

**EURAGRI work-shop**

19 June 2018, 10.30 – 17.00

Regione Toscana, Rond Point Schumann 14, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

**The SDGs – the European research and societal impact challenges,
with special reference to agro-food and the bio-economy**

Since the UN adopted the global sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 2016 – 2030 - 2050, they have become a core concept of European and national funding strategies within a global context. Science, technology and research within the field of the bio-economy and the agro, food, aqua, and forest sector(s) are vital means to reach and implement the SDGs.

However the SDGs are interlinked in many ways and on different levels and therefore their implementation asks for more than scientific and technological solutions. There are and will be a multitude of actors with different interests, perceptions and backgrounds involved in the process.

Research strategies have to take all these aspects into account and therefore have to be open for new discipline oriented combinations and new project partners and thus new research approaches.

At the same time strategic funding has to reflect these needs as well and policies have to be designed and implemented that permit the mobilisation of the necessary innovative capacities. The possibilities to enhance reflective processes in the research community at large are important. This also implies finding new avenues to address urgent issues on the way.

Building on these considerations we invite you to participate in this workshop to exchange ideas and engage in discussions according to the following program:

*Agenda for the day:***10.30-11.00 Arrival and coffee****11.00 -11.20 Welcome by Pascal Bergeret, President of EURAGRI****Introduction to workshop by Uno Svedin, EURAGRI member of board****11.20-12.00 I. Challenges of the SDGs and their relation to agriculture and food issues****(The societal challenge issue)**

In this session we would like to focus on the multiple dimensions of the SDGs, in particular concerning the European agro/food/forestry/fishing sectors.

How can we secure a more holistic research approach to these issues?

Introduction: Alain

Moderator: Uno Svedin, Stockholm University

12.10-13.00 **II. How to know that the chosen approaches and potential results are relevant to the agro-food issues and challenges?**

(The process and assessment issue)

In this session we intend to discuss the different strategic approaches in different countries and research organisations.

How to integrate an increased reflexivity capacity into the continuous process?

Introduction: tbc.

Moderator: Gianluca Brunori, University of Pisa

13.00-14.00 **Lunch**

14.00-14.50 **III. Distributed roles of involved actors?**

(The actor issue)

In this session we would like to examine the respective frameworks in which governments, private sector actors, pressure groups and citizens could be included into the continued reflectivity process.

How to integrate actors constructively and how to understand the different roles?

Introduction: Norma Schönherr, Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien

Moderator: Gerry Boyle, TEAGASC

15.00-15.50 **IV. The case of the SDGs – policy and implementation**

(The impact issue)

In this session we would like to address political opportunities and dilemmas.

How could we create relevant frameworks in which society could accept outcomes and start processes of change?

Introduction: tbc.

Moderator: Marc Duponcel, EU COM DG agri

15.50-16.30 **Cross going discussions of the topics of the day and summary**