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Up-coming events

Big interest in the SUFISA-workshop!

IFSA conference 2016: 20 papers have been submitted to the SUFISA workshop!

Workshop No 4.5 'Exploring farmers' conditions, strategies and performances in a context of multi-dimensional policy requirements, market imperfections and globalisation: Towards a conceptual model'

The 12th European IFSA Symposium will take place at Harper Adams University, UK from Tuesday 12 - Friday 15 July 2016.

<http://www.harper-adams.ac.uk/events/ifsa-conference/>

Meetings

The last project meeting was in Paris (15 - 16 December 2015).

Our work focussed on the case study selection, the development of the conceptual framework, and the planning of stakeholder involvement in 2016.

The next project meeting will take place at Harper University, UK (11— 12 July 2016).

Focus of the project work in 2016

All teams will start the case study work in cooperation with practitioners and stakeholders.

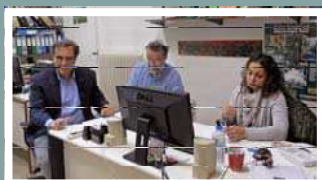
National Round Tables

In early summer, SUFISA teams will organise a first meeting of their national round table.



The Countryside and Community Research Institute (CCRI)

The Countryside and Community Research Institute (CCRI) is the largest specialist rural research centre in the UK, having multi-disciplinary expertise in all aspects of research in policy and planning for rural areas, the environment and food studies in the UK, Europe and further afield. The CCRI SUFISA team comprises lead researchers: Dr Damian Maye, Reader in Agri-Food studies; Dr James Kirwan, Reader in Food Studies and Society; and Dr Mauro Vigani, Applied Economist. Dilshaad Bundhoo, part-time PhD student, is assisting on the project.



Agricultural University of Athens, Greece

The Greek team actively involves four staff members of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development of the Agricultural University of Athens (AUA). The team leader is Dr George Vlahos who is assistant professor in the Dept. He works on issues on rural and agri-environmental policies. Associate Professor Stavros Zografakis and Professor Konstantinos Tsiboukas are members of the SUFISA team. Emi Tsakalouis, senior researcher, is an agronomist (M.Sc) and was already involved in previous EU projects.



Jagiellonian University, Poland

Piotr Nowak, the author of 35 articles and two monographs on farming, rural development and life-styles of rural inhabitants. His most recent research has been focused on changes in CAP and rural development. Krzysztof Gorlach, the author of six monographs covering the issues of changes in family farming in Poland after World War II as well as rural development issues. Anna Jastrzębiec-Witowska, her field of interest covers the issues of civic agriculture as well as GMO, bio-tech. and ethical issues connected to EU rural policies.



University of Bologna, Italy

The team involved in SUFISA project is composed by Davide Viaggi (Associate Professor in Agricultural Economics & Rural Appraisal at the Department of Agricultural Sciences) Meri Raggi (Researcher in Statistics at the Department of Statistical Sciences) and Francesca Minarelli (research fellow in Agriculture Economics at the Department of Agricultural Sciences). The group has a strong experience in modelling the effects of context scenarios on agriculture and food systems as well as in modelling of asymmetric information issues applied to agri-food chains and policy.



Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium

The KU Leuven SUFISA team consists of three colleagues at the division of Bioeconomics, which is part of the department of Earth and Environmental Sciences. Prof. Erik Mathijs is coordinating the team, and is also responsible for the overall coordination of SUFISA. His research focuses on innovation processes and more particularly on how to enable the transition towards a more sustainable agricultural and food system. Dr. Tessa Avermaete is responsible for the overall project management of SUFISA and will work with the HNEE team on dissemination of the project. Dr. Isabelle Bonjean joined the team in January.



University of Pisa, Italy

The Department of Agriculture, Food and Environmental (DAFE) of the University of Pisa is active in several research areas such as agricultural and environmental economics, rural sociology, agricultural science, botany and plant protection, genetics, food science, rural engineering and livestock science. In particular, the Agricultural Economics group of the DAFE applies interdisciplinary approaches to the analysis of sustainable rural development, opening agricultural economics to social studies.



Aarhus University, Denmark

The Danish team consists of Associated Professor Egon Bjørnshave Noe and Martin Hvarregaard Thorsøe, both of the Department of Agroecology, Aarhus University. The teams' major research interests are: Farm management and decision-making processes; development and evaluation of tools to enroll local actors in decision-making concerning environmental problems, landscape management and marketing as well as the transitions processes from conventional practices to organic practices.



Hasselt University, Belgium

The Environmental Economics research team at UHasselt will focus on market power analysis. Team members are Prof Steven Van Passel, Dr Dries Maes, PhD researcher Noah Larvøe and PhD researcher Katharina Biely. All researchers dedicate their studies to agriculture and sustainability. Steven has expertise in sustainability assessment in the dairy sector and Dries in evolutionary modelling and structural change in agriculture. Katharina and Noah investigate the sustainability and market power dimensions respectively for the SUFISA case studies.



Baltic Studies Centre (BSC), Latvia

BSC is a research organisation in the field of sustainable agriculture and rural development, food security and innovation. The team undertakes action oriented research strategies in cooperation with stakeholders. Dr Talis Tisenkopfs is team leader of many EU projects, including SUFISA. Sandra Sumane is expert in small farm development, short supply chains and knowledge processes. Her colleague Ilona Kunda works on social learning, innovation and researcher-practitioner collaboration. Mikelis Grivins works on comparative analyses of agro-food systems and global and local food chain assessment.



Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development (HNEE), DE

Professor Anna Maria Häring is head of the university group 'Policy and Markets of the Agri-Food-Sector'. Dr Susanne von Münchhausen, senior researcher in the field of agricultural economics and rural development, is responsible for the SUFISA project. Dr Karlheinz Knickel supports the HNEE team with his experience from various EU research projects. The team is coordinating the stakeholder involvement of SUFISA teams on the national and the European level. The experiences from the University's Innovation Network 'InnoForum for Organic Farming in Brandenburg' enhance the EU research project.



Evora University, Portugal

The team involved in the SUFISA project is composed by Teresa Pinto Correia (Assoc.Prof, Department of Landscape, Environment and Planning, Director of the ICAAM) and José Muñoz-Rojas Morenés who is research fellow in rural landscapes dynamics at ICAAM. The group has a broad experience in examining the complex nature of rural and regional landscapes and land-use systems from a social-ecological perspective. Research emphasis is on Mediterranean landscapes, and also on co-producing applicable knowledge in close collaboration with relevant stakeholders.



University of Belgrade, Republic of Serbia

The BEL SUFISA team is composed of researchers with the expertise in agricultural economics, microeconomics, financial markets, public finance, insurance, geography and statistics. Our research mainly focuses on the specific aspects of agri-sector financial sustainability and involves strong cooperation with stakeholders. Scientific personnel involved: Žaklina Stojanović (leading researcher), Radmila Dragutinović-Mitrović, Tatjana Rakonjac Antić, Emilija Manić, Saša Randjelović, Irena Janković, Marija Jovović, Svetlana Popović and Bojan Ristić.



Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI), France

The Institute for Sustainable Development and International Relations (IDDRI) is a non-profit policy research institute based in Paris. Its objective is to determine and share the keys for analyzing and understanding strategic issues linked to sustainable development. Sébastien Treyer is the Director of Programmes at Iddri and the coordinator of the "Agriculture and Food" programme. His research focuses on environmental policies. Pierre-Marie Aubert is research fellow for food and agriculture policies since January 2015. He works on the interaction between agriculture, food security and the conservation of biodiversity.

Project flyers in national languages

For more information on the project work in the countries, please, download the national flyers from our project website or the partner institutes' homepages.

Next SUFISA-Newsletter

No 3 will present the case study regions and sectors in the different European countries.

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