



Policy Session

Agroforestry sector in the EU: Towards novel policies and financing frameworks

Barcelona, June 28th 2023

16:30 - 18:00 CET

Background and content

With the European Green Deal's increasing ambition to address climate change and environmental degradation, there is a need for policy initiatives and sustainable practices that can transform the EU into a modern, resource-efficient, and competitive economy. Agroforestry, as a multifunctional system, holds great potential for driving this transition by offering environmental, economic, and social benefits.

Working towards this ambition, EMEA is contributing to the ReForest project, funded by Horizon Europe. The project aims to promote the adoption of agroforestry systems among farmers by facilitating effective and sustainable financing at both national and EU levels. Our current work focuses on examining the existing regulations, funding schemes, and policy frameworks applicable to agroforestry in Europe. We aim to lay the groundwork for the development of innovative financial instruments and policy recommendations, drawing on insights from living labs, as well as active engagement with policymakers and financial industry stakeholders. The project also aims to place the economic value of agroforestry ecosystem services and their environmental and socio-economic benefits at the core of financial considerations.

Recognising that similar goals are shared by many other projects and initiatives, EMEA is organizing a policy session titled "**Agroforestry sector in the EU: Towards novel policies and financing frameworks**" within the ReForest project activities. The objective of this session is to bring together experts in the field and provide them with a platform to share the latest developments and knowledge regarding finance and policies relevant to the agroforestry sector in the EU. The policy session will specifically address topics such as the current regulatory

and policy framework for agroforestry, financial mechanisms applicable to agroforestry systems, carbon markets, and anticipated changes, as well as recommendations for innovative policies and financing frameworks in the agroforestry sector within the EU.

The event will take place at EMEA on June 28th, 2023 (16:30-18:00) in a hybrid format and will bring together representatives of relevant and well-known research organisations working on agroforestry in Europe. Participants have the option for either physical presence or virtual participation.

Moderator

Consuelo Varela Ortega, Professor Emeritus at Universidad Politécnica de Madrid (UPM) and Member of the Executive Board of EMEA*

Panellists

- Centro de Investigación Ecológica y Aplicaciones Forestales (CREAF), **Enrique Doblás**
- BETA Technological Centre, **Andrea Casadesús Cabral**
- European Forest Institute (EFI), **Magda Bou Dagher Kharrat**
- Forest Science and Technology Centre of Catalonia (CTFC), **Jaime Coello**
- European Agroforestry Federation (EURAF), **Gerry Lawson**
- Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), **Milan Elkerbout**

Topics of the policy session

1. What are the latest development and knowledge on finance and policies applicable to the agroforestry sector in the EU?
2. What is the role of agroforestry as a multifunctional system that can provide multiple environmental, social and economic benefits in EU policies? Are there any relevant initiatives for agroforestry?
3. What are the gaps in existing financing mechanisms (public and private) and policies for agroforestry and opportunities for improvement in Europe?
4. How can we accelerate effective and sustainable financing of the agroforestry sector at national and EU level and put the economic value of the ecosystem services and environmental benefits provided by agroforestry systems at the center of the financial focus?
5. How can agroforestry contribute to climate change mitigation through its possible future integration into carbon markets and the role of carbon farming at the EU level?
6. What are the expected changes to come and recommendations towards novel policies and financing frameworks in the agroforestry sector in the EU?

Agenda

16:15: Registration (for speakers attending the session in person)
16:30: Presentations (10 minutes by presentation)
17:35: Questions and discussion among participants
18:00: End of the session

Timeslot	Description
16:30 to 16:35	Welcome by Consuelo Varela Ortega
16:35 to 16:45	presentation by Enrique Doblaz
16:45 to 16:55	presentation by Andrea Casadesús Cabral
16:55 to 17:05	presentation by Magda Bou Dagher Kharrat
17:05 to 17:15	presentation by Jaime Coello
17:15 to 17:25	presentation by Gerry Lawson
17:25 to 17:35	presentation by Milan Elkerbout
17:35 to 18:00	Questions and discussion among participants

Organising committee

Rym Ayadi, President and Founder of EMEA
Martin Lukáč, Coordinator of Reforest Project
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Venue

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