



Valerie

Valorising European Research for Innovation in Agriculture and Forestry

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VALERIE Objectives

VALERIE is a 7th Framework Programme project focusing on improving the flow of information between farmers, advisers and researchers to help drive innovation. It is pioneering a stakeholder driven approach to identify farming issues and match these to adviser knowledge and recent research outputs to help useful information arrive 'on the ground' more quickly and drive applied research that responds to farmers' needs. The central VALERIE activities are:

- Working with practitioners (farmers, foresters, advisers and supply chain partners) in ten case studies to identify current issues within agriculture and forestry
- Extraction of knowledge from recent research projects and wider practitioner experience to help provide solutions to these issues
- The development of the *ask-Valerie.eu* virtual adviser that will interactively improve access to information & knowledge for farmers, foresters, advisers & researchers

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Workshop Aims

This workshop is targeted at researchers and policy makers in eastern central Europe to provide an opportunity to discuss how outputs from the VALERIE project can be developed and used most effectively in the eastern EU.

The aim of the VALERIE workshop is to:

- Provide an update on the VALERIE project and its approach to improving access to information and promoting innovation in agriculture and forestry
- Provide an opportunity for stakeholders to steer and give feedback on how the VALERIE project is progressing in relation to its aims of boosting innovation by facilitating knowledge exchange between practitioners and researchers
- Discuss how VALERIE and the *ask-Valerie.eu* virtual adviser can be integrated into current and future methods of accessing knowledge in eastern central Europe

Programme:

- 08:30 – 09:00 am **Registration for access to the Ministry of Agriculture**
- 09:00 am **Welcome to the Workshop** – Paul Newell Price, ADAS UK Ltd.
- 09:05 am **Boosting outreach of research for innovation in sustainable agriculture and forestry** – Hein ten Berge, Plant Research International, Wageningen, The Netherlands
- 09.25 am **Integrating co-innovation into research translation: developing a stakeholder-driven methodology** – Julie Ingram, Countryside and Community Research Institute, Gloucester, UK
- 09.45 am ***ask-Valerie.eu* demonstration – How VALERIE will deliver knowledge across the farming and forestry supply chain** – Peter M. Schuler, it-objects GmbH Germany
- 10.05 am **Outline of working group topics** – Paul Newell Price, ADAS UK Ltd.
- 10.10 – 10.50 am **Working groups**
- i. How do farmers and advisers in eastern central and south eastern Europe currently access information for agricultural innovation and how is this likely to develop in the future?
 - ii. Who are the potential users of *ask-Valerie.eu* in eastern central and south eastern Europe?
 - iii. How can *ask-Valerie.eu* be adapted to support knowledge sharing and interactive innovation in agriculture, forestry and rural areas in the region?
 - iv. How can we best promote the awareness and use of *ask-Valerie.eu* in eastern central and south eastern Europe?
 - v. How can the uptake of results [in support of innovation] from national projects in eastern central and south eastern Europe be improved?
- 10.50 am **Feedback, summary and conclusions** – Paul Newell Price, ADAS UK Ltd.
- 11:10 – 11:40 am **Refreshment break**