment and Climate".





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 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.



Tiina Köster
Facilitator

Tiina has bachelor degree in agronomy and MSc in soil science from Estonian Agricultural University. She has been working as a researcher and lecturer of soil science and environment in Estonian Agricultural University. She also worked in Agricultural Research Centre (ARC) covering different topics related to the soil like soil monitoring, lecturing about soils for farmers, investigating the properties of Estonian agricultural soils in agri-environmental program. She worked also as agronomist in Võru Variety Testing Centre (in ARC) focusing mostly on oilseed rape trials. Currently she works at the Centre of Estonian Rural Research and Knowledge as specialist of EIP-AGRI Support Facility and as specialist of soil science.



Ineke van Vliet
Facilitator

Ineke has broad experience in the field of agriculture, rural development and energy transition. She regularly works in coordinating positions with lots of short term mile stones. Working together in a team motivates her to develop high quality products. She enjoys developing new ideas in interactive cooperation and has both analytic and creative skills to offer. While working she always considers well the institutional environment, the different stakeholders and the client's demand. Ineke joined the EIP-AGRI Support Facility from the end of 2017 and performed tasks like facilitator, co-task manager and task manager of workshops, seminars and the subgroup on innovation. Since 2021 Ineke works as well as an artist in liberal arts: ceramics, installations and mixed media.





Albin Hunia
Facilitator

Albin Hunia is a facilitator/moderator and EU Interreg advisor from the Netherlands, working for the public/state-level Netherlands Enterprise Agency RVO. He is part of the EIP-AGRI/EU CAP NETWORK support team.

With a MSc in Biology, he has a 20+ years background in rural development projects management and EU cooperation projects.



Sarah Beigel
Communications

As part of the Support Facility's communication team, Sarah coordinates the EU CAP Network Innovation and Knowledge exchange newsletter. She also works on publications, contributes to the content of the website and offers support for events. Between 2013-2021, Sarah was also Communications officer for the EIP-AGRI Service Point. Sarah is British, currently living and working in France. She has a master's in international project management, and experience 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).

