



CONFERENCE

“Agroforestry: Trees for a Sustainable European Agriculture”

Wednesday 10 October 2012

10:30 – 12:30

Room JAN 6Q1

European Parliament, Brussels

Interpretation EN-FR

AGENDA

Chaired by:

Gaston Franco, Member of the European Parliament (MEP), Chair of the “Forestry” Group of the EP Intergroup “*Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development*”

Agroforestry gathers methods aiming at mixing trees and crops or animals. This implies an integrated management of trees (both into and around fields) and of crops or pastures grown under forest cover. This innovative production method leads to positive effects such as an increased biomass production, improving lands profitability, limitation of input (fertilizers, pesticides, etc), CO₂ capture and water purification. Agroforestry also contributes to economic profitability, brings a solution to agronomical and environmental concerns and requires innovation. However, is this method threatened by the reform of the Common Agricultural Policy?

The conference will aim at promoting and exchanging on agroforestry as well as discussing solutions that could help this tool to be further supported at the European level.





Opening Session

- 10.30-10.35 Welcoming words and introduction by MEP Gaston Franco**, Chair of the “Forestry” Group of the EP Intergroup “Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development”
- 10.35-10.45 Statement by Maria Angeles Benitez Salas**, Director “Sustainability and Quality of agriculture and rural development”, DG Agriculture, European Commission
What place for agroforestry in the reformed Common Agriculture Policy?
- 10.45-10.55 Questions and Answers** with Maria Angeles Benitez Salas, Director “Sustainability and Quality of agriculture and rural development”, DG Agriculture, European Commission

Presentations and debate

- 10.55-11.05 European research on agroforestry: achievements and ways forward**
Christian Dupraz, Researcher, French National Institute for agricultural research, President of the European Agroforestry Federation (EURAF)
- 11.05-11.15 Trees in fields for a competitive and sustainable European agriculture**
Stephen Briggs, Farmer in Cambridgeshire, Director of Abacus Organic Associates
- 11.15-11.20 Agroforestry in Europe: big potential, relevant and optimistic solutions**
Alain Canet, President of the French Agroforestry Association (AFAF)
- 11.20-11.30 Trees and farmers**
Antonia Andugar, Senior Policy Advisor on Environmental issues, COPA COGECA





- 11.30-11.40 Supporting farmers' agroforestry projects: the French example**
Dominique Chalumeaux, Farmer, In charge of the agroforestry issue at the Office of the French Agricultural Chambers
- 11.40-11.50 What support for agroforestry under a greener CAP?**
Jana Polakova, Senior Policy Analyst on agriculture and rural development, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)
- 11.50-12.20 Debate with the audience**

Closing session

- 12.20-12.30 Conclusions by MEP Gaston Franco, Chair of the "Forestry" Group of the EP Intergroup "Climate Change, Biodiversity and Sustainable Development"**

Lunch and continuation of informal discussions

Lunch will be provided in front of the meeting room (JAN 6Q1)

