

International Workshop “Agriculture and Environment in the Balkans and Turkey: Networking Regional Experience”

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DAY ONE

09:00 – 09:30 **Arrival and Registration**

09:30 – 10:20 **Opening Session**

- Prof. André Théwis, Rector of the Gembloux Agricultural University
- Mr. Ph. Busquin - EP
- Mr. R. Schenkel – Director General - DG JRC - EC
- P.Suinen - General Administrator of the AWEX

10:20 – 10:50 Coffee Break

10:50 – 12:30 **Session 1: The EU Acquis and driving instruments for integration**

Chair: Balkan Country

- Agri-Environmental Legislation
(M. Hammel, Unit Head Env B.1. Agriculture and soil, DG ENV-EC)
- EU Research 7th Framework Programme
(L. Bochereau, Unit Head E3, DG RTD-EC)
- Pre-accession assistance for agriculture and rural development
(Kaj Mortensen, Unit Head E2, DG AGR1)
- JRC activities on agri-env issues
(G. Bidoglio, Unit Head Rural, Water and Ecosystem Resources unit, DG JRC-EC)
- Enlargement Process
(Olga ZORKO, Margarida MARIGUESA, DG Enlarg.D.4. - TAE, DG ENLARG-EC)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch (will be served for all speakers and delegates)

14:00 – 16:30 **Session 2: Learning from Regional Experience**

Part 1: Agricultural Policies, Agri-Environmental Planning and Implementation

Chair: JP. Malingreau, DG JRC-EC

- Impact of agriculture schemes - Austria
- Farm Level Approach for agriculture schemes - Generalitat de Catalunya
- EU Policy applied to the Walloon region, Prof.Ph. Burny, CRA-W – Belgium, Chargé de cours FUSAGx
- Experience on the implementation of the EU acquis since joining the EU - Slovenia
- National policies and approaches addressing decreasing agriculture– Serbia and Montenegro
- Country situation – Bosnia-Herzegovina

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 – 18:00

Session 2 Continued: Learning from Regional Experience

Part 2: Agricultural management and the Environment

Topic: “Support to agri-environmental policies and farmers”

Chair: R. OGER ,CRA-W

- From subsistence to organic farming and management of semi natural habitats - *Bulgaria*
- Causes and impact of land abandonment - *Croatia*
- Modernizing agriculture and environmental effectiveness - *Kosovo*
- Towards integrated systems for monitoring AEM and GAEC – *D. BUFFET CRA-W, Belgium*
- Organic farming development in tension between environment management and agri-food chain demand – *D. JAMAR CRA-W, Belgium*

19:00

Workshop Dinner – Chateau de la Hulpe (on invitation)

DAY TWO

09:30 – 11:00

Continuation of Session 2, Part 2

Topic: “Management of agriculture and water resources”

Chair: Prof D. Xanthoulis FUSAGx

- Agricultural practices and water use in coastal zones (or erosion and irrigation in inland areas) - *Albania*
- Monitoring effectiveness of the EU Nitrates: approach by the Walloon Region - *Prof. J.M. Marcoen (FUSAGx), Belgium Walloon Region*
- Agricultural water use - *Greece*
- Agricultural source pollution and soil and water quality- *Macedonia, The former Yugoslav Republic of*
- Irrigation and integrated land management: The Seyhan River Basin - *University of Cukurova, Turkey*
- WFD and the environment – *Romania*

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:30

Session 3: General Discussion and conclusions

Moderated around:

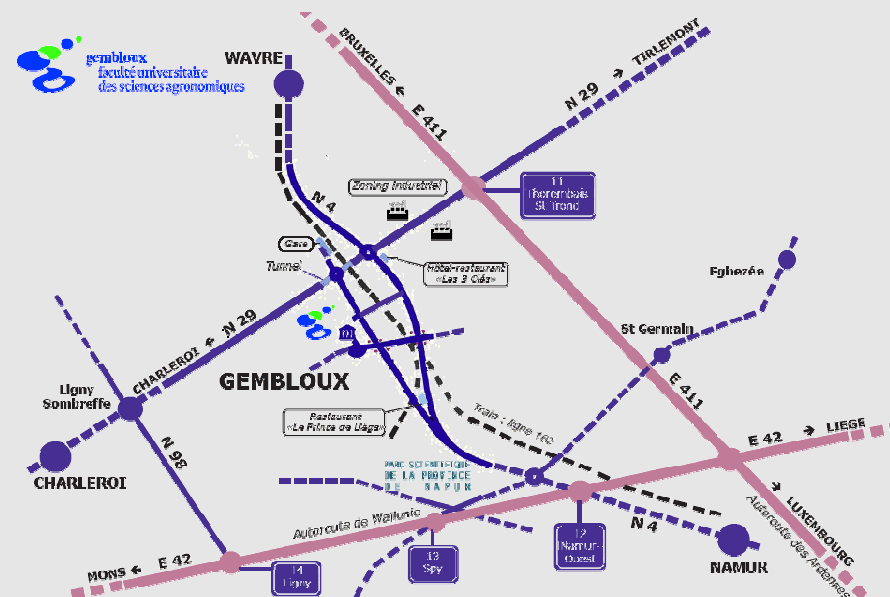
- Challenges for implementation of national and EU legislations and
- Challenges for definition of programmes of measures for agriculture and environment
- Challenges for Networking, mechanisms and orientation

13:30 – 14:30

Lunch (will be served for all speakers and delegates)

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION OF THE MEETING



The meeting will take place in the Gembloux Agricultural University (FUSAGx). It is easily accessible by car from Brussels via E411 or from Namur via N4 or E411. By train the university is a 10 minutes walk from the Gembloux railway station.

REGISTRATION

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