

**ERIAFF Network
European Regions for Innovation in Agriculture,
Food and Forestry**

CONFERENCE

**EUROPEAN REGIONS FOR INNOVATION IN AGRICULTURE, FOOD AND FORESTRY: *RURAL
INNOVATION ON THE MOVE I***

*October 2nd 2013 -Committee of the Regions, Brussels
Meeting room VM 1 (Rue Van Maerlant, 2}*

PROGRAMME

8.30 Registration and welcome coffee

9:00 Welcome and opening remarks

Chairman: Michele PASCA RAYMONDO, President of the Georgofili Academy Brussels section

Dacian CIOLOȘ, EU Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development (Videomessage)

Asko PELTOLA, Regional Mayor of South Ostrobothnia

Bert GIJSBERTS, President of the Province of Flevoland and member of the CoR NAT Committee

9.40 The ERIAFF Network – Carlo Chiostrì, ERIAFF secretariat, Regional Government of Tuscany

Technical sessions: Ideas and good practices by and for European Regions

09:45 Session 1 : Innovation to face climate change challenges

Addressing speeches:

Giampiero MARACCHI, Professor at the University of Florence - "The impact of Climate Change: Which implications for the European agriculture?"

Dominik MAYER, Policy Officer at the Climate Finance and Deforestation Unit, DG CLIMA, European Commission - "Potentials for climate measures and climate change in the rural development programming context and in the LIFE climate sub programme"

Moderator: Richard TUFFS, Director of ERRIN

Panel:

Marco BINDI, Professor at the University of Florence (Tuscany Region)

Pentti HYTTINEN, Regional Mayor of North Karelia

Madeleine VAN MANSFELD, Wageningen University and Research (in collaboration with the Limburg Province and as innovation lead of the Climate KIC)

Massimo ANTONINETTI, Researcher at the CNR IREA U.O.S. Milano (NEREUS Network)

Chris THOMAS, Pro Vice-chancellor and Director of International Development at IBERS(Wales)

11:30 Coffee break

11:45 Session 2: Food systems and food safety

Addressing speeches:

Pekka PESONEN, Secretary General of COPA-COGECA - "Food Systems *Innovation - Why is it important for Europe?*"

Eric POUDELET, Director of Safety of the food chain at DG SANCO, European Commission - "Food Safety - *Policy View from the European Commission*"

Moderator: Bart Nikolai, University of Louvain

Panel:

Erkki VALIMAKI, City of Seinäjoki (South Ostrobothnia)

Päivi LAINE, Pyhajarvi institute / Satafood (Satakunta)

Marcella MELE, Professor at the University of Pisa (Tuscany Region)

C.G. KOCKS, Professor at CAH Vientum University (Province of Flevoland)

13.30 Lunch

Foresight session: Shaping the future

14.30 Wrap up of technical sessions by Moderators

15:00 Roundtable "2014-2020: How to get the best from programming tools and EU funding through interregional collaboration"

Moderator: Michael KUEGLER Head of Brussels Office, German Chambers of Agriculture

Panel

Carlo CHIOSTRI, Head of Unit at the Regional Government of Tuscany

Jukka LÄHTEENKORVA, Food Safety Management Finland, Foodwest (South Ostrobothnia)

Franica MILOS, DUNEA Regional development agency (Dubrovnik-Neretva County)

Michel MORIN, Vice President of the Regional Council of Brittany

Francisco M. SÁNCHEZ, Head of research centre Venta del Llano - IFAPA (Andalucía Region)

Dominique TREMBLAY, Councilor of the Regional Council of Pays de la Loire

Giorgio TRENTIN, Head of Unit at the Regional Government of Veneto

Domenic VILA I Navarra, Director-General for Food, Quality and Agrifood industry, Regional Government of Catalonia and representative of AREFLH

16:30 Suggestions and views by the European Commission

Antonio DI GIULIO, Director of Biotechnologies, Agriculture, Food at the DG RTD

Martin SCHEELE, Head of Unit Environment, Genetic Resources and European Innovation Partnership at the DG AGRI

17:00 Conclusions by Gianni SALVADORI, Minister for Agriculture of Tuscany Region

A networking cocktail reception starts at **18.30** at the Catalonia office (227, Rue de la Loi)