

EURAGRI – increasing the involvement of underrepresented regions and/or organisations

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Who is **EURAGRI**?

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*The Swedish Research Council for Environment,
Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning*



How did **EURAGRI** evolve?

1988 - 2007

- Leaders of research organisations and policy makers
- Discuss science and policy
- Annual conference & workshops
- Form concertation to cooperation
- New, more formalised Charter
- EEC ---> EU
- Reform of CAP
- Importance of FP5 - no specific agro-programme
- Dynamics of social awareness & governance
- Dynamics of life sciences & green industries



What does **EURAGRI** stand for today?

- Registered non-profit organisation
- National, European and global research agendas and strategies and the consequences for the management and the positioning of research organisations
- Outreach to all actors in interface policy – science
- and wide range of disciplines



How does **EURAGRI** involve?

- The conferences
- The workshops
- The set up of its organization
- The publications



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2017 XXXI THE EURAGRI CONFERENCE

Title: Strategic management of agricultural and life sciences research organisations – interfaces, processes and contents



01.01.2016



2016 THE XXX EURAGRI CONFERENCE

Title: The bio-economy – challenges and implementation – the research organizations' perspective.



01.01.2015



2015 THE XXIX EURAGRI CONFERENCE

Title: Diffusion of innovation and knowledge in agriculture



01.01.2014



2014 THE XXVIII EURAGRI CONFERENCE

Title: Long-term strategic agenda for research and innovation in agriculture, North – South partnership at stake



01.01.2013



2013 THE XXVII EURAGRI CONFERENCE

Title: Framing the challenges of European agricultural research – Innovation, stakeholder involvement and the supply and production chain.



01.01.2012



2012 THE XXVI EURAGRI CONFERENCE

Title: : Bio-economy and its context – the Role of Agriculture



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24.05.2017

WORKSHOP: DIVERSITY – A STRATEGIC KEY ISSUE FOR FUTURE EUROPEAN AGRO, FOOD AND BIO-ECONOMY RESEARCH

The workshop will be held in Kowi, 98 rue du Trône, 1050 Brussels, Belgium, 31 May 2017.



01.06.2015

WORKSHOP: THE EUROPEAN AGRO-FOOD MODEL UNDER TRANSITION – SOCIETAL AND CULTURAL ASPECTS FACING THE FUTURE OF EUROPE IN A GLOBAL CONTEXT

The workshop was held in KOWI, 98 rue du Trône, 1050 Brussels, Belgium June, 2015.



01.06.2013

WORKSHOP: AESTHETICAL, ETHICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL ASPECTS OF SUSTAINABILITY - CHALLENGE OF USES AND CARE FOR NATURE

The workshop was held in KOWI, 98 rue du Trône, 1050 Brussels, Belgium June, 2013.



01.06.2016

WORKSHOP: 'THE BIO-ECONOMY – ISSUES AND VALUES AT STAKE – THE HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES PERSPECTIVE'

The workshop will be held in Kowi, 98 rue du Trône, 1050 Brussels, Belgium on 14 June 2016, 10.30 – 17.00.



01.06.2014

WORKSHOP: CHANGING THE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION LANDSCAPE – THE CASE FOR AGRICULTURE IN A BIOECONOMY WORLD

The workshop was held in KOWI, 98 rue du Trône, 1050 Brussels, Belgium June, 2014.



01.06.2012

WORKSHOP: CURRENT, INTERRELATED STRATEGIC ISSUES IN EUROPEAN AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND POLICY

The workshop was held in Kowi, 98 rue du Trône, 1050 Brussels, Belgium June, 2012.



01.03.2016

WORKSHOP: BIG DATA IN AGRICULTURE: CONSEQUENCES FOR RESEARCH AND RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS

The workshop was held in INRA, Room 115, 147, rue de l'Université, Paris March, 2016.



01.07.2013

WORKSHOP: CONDITIONS THAT SUPPORTS THE USE OF KNOWLEDGE FOR INNOVATION AND APPLICATION

The workshop was held in KOWI, 98 rue du Trône, 1050 Brussels, Belgium July 2013.



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Diffusion and transfer of knowledge in agriculture

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The challenges for the Mediterranean countries

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Food insecurity and lack of development of rural areas have been at the root of recent social and political unrest in Southern and Eastern Mediterranean countries, with consequences reaching far beyond the Region.

Climate change, biodiversity loss, water scarcity and soil depletion are strongly felt all around the Mediterranean rim. Food systems are becoming more vulnerable resulting from rapid globalisation, price instability and food safety concerns caused by emerging threats.

The vulnerability of food systems is compounded by social tensions resulting from massive unemployment levels, especially for the youth. The co-occurrence of economic slow-down in the North and demographic growth in the South provides for an explosive mix. It calls for imaginative and bold development models and policies.

The EU cannot afford to have its Southern neighbours engaged in a downward spiral, because the spiral is bound to engulf the EU itself, sooner or later. Furthermore the EU is to benefit from a deeper engagement with its Southern neighbours.

Countries from the South and the North share challenges faced by Mediterranean agriculture and food systems. The Mediterranean is like a magnifying

references before challenges become unmanageable in the North.

And that also holds for Regions beyond the Southern and Eastern Mediterranean. Neighbours of our neighbours are our neighbours too, and the decades to come call for spelling a vision of our common destiny with the whole of Africa and the countries of the Persian Gulf.

Such a set of inter-connected problems calls for common, co-ordinated, solutions, as discussed in the EURAGRI meeting, held in Montpellier in September 2014.

The need for new approaches

In the first place, there is a sense of urgency in changing our approaches to production, consumption, processing, storage, recycling and disposal of bio-resources. Modern food systems have failed to deal appropriately with resource scarcity, and in some cases they have been at the roots of new scarcities.

A new approach should start from human, natural and social capitals, which are the most abundant resources in South Mediterranean areas. The huge cultural and biological diversity in the Mediterranean basin are an immense resource for diversified products based on labour- and knowledge-intensive pro-



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What makes **EURAGRI** special?

- Independency
- Informality
- Flexibility
- Breadth and depth of network

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