



Agroforestry Innovations

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Agroforestry Innovation Network – AFINET

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Core objective is for the promotion and innovation of European Agroforestry;

- Engaging farmers, foresters, researchers, Gov., NGO stakeholders
- Development Regional Agroforestry Innovation Networks (RAINs)
- Sharing existing research and practical experiences
- Developing Knowledge Databank and practical tools for training
- Applied over different contexts, climates and farming sectors
- 13 countries involved including EURAF and EFI



UK - Regional Agroforestry Innovation Network

As part of AFINET we are establishing a new agroforestry innovation group in the UK

Aiming to improve practice and share knowledge

Identifying gaps to target new information and research

Initially we need your help to establish our focus areas

Feedback from today is important – please fill in our forms

Please also fill in our short survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CCNKR7B>



Taking our research into the field

AFINET RAIN is not a field based programme

Our RAIN groups will be designed to share and communicate information on practical measures to encourage innovation

As a result we have identified a requirement for additional field labs

A field lab should be designed to take research into practice

Providing real time solutions to overcome real time problems

Establishing a field lab takes time and resource

Two avenues of funding, European Innovation Partnership (EIP-Agri) and through Innovative Farmers (IF)



European Innovation Partnership



EIP-Agri provides support for innovative projects that improve agricultural productivity and sustainability

Linking research with farming or forestry practices

Projects and research must focus on recognised industry problems

Funding can be up to 100% of costs of £5-£150k over 3 years for operational groups

Applicants must register outline project <300 words

Applications are lengthy, costs are claimed post delivery



Innovative Farmers



Innovative Farmers is an initiative designed to encourage farmers to find new ways of growing better food, cutting waste, improving profit margins

Innovative Farmers is funded by the Duchy Future Farming Programme backed by SA, ORC, IFA and LEAF

Exchanging ideas, developing new tools and techniques in practical 'field labs'

Funding application for up to £10k is fairly straightforward

To compliment our work under AFINET we are proposing to develop an Agroforestry Field Lab – but we need your help!...



Q & A

If anyone would like to remain at the end of this workshop to talk through how you could get involved in our Innovative Farmers field lab please do...

Many thanks from all of us at AFINET...

