

PROGRAMME



14th European Rural Development Network Conference



Knowledge sharing and innovation in agriculture and rural areas

Budapest, 3-5 October 2016

The European Union (EU) has introduced new policy instruments such as the EIP-Agri and multi-actor partnerships in an attempt to stimulate innovation in agriculture. In addition, Leader has been replaced by the multi-funded Community-Led Local Development approach. These initiatives are being implemented across the EU despite the great variety of agricultural and rural circumstances, and in particular the continuing differences between post-socialist Member States and other parts of the EU in terms of farm structure, social attitudes and so on. Can programmes that have primarily been developed from a western EU perspective ever be successfully implemented in the eastern EU or is a different approach needed? Although it is still rather early to assess the degree of success in the implementation of the new approaches, the debate on the possible shape of EU innovation policy post-2020 has already started. Thus it is not too soon for researchers and policy makers in eastern central Europe to share their experiences and ideas on how knowledge sharing and innovation can best be encouraged in agriculture and rural areas of the eastern EU in order to influence the post-2020 agenda.

Monday 3 October – Pre-conference session, AKI, Budapest

10.00 – 10.30: *Reception and coffee*

10.30 – 10.40: *Introduction and welcome*

- **10.40 – 12.20 Session 0: Knowledge sharing and innovation: setting the context.**
Chair: KATONÁNE KOVÁCS JUDIT, University of Debrecen, Debrecen, Hungary

10.40 – 11.00: Paweł CHMIELIŃSKI and Bożena KARWAT-WOŹNIAK, Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics – National Research Institute, Warsaw, Poland:
Social, cultural and economic rationale for the development of small farms

11.00 – 11.20: KEMÉNY Gábor, RÁCZ Katalin, HAMZA Eszter, KESZTHELYI Szilárd, TÓTH Orsolya and VARGA Éva, Research Institute of Agricultural Economics, Budapest, Hungary:
The characteristics of small farms and their development opportunities in Hungary

11.20 – 11.40: Tomáš RÁBEK, Marián TÓTH, Ivan HOLÚBEK and Zuzana ČIERNA, Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, Nitra, Slovakia:

Profitability and risk of crop and animal production in Slovak farms

11.40 – 12.00: Drahoslav LANČARIČ, Jana KOZÁKOVÁ, Radovan SAVOV and Veronika NÉMETHOVÁ, Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, Nitra, Slovakia:

Human resources in Slovak agriculture: impact of selected factors

12.00 – 12.20: TAKÁCS-GYÖRGY Katalin, TAKÁCS István and Adam SADOWSKI, Óbuda University, Budapest, Hungary:

What kind of new solutions do we need to increase efficiency of land usage? – case studies from Poland and Hungary (who wins?)

12.20 – 12.30: *Concluding remarks and info for the rest of the day*

12.30 – 13 15: *Sandwich lunch at AKI*

13.15: *Depart for Novotel*

Monday 3 October – Novotel Budapest City Hotel, Budapest

13.00 – 15.00: *Registration*

14.30 – 15.00: *Introduction and welcome*

- **15.00 – 16.40 Session 1: The potential for knowledge sharing and innovation.** *Chair: Barbara WIELICZKO, Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics – National Research Institute, Warsaw, Poland*

15.00 – 15.20: JUHÁSZ Anikó, Research Institute of Agricultural Economics, Budapest, Hungary:
Introducing the BioEast Strategic Research Agenda

15.20 – 15.40: Irene MONASTEROLO and Zbigniew FLORIANCZYK, Boston University, Boston, USA:

How EU Member States innovated the programming of EU structural funds and cohesion policies to support the transformation in farm structures? Evidence across EU countries

15.40 – 16.00: Jiří HRABÁK and Ondřej KONEČNÝ, Charles University in Prague, Prague, Czech Republic:

Multifunctional agriculture in Czechia: non-commodity production or integral part of rural development?

16.00 – 16.20: Lina BJERKE, Jönköping International Business School, Jönköping, Sweden
Agricultural knowledge: a micro data assessment on the role of internal and external knowledge on farm productivity

16.20 – 16.40: Floor GEERLING-EIFF and Marijke DIJKSHOORN, LEI Wageningen University and Research, Wageningen, The Netherlands:
Lessons learnt: the development of regional knowledge and innovation systems in seven Dutch Greenport areas

16.40 – 17.10 *Refreshment break*

- **17.10 – 18.50 Session 2: Mechanisms/processes of innovation and knowledge sharing**
1. Chair: Radovan SAVOV, Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra, Nitra, Slovakia

17.10 – 17.30: Nevena ALEXANDROVA, FAO Regional Office for Europe and Central Asia:
Agricultural Innovation Systems – the FAO perspective

17.30 – 17.50: NEMES Gusztáv and Anna AUGUSTYN, MTA, Budapest, Hungary:
Towards inclusive innovation in a European context – analysing the innovation performance capacity of alternative networks

17.50 – 18.10: Wyn OWEN, Menter a Busnes, Aberystwyth, UK:
Action learning to support organisational change in rural businesses

18.10 – 18.30: Adrien GUICHAOUA, Les Instituts Techniques Agricoles, Paris, France:
The AgriSpin project: learning from sharing

18.30 – 18.50: KATONÁNÉ KOVÁCS Judit, Anna AUGUSTYN and Paulo ALVES, University of Debrecen, Debrecen, Hungary:
Understanding the initiators of knowledge sharing and social innovation in rural areas

18.50 – 19.00: *Concluding remarks and instructions for the next day*

19.30: *Dinner in the hotel*

Tuesday 4 October – Ministry of Agriculture, Budapest

08.30 – 09.30: *Registration for access to the Ministry of Agriculture*

- **09.00 – 10.40 Session 3: Enabling environment for rural innovation 1. Chair: Monica Mihaela TUDOR, Institute of Agricultural Economics – Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania**

09.00 – 09.20: Peter MIDMORE, University of Aberystwyth, Aberystwyth, UK:
The Impresa project: results from the Eastern European Union

09.20 – 09.40: Simona CRISTIANO, Serena TARANGIOLI and Marta STRIANO, Council for Agricultural Research and Economics, Roma, Italy:
The integrated supply-chain projects as a policy approach for encouraging cooperation for innovation in agriculture and rural areas

09.40 – 10.00: Bernd MÜLLER, Institute for Agricultural Policy and Market Research, Gießen, Germany:

Cooperative approaches to targeted implementation of Agri-Environmental Measures (AEM) in Hesse / Germany

10.00 – 10.20: Tomáš HLAVSA, Martin HRUŠKA and Edita TURKOVÁ, Institute of Agricultural Economics and Information Prague, Czech Republic:

Innovation and investment activities in the Czech Less Favoured Areas

10.20 – 10.40: Cecilia ALEXANDRI, Camelia GAVRILESCU, Lucian LUCA and Dan-Marius VOICILAS, Institute of Agricultural Economics – Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania:

National strategy for agriculture in Romania - Horizon 2035

10.40 – 11.10 **Refreshment break**

- **11.10 – 12.50 Session 4: Enabling environment for rural innovation 2.** Chair: Paweł Chmieliński, Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics – National Research Institute, Warsaw, Poland

11.10 – 11.30: Barbara WIELICZKO, Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics – National Research Institute, Warsaw, Poland:

It is all about the risk – how to create an enabling environment for agricultural innovation within the Common Agricultural Policy?

11.30 – 11.50: Helen CARAVELI, Athens University of Economics and Business, Athens, Greece:

The Leader Programme as a vehicle in promoting social capital in rural regions: a critical assessment and examples from the case of Greece

11.50 – 12.10: F. CONTÒ, Mariantoinetta FIORE and R. DICECCA, University of Foggia, Foggia, Italy:

'To Leader or not to Leader?' Cases from Bulgarian, Romanian and Italian LAGs

12.10 – 12.30: Věra MAJEROVÁ, Jiří SÁLUS, Tomáš PILAŘ and Anna BÁBIKOVÁ, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Czech Republic:

LAGs and their innovative approaches to rural development in South Bohemia within the post-crisis period

12.30 – 12.50: Theresia OEDL-WIESER, Thomas DAX and Michael FISCHER, Federal Institute for Less-Favoured and Mountainous Areas, Vienna, Austria:

A new approach for participative rural development in Georgia – analysing challenges, opportunities and innovation needs in Borjomi Municipality

12.50 – 14 40 **Extended lunch break in the Ministry**

During the lunch break there will be the following optional activities:

- **13.30 – 14.10: Panel discussion including plans for future ERDN activities.** Chair: Zbigniew Floriańczyk, Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics – National Research Institute, Warsaw, Poland.

- **14.10 – 14.30: Agrispin YouTube video clips.**
- **14.40 – 15.40 Session 5: Mechanisms/processes of innovation and knowledge sharing**
2. Chair: Jiří SÁLUS, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Czech Republic

14.40 – 15.00: Andrés MONTERO APARICIO, National Institute for the Agricultural and Food Research and Technology, Madrid, Spain:

Recent results from the SCAR Strategic Working Group on Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems

15.00 – 15.20: KOLLÁNYI László, SZABADOS Zsuzsanna, DANCSOKNÉ FÓRIS Edina, HUBAYNÉ HORVÁTH Nóra, ILLYÉS Zsuzsanna, FILEPNÉ KOVÁCS Krisztina, MÁTÉ Klaudia, MIKHÁZI Zsuzsanna, SZILVÁCSKU Zsolt, TÖRÖK Éva and SALLAY Ágnes, Szent István University, Gödöllő, Hungary:

New ways of partnership in rural development planning

15.20 – 15.40: Ryszard KAMIŃSKI, Polish Academy of Sciences, Institute of Agricultural and Rural Development, Warsaw, Poland:

Polish experience of social farming in Bory Tucholskie area

15.40 – 16.00: HERDON Miklós, VÁRALLYAI László, LENGYEL Péter, PANCSIRA János, PETŐ Károly, Charles BURRIEL, Helene COCH, Tamás JÁNOS and Blaskó LAJOS, University of Debrecen, Debrecen, Hungary:

Innovation on agroforestry education, training and practice to develop rural living and environment supported by the AgroFE Leonardo and Agrof-MM Erasmus+ Projects

16.20 – 16.20: Simona CRISTIANO, Patrizia PROIETTI and Marta STRIANO, Council for Agricultural Research and Economics, Rome, Italy:

Agricultural innovation through Rural Development Programmes: experiences and pathways in Italy

16.20 – 16.30: *Concluding remarks and instructions for the evening*

16.30 – 17.00: *Refreshment break*

17.00: *Depart on foot to restaurant in centre of Budapest for dinner*

Wednesday 5 October – Ministry of Agriculture, Budapest

08.30 – 09.00: *Registration for access to the Ministry of Agriculture*

- **09.00 – 11.10 Session 6: VALERIE papers and workshop.** Chair: Paul NEWELL-PRICE, ADAS UK Ltd., Wolverhampton, UK

09.05 – 09.25: Hein F.M. ten BERGE, Luca BECHINI, Frits K. van EVERT, Arianna FACCHI, Michael den HERDER, Yolaine HILY, Eric JUSTES, Nicole J.J.P. KOENDERINK, Paul

NEWELL-PRICE, Frank J. de RUIJTER, Dario SACCO, Peter M. SCHULER, Jan TOP and Don J.M. WILLEMS, Applied Plant Research/Plant Research International, Wageningen, The Netherlands:

Boosting outreach of research for innovation in sustainable agriculture and forestry: a semantic approach by VALERIE

09.25 – 09.45: Julie INGRAM, Pete GASKELL, Jane MILLS, Janet DWYER and Pieter de WOLF, Countryside and Community Research Institute, Gloucester, UK:

Integrating co-innovation into research translation: developing a stakeholder-driven methodology

09.45 – 11.10: *ask-Valerie.eu* demonstration and VALERIE workshop

11.10 – 11.40: **Refreshment break**

- **11.40 – 13.20 Session 7: Impacts of knowledge sharing and innovation.** *Chair: Věra MAJEROVÁ, Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Czech Republic*

11.40 – 12.00: Monica Mihaela TUDOR, Mihai Alexandru CHITEA and Elisabeta Stefania ROSU, Institute of Agricultural Economics – Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania:

Competitiveness and innovation in rural Romania

12.00 – 12.20: Cristina Bianca POCOL, Călin MOLDOVAN-TESELIOS and Vlad Mihai OCHIROȘ, University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Cluj Napoca, Cluj Napoca, Romania:

Impact assessment of Local Action Groups - as an innovative measure of the Leader Programme - on the diversification of non-agricultural activities and encouragement for small entrepreneurs

12.20 – 12.40: Vladimír SZÉKELY, Institute of Geography, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Bratislava, Slovakia:

Changes of commuting to work in territories covered by registered Local Action Groups: Slovakia, 2001 and 2011

12.40 – 13.00: Agnieszka WRZOCHALSKA and Barbara CHMIELEWSKA, Institute of Agricultural and Food Economics – National Research Institute, Warsaw, Poland:

Economic and social changes in rural areas in Poland

13.00 – 13.20: Marie TRANTINOVÁ, Institute of Agricultural Economics and Information, Prague, Czech Republic:

The economic context of climate change impacts and evaluate the impacts of the proposed adaptation measures in the South Moravian region

13.20 – 14.20: **Lunch in the Ministry**

- **14.20 – 16.20 Session 8: Papers from Hungary.** *Chair: BIRÓ Szabolcs, Research Institute of Agricultural Economics, Budapest, Hungary (presented in English)*

14.20 – 14.40: MEGYESI Boldizsár, Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest, Hungary:

The changing role of local small-scale agri-food production in Hungary

14.40 – 15.00: SZILVÁCSKU Zsolt, Szent István University, Gödöllő, Hungary:

Landscape and community based management of rural areas (New system thinking approach for partnership in management of rural areas based on community and landscape resilience)

15.00 – 15.20: VITYI Andrea, M.R. MOSQUERA-LOSADA and R. BOREK, University of West Hungary, Sopron, Hungary:

The role of agroforestry innovation networks in post-2020 rural development of the eastern European region

15.20 – 15.40: FILEP-KOVÁCS Krisztina, VALÁNSZKI István and JOMBACH Sándor, Szent István University, Gödöllő, Hungary:

Green infrastructure and European Union agricultural policy

15.40 – 16.00: BALÁZS Katalin, KOHLHEB Norbert, PODMANICZKY László, SIPOS Balázs and MÉSZÁROS Dóra, Szent István University, Gödöllő, Hungary:

Towards public-goods oriented agricultural payments: research for performance-based agri-environmental schemes

16.00 – 16.10: *Closing remarks*

Poster

Klaus WAGNER, Federal Institute of Agricultural Economics, Vienna, Austria:

H2020 Project SIMRA – Social Innovations in Marginalised Rural Areas

Remarks

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