

EURAGRI



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Message from our President, Uno Svedin

I am very happy to share our new Euragri Quarterly e-zine with our members and stakeholders involved in developing sustainable pan-European land use management strategies for agriculture, forestry and coastal resources.

We have a long historical institutional background, a wide range of supporting institutions, and connections to a broad group of interested professional individuals assisting us in our activities.

Our objective in the new e-zine is to keep you updated and informed about our activities concerning the European responses to the challenges facing our sector. We would welcome any feedback or comments you may have to help us develop and improve the value of the e-zine (owen.carton@gmail.com).

Uno Svedin

President of Euragri

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Euragri Vision and Mission

Vision

Providing a pan-European forum and network for members and stakeholders to shape the research, knowledge transfer, innovation agendas and activities required to deliver sustainable farming and food systems as envisaged in the UN's Sustainable Goals and in EU or other European political fora.

Mission

Euragri will further establish, stimulate, and improve contacts between stakeholders involved in developing sustainable pan-European land use management strategies for agriculture, forestry and coastal resources. Euragri will achieve this by probing the new and emerging trends in knowledge, technology generation and transfer to meet society's growing demand for sustainable ecosystem services from European and Global Agri-Food Systems.



Strategic Dialogue on the future of EU Agriculture

https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/european-green-deal/agriculture-and-green-deal/strategic-dialogue-future-eu-agriculture_en

The EC President, Ursula von der Leyen, has brought together representatives from 29 organisations including **Euragri**, to share ideas and listen to farmers' needs. **Euragri was invited to participate in the dialogue through our President.** Professor Peter Strohschneider is chairing the Dialogue which is tackling the four questions:

- How can we give our farmers, and the rural communities they live in, a better perspective, including a fair standard of living?
- How can we support agriculture within the boundaries of our planet and its ecosystem?
- How can we make better use of the immense opportunities offered by knowledge and technological innovation?
- How can we promote a bright and thriving future for Europe's food system in a competitive world?



'We must work together with the men and women in EU farming to secure our food supply for the future. Our farmers face mounting challenges: that is why we want to launch a strategic dialogue on the future of EU agriculture. I am convinced that agriculture and protection of the natural world can go hand in hand. We need both.'

**Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission,
State of the Union 2023**

Euragri Conference 2023

The 2023 Euragri conference provided a forum for in-person and virtual delegates to reflect on the emerging responses to delivering Sustainable Food Systems. It explored how functional research and innovation system frameworks and approaches can integrate the complex components of SFS and their interactions.

There were four sessions

- An update on the international and EU developments to achieve the transition to SFS
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xftRJ_6jqTE
- Perspectives of a range of participants in the SFS supply chain. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4wiWT_C2fl&t=31s
- The R&I responses, and the challenges.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4wiWT_C2fl
- The role of the circular economy in delivering SFS.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a26OzGOHvmM&t=215s>

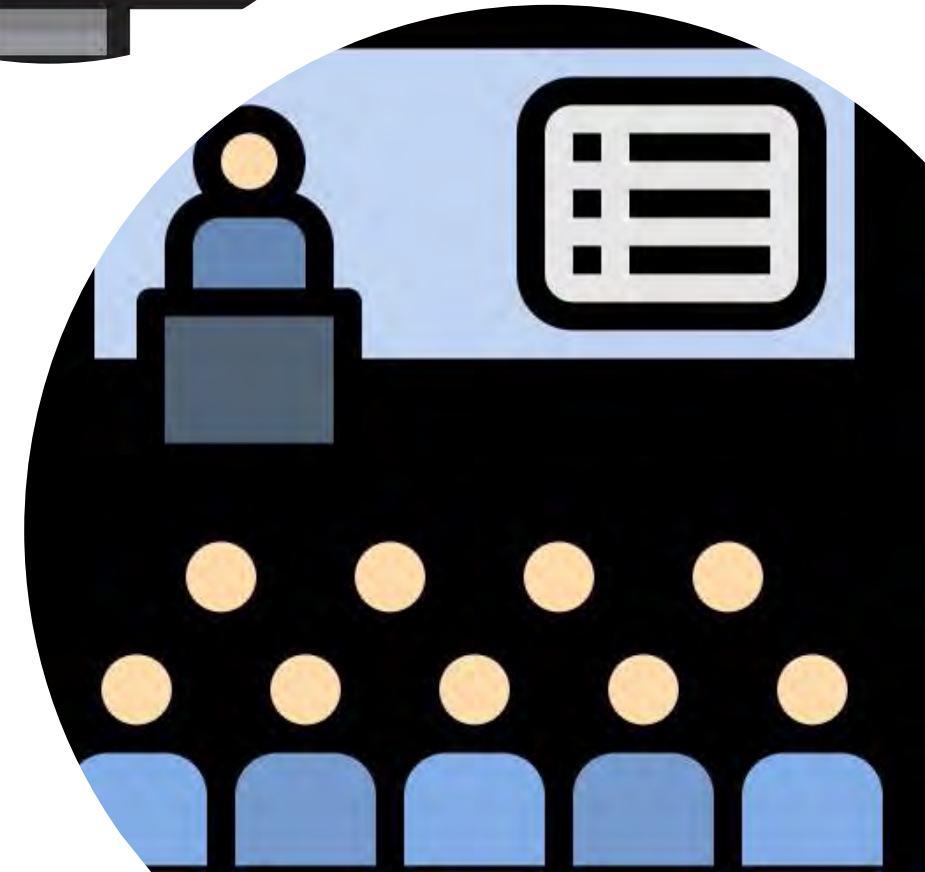
Research and Innovation Developments for Sustainable Food Systems

EURAGRI Conference | Dublin | 23 & 24 November, 2023



2023 Conference Outcomes

- Significantly more investment and integration of a broader range of expertise with technical, academic, social, legal, economic, financial, and ethical dimensions is required.
- Farmers struggle with policy messages that can be contradictory, changes in incentivisation, and excessive data collection for the market or policy implementation. In addition, the gap between consumer demand and willingness to pay frustrates them.
- Addressing the juxtaposition between the requirement for long-term systems research platforms linked to integrated modelling platforms and the funder's concerns about the risks and costs.
- Science-based and balanced discussions to reduce the extent of political polarization in the SFS transition process.
- The need to design and adopt integrated and systemic-based approaches that combine sustainable production, nutrition, and the natural and social environments to improve the lives of all.
- Tailoring SFS solutions to local needs and resources – natural, cultural and human – talking and working together.
- Ensuring food producers participate proactively in the SFS transformation activities.





<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y-msj7rB924>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VICTISPLiHM>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Hqe9fOUuow&t=26s>



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wRROgwn46Qk>

Euragri Conference “two-minute messages”

2024 Webinars

Euragri members are working together to host two webinar series.

- **SRUC/AFBI/Teagasc** will present three webinars on Rural Entrepreneurship in Delivering Sustainable Farming and Food Systems
- **MED/cirad/acta/CSIC INIA** will present three webinars on the climate change adaptation responses required to sustain crop, animal and horticultural production.





Euragri Webinars 2024

Dates for your Diary

April 25th @10:00 (GMT)

May 9th @ 14:00

Scotland's Rural College (SRUC) hosted the first of three Euragri's 2024 webinars on the role of rural entrepreneurship on **March 12, 2024**.

Video Link:

<https://vimeo.com/935366835/c665365d5b>

Challenges and Opportunities in the Uplands, the role of technology. Prof Davy McCracken, Head of Department, Integrated Land Management, Hill & Mountain Research Centre, SRUC.

Highlands Rewilding and its role in promoting innovation and a sustainable natural economy. Jeremy Leggett, CEO, Highlands Rewilding.

Supporting novel small businesses, social enterprises and the self-employed in rural Scotland. Jackie Brierton, CEO GrowBiz

Teagasc will host the second of three Euragri's 2024 webinars on the role of rural entrepreneurship on **April 25, 2024**.

It will highlight some inspiring stories of rural entrepreneurship and innovation on Irish farms.

Booking Link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aUZbzekJTBiF6-xvEJ9baw#/registration

Guest contributors will include:

Barry Caslin, Teagasc, Energy & Rural Development Specialist

Teresa Roche, Kylemore Farmhouse Cheese

Nick Cotter, Cotter Agritech

Noelle Casey, Knockcarrig House.

Northern Ireland's Agri-Food & Biosciences (AFBI) will host the third of three Euragri's 2024 webinars on the role of rural entrepreneurship on **May 9, 2024**.

Booking Link: <https://bit.ly/3vWoGCC>

No straight path: embracing opportunities and overcoming barriers along the road to success. Dr Elaine Groom, AFBI

Adding value to data for more sustainable grassland farming in Europe. Frances Titterington / Francis Lively, AFBI

The value of keeping an eye on herd health and welfare. Terry Canning, CEO, CattleEye

Crop management: from images to realtime insights. Mark Elliott, CEO, CropHound

What's the buzz? Valuing pollinators and biodiversity. Casey Woodward, CEO AgriSound



Euragri Workshop Back Catalogue

REFLECTIONS ON COP 27: OUTCOMES, CHALLENGES, AND NEW ISSUES FOR EUROPEAN AGRI-FOOD RESEARCH AND POLICY

Webinar hosted by INRAE: Monday 6th March 2023



An historical perspective of the COP: achievements and implications for the European land sector and its research and policy needs



Dr Jean-François Soussana, Vice-President
for International Policy, INRAE

www.euragri.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Work-shop-pres-Soussana-060323.pdf



Tensions between climate change adaptation and mitigation and production of agricultural biomass and food

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www.euragri.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Workshop-pres-Caquet-060323.pdf