

WHAT IS AFINET?

AFINET aims to **support innovation in agroforestry through enhancing knowledge transfer** between farmers, foresters, researchers, advisers and government services.

AFINET is a **European thematic network** of 13 partners from Spain, United Kingdom, Belgium, Portugal, Poland, Hungary, Italy, France and Finland. It is led by the University of Santiago de Compostela, Spain.



WHAT IS AGROFORESTRY?

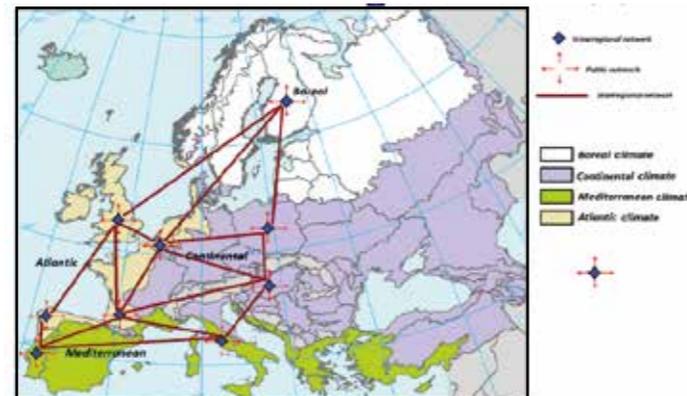
Agroforestry is the deliberate integration of woody perennials (trees or shrubs) into crop and/or animal production systems to create environmental, economic and social benefits. Agroforestry can increase farm profitability and help to conserve and protect natural resources both now and for generations to come.

BECOME AN AGROFORESTRY PRACTITIONER AND ENHANCE LIVELIHOODS!

HOW DOES THE AFINET PROJECT WORK?

Regional Agroforestry Innovation Networks (RAINs) have been established in the 9 partner countries. RAINs are working groups where farmers, foresters, researchers, advisers and government services come together to share experiences and explore opportunities to improve current agroforestry practices. Each RAIN is focused on a specific theme, based on the interests of local stakeholders and identified through a process of consultation.

RAINs are coordinated by an Innovation Broker, responsible for establishing relationships within the regional network, as well as promoting the exchange of knowledge among the other countries involved in the project.



WHAT INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE HAS BEEN EXCHANGED?

AFINET seeks to build knowledge and strengthen understanding of agroforestry practices. To achieve this, RAINs have been meeting every 6 months to identify **knowledge gaps and main challenges that the Agroforestry sector is facing**, as well as sharing practices that can contribute to promote agroforestry through Europe.

More than **100 innovations have been identified** by RAIN members, and the AFINET consortium has been working to provide greater access to **research findings** (both published and unpublished), identify and extend awareness of **good current practices**, and disseminate innovative ideas.

WHERE IS THIS KNOWLEDGE AVAILABLE?

AFINET uses a range of strategies to ensure effective dissemination of information: innovation factsheets, videos, innovations tutorials, newsletters, training modules and technical articles.

These materials are stored in the **Knowledge Cloud (KC)**, a user-friendly on-line repository that will integrate and synthesize existing sources of information, from across Europe and internationally.

An **Agroforestry Handbook** has already been created, which summarizes all the knowledge produced in the framework of the project.



CONTRIBUTE WITH YOUR EXPERIENCES AND EXPERTISE TO THE HANDBOOK:

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WHAT IS THE **IMPACT** OF **AFINET**?

AFINET supports the **effective implementation of the innovations** identified by the RAINs members, promotes new operational groups and creates links with regional/national policy-makers. Through its partner network, AFINET disseminated local solutions which have been identified through regional RAIN, to other regions and countries.

Thanks to the active participation of AFINET within the European Innovation Partnership "Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability", ideas generated by the RAINs network contribute to the **development of the future European research agenda**.



WHERE CAN YOU **KNOW MORE?**

Visit the AFINET website and social media to keep informed about the work developed by the project.

There is a range of dissemination materials available for the the public, both in the Knowledge Cloud and the AFINET website.

The project may end now, but there's still a lot of work to do.

HELP US SPREAD AGROFORESTRY BY SHARING THESE MATERIALES WITH YOUR NETWOK!

Find us at www.eurafagroforestry.eu/afinet or through our social media:



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IMPROVING PRACTICE
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