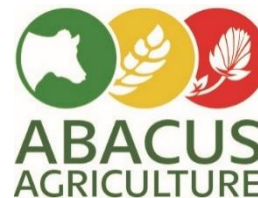# Trees and Arable Workshop
Whitehall Farm, Cambridgeshire: 15 February 2018

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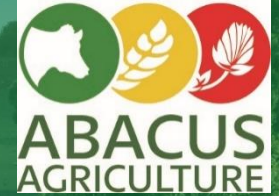
Programme:

10:30:   Introduction to workshop (Sally Westaway)

10:35:   Background and overview of the farm and agroforestry system (Stephen Briggs)

10:45:   Guided tour around the agroforestry system with Stephen

12:15:   UK agroforestry innovation network, aims of trees & arable group. Demo of new online agroforestry knowledge cloud (Sally Westaway, ORC)

12:30:   Presentations from two farmers with agroforestry systems

13:00:   Lunch

13:30:   Discussions in three groups (facilitators to lead each group).

14:15:   Feedback on group discussions from volunteer facilitators including vote on next event

14:30:   Close (chance to visit new farm shop)

AFINET Trees and Arable Workshop

- **Introductions**

  - **Co-ordinators, speakers and group participants**

- **Purpose of today;**

  - **To hear stories from others**

  - **To provide open discussion**

  - **To facilitate ideas for further workshops that fit _YOUR_ requirement – theory and practical…**

AGROFORESTRY INNOVATION NETWORKS

Supporting innovation through enhancing knowledge transfer between farmers, foresters, researchers and advisers.

In the UK, the AFINET project is led by the Organic Research Centre and Abacus Agriculture

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AGROFORESTRY INNOVATION NETWORKS

Tree Fodder workshop
Elm Farm, Berkshire
May 2017
23 participants

UK Initial Meetings

Agroforestry for Growers
workshop, Pangbourne
September 2017
19 participants

3 workshops + on-line survey
(132 responses)

Biggest problems and barriers to setting up an agroforestry system

Economics

Policy

Time and expertise

What additional information on agroforestry would be useful?

Working examples/ case studies,

Profitability, yield data. Costs/ benefits.

System design, species choice

Trees and Livestock
workshop, Pitlochry,
Scotland September 2017
21 participants

N° participants in the 1st Meetings

Finland 10

United Kingdom 60

Poland 28

Belgium 20

Francia 13

Hungary 12

Spain 30

Portugal 20

Italy 27

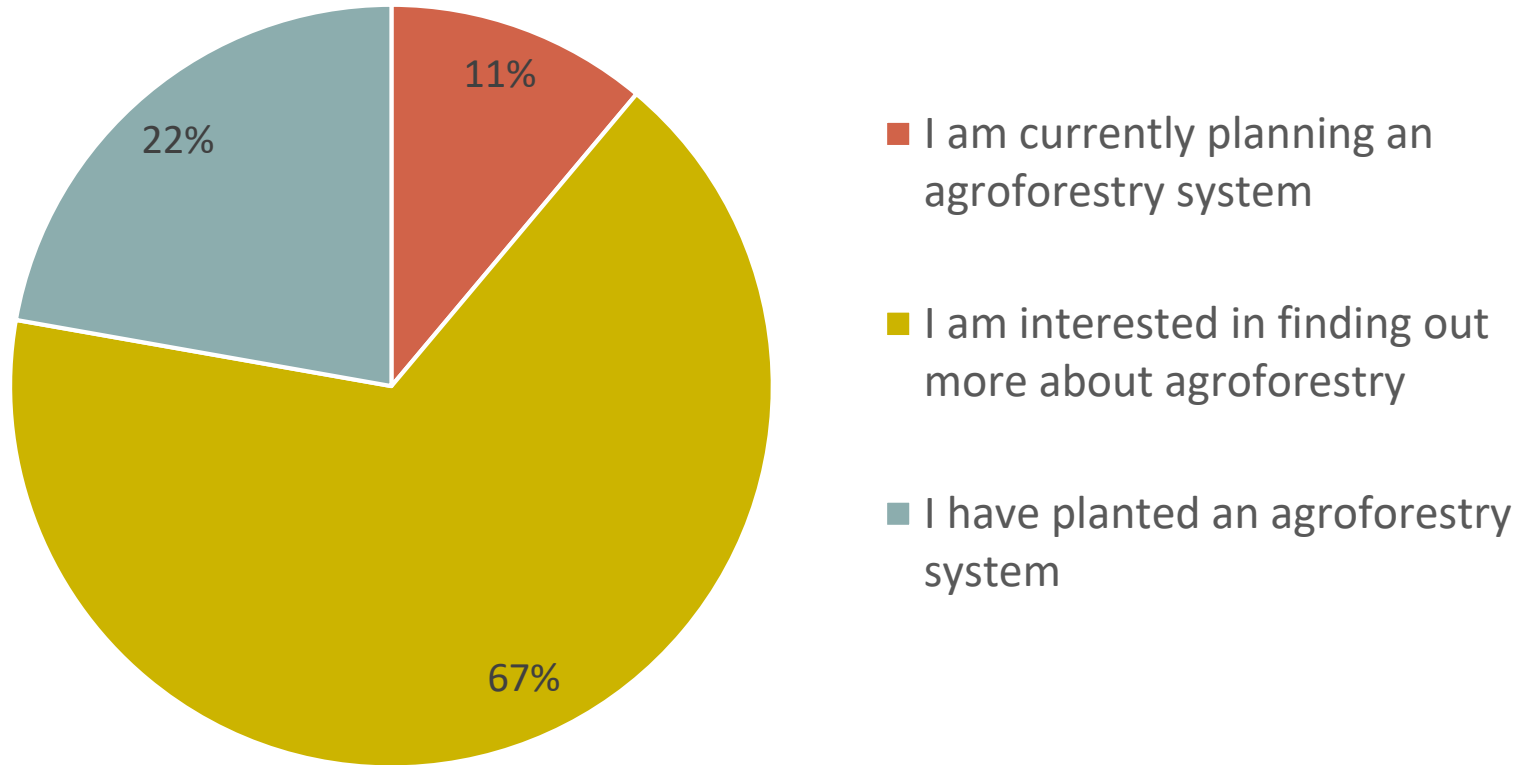**In total 234 stakeholders participated in 9 different countries**

Common challenges from all countries (scored for importance to address)	Mean score
1. Improving policy support tools to promote agroforestry	5.3
2. Reducing legislative uncertainty with regard to tree planting on agricultural land	5.1
3. Development of practical guidelines/best management practices for tree and tree understorey management	5.3
4. More information on optimal tree/crop/livestock combinations, in order to maximize productivity, soil improvement etc.	5.3
5. Informing consumers and society in general about agroforestry and its benefits	5.2
6. Access to case studies: showcasing farms which demonstrate good agroforestry practices	5.1
7. More information on the costs and benefits of specific agroforestry systems	5.3
8. Better understanding of the value chain of agroforestry products	5.1

How will AFINET tackle these common challenges?

1. Develop a 'farm calculator' (simplified online platform where farmers can modify the calculations to their own situation)

2. Press releases and articles to inform society of AF benefits

3. Booklet of case studies and online map, Training videos and modules

4. Factsheets on current policy on AF at national level

5. Develop technical articles (pruning methods, tree fodder, biomass, animal stocking rates, tree protection...)

6. Factsheets with exemplary cost-benefit analysis for a range of concrete AF scenarios.

At what stage on your agroforestry journey are you?

- I am currently planning an agroforestry system — 11%
- I am interested in finding out more about agroforestry — 67%
- I have planted an agroforestry system — 22%

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Trees and Arable Group

The group will help guide the content of the UK agroforestry network knowledge base.

Group members will:

- Have an opportunity to meet up a couple of times a year on different farms to look and learn from different people at different points on their agroforestry journey.

- Have access to an online forum to communicate between group members (also linked to relevant networks).

- Have access to relevant training and resources, via the Knowledge Cloud, website and events.

AFINET 'Knowledge Cloud' demo

- Online source of all kind of information about agroforestry.

- Ability for all to search and upload

- Currently functioning but under development – feedback welcome!

- Will be available on the EURAF website……..

  http://www.agroforestry.eu/afinet/knowledge-cloud/

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Register at copernicus.eu/agriworkshop

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5 February 2018, Brussels

Jan 5, 2018

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Agroforestry (AF) is a type of climate–smart agriculture (CSA) practice of deliberately integrating woody vegetation (trees or shrubs) with crop and/or animal systems to benefit from the resulting ecological and economic interactions.

Based on the economic and environmental relevance of this activity, a consortium of 13 partners from 9 European countries, launch AFINET (AgroForestry Innovation NETworks), a thematic network aimed to foster the exchange and the knowledge transfer between scientists and practitioners in the agroforestry. AFINET will act at EU level in order to take up research results into practice and to promote innovative ideas to face challenges and resolve problems of practitioners. To achieve this objective AFINET proposes an innovative methodology based on:

(i) The creation of a European Interregional network, composed of "Regional Agroforestry Innovation Networks (RAINs)", working groups created in 9 strategic regions of Europe (Spain, UK, Belgium, Portugal, Italy, Hungary, Poland, France and Finland), interconnected and articulated through the figure of the "Innovation Broker". RAINs represent different climatic, geographical, social and cultural

Discussion Workshop

In three groups with one current practitioner.

The focus will be on:

- **Introductions and Sharing Experiences**

- **What you'd like from this group**

- **Priorities for future events (e.g. specific training, speakers, a farm/site to visit)**

- **What you would like out of economic tool for agroforestry**

c. 45 minutes

Many thanks and travel safe…

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