



Future of Users'-Led Research and Innovation Partnerships

Learning from the PAEPARD Experience & Engaging with Eastern & Central Europe

2016 Annual Technical and Business Meeting

**Venue: Conference Hall, 701, Rectorate building, 7th Floor
Czech University of Life Sciences, Prague
29-30 November, 2016**

1 BACKGROUND

Innovation is at the heart of the solution to overcome the challenge of feeding 9 billion people by 2050. Changes in the environment such as globalisation, increased market competition, the impacts of climate change, and the necessity for sustainably managing the natural resource base, have drawn increasing attention to engaging a larger set of actors involved in agriculture research and innovation. As a response, interactive approaches using innovation partnerships emerged in Europe and beyond. The strategic approach to (EU) agricultural research and innovation is one example of such approaches.

The European Commission Directorate General for Development and Cooperation (DEVCO) recognises the importance of demand-driven research and innovation in achieving the overarching goals of sustainable agriculture, food and nutrition security, and alleviation of poverty and hunger in developing countries. Two key pillars of the DEVCO strategy on research and innovation are “the need to explore strategic directions to put research into use” to achieve greater impact, and “ensuring that agricultural research for development (AR4D) delivers impact at country and local level”.

Although the development of demand-driven research and innovation partnerships has been encouraged for several years, end-users are still often seen as the “study-object” rather than the co-owner of the partnership in the co-creation and application of practical knowledge. By increasing users’ engagement, the user-led research and innovation approach aims at better identifying development problems, needs and opportunities with the ultimate goal of developing more pertinent research outputs and outcomes, and increasing research uptake and development impact of research.

In this perspective, the **Platform for Africa-Europe Partnership in Agricultural Research for Development (PAEPARD)** has developed and experimented with a multi-stakeholder partnership approach, between European and African stakeholders, i.e. the ‘Users’-Led Process’ (ULP) to better articulate and integrate users’ needs, to

source and pilot innovative funding mechanisms, and to implement joint research and development activities. The lessons learned from PAEPARD should indicate the way forward for: sustaining agricultural innovation in Africa and other regions; re-defining the role of brokerage; improving the implementation of public-private partnerships for achieving greater impact on rural livelihoods and economies and reducing reliance on public subsidies for AR4D.

As EFARD's mission is to promote more effective, demand-driven and impact-focused research and innovation through building partnerships particularly with developing countries, this year's annual technical meeting will provide a platform for reflection and learning by showcasing the experience of ongoing policy and programme initiatives, in particular the PAEPARD programme, and lessons learned from the ULP process, innovative AR4D funding mechanisms and innovation partnerships between Europe and Africa. EFARD will also seek to engage more with Eastern and Central Europe organizations and issues. Therefore, the theme for the 2016 EFARD annual meeting is the *"Future of User-Led Research and Innovation Partnerships"* to determine the relevance from the perspectives of European AR4D stakeholders, especially Eastern and central Europe, and how best to embed and up-scale this approach for achieving the sustainable development goals through North-South research and development cooperation involving researchers and non-researchers.

2 OBJECTIVES

- Deliberate on the future of the Users'-Led Research and Innovation partnerships for achieving greater research uptake and development impact to contribute to achieving the sustainable development goals
- Engage EFARD with the Eastern and Central Europe AR4D community.
- Prepare the EFARD work plan for 2016 – 2017 including updating the management team composition and assessing options for future hosting of the EFARD Executive Secretariat.

3 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- **EFARD position** on the way forward for Users'-Led research, innovation partnerships and innovative funding mechanisms for strengthening North-South partnerships in the pursuit of greater research and development impact endorsed
- EFARD members' engagement, notably from Eastern and Central Europe enhanced
- Draft work plan for 2016-2017 and revitalised EFARD management team and membership updated and approved.

PROGRAMME

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EFARD Technical Meeting

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Chair: *Prof. Patrick Van Damme, Chair EFARD*

Rapporteurs: *Laurianne Ollivier, Libuška Valešová*

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| 9:00 – 9:10 | Welcome Remarks and Introduction – <i>Patrick Van Damme, Chair, EFARD, Belgium</i> |
| 9:10 – 9:30 | The EU Approach on Agricultural Research for Development in Developing Countries - <i>Roberto Aparicio, Policy Officer, Sustainable Agriculture, Pastoralism, European Commission, Belgium</i> |
| 9:30 – 9:50 | <u>Keynote Presentation</u> – The Future of Demand-led Research and Innovation – <i>Szandra Megyery, International Research Coordinator, National Agriculture Research and Innovation Centre, Hungary</i> |
| 9:50 – 10:10 | PAEPARD Innovative Funding Mechanisms & Lessons Learned from Africa-EU AR4D partnerships over the years – <i>Jonas Mugabe, FARA, Ghana and Remi Kahane, Agrinatura/ CIRAD, France - PAEPARD Management Team</i> |
| 10:10– 10:30 | Discussion |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break and Networking – <i>Vestibule</i> |
| 11:00 – 12:20 | Focus on PAEPARD Users’-Led Process (ULP) |
| 11:00 – 11:40 | African & EU Researchers’ perspective on the ULP |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Adding Value to Mango Waste in West-Africa led by COLEACP (European-led) – <i>Timbilfou Kiendrebeogo, Zootechnicien, Systèmes de Production Animale, CNRST/INERA, Burkina Faso & Denis Felicite-Zulma, Project Officer, COLEACP, France</i>– Aflatoxin Groundnut Value Chain in Malawi-Zambia led by FANRPAN (African-led) – <i>Limbikani Kenani Matumba, Lecturer/Researcher, Lilongwe University of Agriculture and</i> |

*Natural Resources (LUANAR), Malawi & Ben Bennett,
Deputy Director, University of Greenwich, United Kingdom*

Discussion (Q/A)

- 11:40 – 12:20 Users’/Farmers’ Perspectives on Engaging in Research and Innovation Partnerships
- Irish Potato Consortium – Burundi (public research leader)
– *Anton Haverkort, Researcher, Wageningen University and Research, The Netherlands & Annick Sezibera, Executive Secretary, Confédération des Associations de Producteurs Agricole pour le Développement (CAPAD), Burundi*

 - Trichoderma for Horticulture Soil Fertility Management in Burkina Faso (private sector leader) – *Olivier Besnard, President, BioPhytech, France & Claude Arsène Savadogo, Administrateur-Géran, GIE BIOPROTECT-B, Burkina Faso*

Discussion (Q/A)

- 12:20 – 12:40 Keynote Presentation – Strengthening the Engagement of Eastern and Central Europe in Agricultural Research and Innovation Partnerships – *Vladimir Verner, Assistant Professor, Head of Department of Economics and Development, Czech University of Life Sciences, Czech Republic*

12:40 – 13:00 Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch – *Café SIC building*

Chair: *Dr. Ann Waters-Bayer, Vice Chair EFARD*

Rapporteurs: *Laurianne Ollivier, Libuška Valešová*

- 14:00 – 14:20 Transformative Change of Agriculture through Collaborative Agricultural Research and Citizen-led Innovation – *Michael Hauser, President of Agrinatura, Boku University, Austria*

14:20 – 14:30 Discussion

- 14:30 – 14:50 EFARD’s Assessment of the Position of European Partners in the PAEPARD Users’-Led Process – *Laurianne Ollivier, EFARD Intern & J.A. Francis, Executive Secretary, EFARD, The Netherlands*

14:50 – 15:00 Discussion

- 15:00 – 15:45 **Panel discussion** - Relevance of the Users’-Led Research and Innovation Partnerships to EFARD stakeholders – Going forward

Panellists: *Patrick Van Damme, Roberto Aparicio, Ann Waters-Bayer, Szandra Megyery, Yemi Akinbamijo, Rémi Kahane, Jonas Mugabe*

- 15:45 – 16:00 Feedback
- 16:00 - 16:30 Coffee break and Networking – *Vestibule*
- 16:30 – 17:30 **Working Group Session** – What are the key factors and priorities for enabling greater user engagement in research and innovation partnerships within (West, Central, and East) Europe and between Europe and developing countries?
- 17:30 – 18:15 **EFARD MT Meeting** (closed)
- 18:30 – 21:00 Dinner & Networking

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Showcasing Eastern and Central Europe Research and Innovation Partnerships and

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- 8:00 – 9:00 **EFARD MT meeting** (continued; closed)
- 9:00 – 12:30** **Chair:** *Dr. Yemi Akinbamijo, Executive Director, FARA, Ghana*
Rapporteurs: *Laurianne Ollivier, Libuška Valešová*
- Focus – Showcasing Examples of Research and Innovation Partnerships led by Eastern and Central European Partner Organisations**
- 9:00 – 9:10 Welcome Remarks and Introduction - The Importance of Africa and Europe Collaboration on Agricultural Research for Development: Lessons for Eastern Europe – *Yemi Akinbamijo, Executive Director, FARA, Ghana*
- 9:10 – 9:50 Success Stories/Case Studies from Eastern and Central Europe
YPARD Europe

- Process Model based Decision support for Multi-Stakeholder Water-Food-Energy-Ecosystem Networks - Harmonization of Local Interests with Global Sustainability – *Monika Varga, YPARD Representative- Hungary, Kaposvár University, Hungary*
- Reinventing Networking and Collective Action in the Balkans: The Case of Slow Food in Velika Plana, central Serbia – *Ivana Radic Jean, YPARD Representative- Serbia - AgTrain PhD program SupAgro University, CIRAD, Montpellier and University of Catania, France*

Discussion

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| 9:50 – 10:30 | <p>Success Stories/Case Studies from Eastern and Central Europe
YPARD Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Regional Development Association - Transforming Lives to Better – <i>Davit Gogilashvili, YPARD Representative– Georgia - Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist, Regional Development Association (RDA), Georgia</i> – Capacity Building for Youth in Organic Agriculture: The Case of EkoBiz Project in Split, Split-Dalmatia County, Croatia– <i>Zrinka Filipović Dermić, YPARD Representative – Croatia & Vice President, Association of Organic Farmers of Dalmatia - Dalmacija EKO, Croatia</i> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | Coffee break and Networking – <i>Vestibule</i> |
| 11:00 – 11:15 | <p>Success Stories/Case Studies from Eastern and Central Europe
YPARD Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Increasing Youth Engagement through YPARD in Mongolia– <i>Enkhtor Anudari, YPARD Representative – Mongolia, Czech University of Life Sciences, Czech Republic</i> |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | LESARD: The M&E System for AR4D Effectiveness and Efficiency, contribution to the M&E and Learning activities of Capacity Development for Agricultural Innovation Systems (CDAIS) – <i>Murat Sartas, Innovation System Scientist, Turkey</i> |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | Discussion |
| 12:00 – 13:30 | Lunch – <i>Café SIC building</i> |
| 13:30 – 17:00 | <p>Focus - EFARD Business Meeting
Chair: Patrick Van Damme, Chair EFARD</p> |

Rapporteurs: Laurianne Ollivier, Libuška Valešová

- 13:30 – 13:45 Welcome Remarks and Chairman’s Vision for 2016 - 2017, *Patrick Van Damme, Chair EFARD, Belgium*
- Discussion (Q&A)
- 13:45 – 14:00 Confirmation of the agenda and Self-introductions
- 14:00 – 14:15 Reflections on Day 1 & Key messages for EFARD – *Roberto Aparicio, Policy Officer, Sustainable Agriculture, Pastoralism, European Commission, Belgium*
- 14:15 – 14:30 EFARD management report 2015-2016 – *Judith Ann Francis, Executive Secretary, EFARD, The Netherlands*
- 14:30 – 14:45 Discussion (Q&A)
- 14:45 – 15:00 Update on SCAR, SCAR/CASA Project and SCAR/ARCH Working Group - *Philippe Petithuguenin, Deputy Director, Research and Strategy, CIRAD, France*
- 15:00 – 15:15 Update on GFAR Governance – *Harry Palmier, GFAR Secretariat*
- 15:15 – 15:30 Update on YPARD Europe – *Libuška Valešová, Europe Coordinator, YPARD, Czech Republic*
- 15:30 – 15:45 Discussion (Q&A)
- 15:45 – 16:00 Update on TAP and CDAIS Pilots – *Christian Hoste, Director of International Relations, AGREENIUM, France & Richard Hawkins, Executive Director, ICRA, the Netherlands*
- 16:00 – 16:15 Update on AGRINATURA - *Guy Poulter, EEIG Director, Agrinatura, United Kingdom*
- 16:15 – 16:30 Discussion (Q&A)
- 16:30 – 16:45 Summary of Main Decisions of Days 1 & 2 and Implications for the 2016-2017 EFARD Work Plan – *Judith Ann Francis, Executive Secretary, EFARD, The Netherlands*
- 16:45 – 17:00 **Closing Remarks** – Patrick Van Damme, Chair, EFARD
- Coffee Break, Networking & Departures – *Vestibule*