

SIMA 2015: European Conference "ARCs and innovation"

On Monday 23 February 2015 from 11:00 to 12:30, The FNEDT and CEETAR will hold within SIMA a conference on "ARCs and Innovation: what prospects with CAP 2014-2020."

According to the European Union, research and innovation in agriculture are particularly important for coping with the challenges set by the CAP 2014-2020. This means ensuring viable agricultural production while faced with growing worldwide demand, based on the sustainable management of natural resources and climate change, while con-

tributing to balanced regional development of rural zones in the EU. Beyond words, what is the use and benefit for Agricultural and Rural Contractors?

French and European speakers will hold presentations and discussions with participants on the practical opportunities open to Agricultural and Rural Contractors on access to programmes and funding set up to support innovative projects.

More information will be circulated in the coming days to the member organisations.

Public consultation on the revision of the working time directive

The European Commission organizes until 15 March 2015 a public consultation on the working time directive. Directive 2003/88/EC (also called the working time directive) aims at establishing minimum standards common to all Member States to protect workers against risks to health and safety associated with excessive working hours or inappropriate and inadequate rest periods and recovery.

In the light of developments in the work environment and the economy and their obvious effects on many aspects of the organization of working time, the Commission is trying to identify which type of legislation the Union needs to put in place in relation to working time in order to match with the

current and future social, economic, technological and demographic contexts.

Therefore, the Commission initiated a comprehensive review of the directive on working time directive for which a consultation is now organized. The objective is to analyze the changes that should possibly be made to the existing legal framework regulating the working time to respond better to the needs of workers, businesses, public services and consumers throughout the Union.

The secretariat of CEETAR specifically will contact the member organizations on this issue in the coming days.

The Commission withdraws its proposal on seeds

On 16 December, the Commission announced that it was withdrawing its proposal for a reform of the European seed sector. As part of the presentation of the European Commission's program for 2015, the new Commissioner of the improvement of legislation, Frans Timmermans, decided to withdraw this text on the base of incompatibility with the EU legislation simplification.

The European Parliament had refused to give an opinion on the text that was part of the package on animal and plant health. Member States had, in

turn, asked the European Commission to comprehensively amend its proposal. This text was part of a



already been adopted).

broader package of five regulations on animal and plant health. The other components of this legislative body are still in the adoption process (the Regulation on the funding had



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Civil dialogue group Forest and Cork: documents of the meeting of 17 December 2014

On 17 December 2014, the CDG Forest & Cork held its first meeting. CEETAR was represented by Eñaut Helou from France.

A brief report will be sent soon. You can in the meantime access the documents of the meeting by clicking on the following link:

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/civil-dialogue-groups/forestry-cork_en.htm

Member organisations' activities

Poland : PZPUR present at Beet Europe 2014

This is in Dobieszów that took place the edition 2014 of Beet Europe, a demonstration around beet held every two years in a European country.

Having been held in the Netherlands in 2010 and Germany in 2012, the 2014 Beet Europe therefore took place on October 2 in southwest Poland near the Czech border.



Dobieszów, a small village in the southwest of Poland lost its tranquility October 2 with the organization of Beet Europe 2014.

"There is no official statistics on the number of agricultural contractors in Poland," says Zbigniew Stud-

niarski, president of the association that we encounter on his stand with his three vice-

presidents.

The association, founded in 2006, is a member of CEETTAR. From the forty members that make up the association, twenty are very active; they are led by a squad of four or five large companies which also have a dealer activity for leading brands of agricultural machinery in Europe.

Within PZPUR, there is a sugar beet section which includes a dozen entrepreneurs only dedicated to this culture. "The agricultural contractors represent 80% of the sugar beet harvest, to the contrary of the grain harvest where they are involved for up to 10 to 15%," says Wiesław Kujawa, both vice president of PZPUR and marketing director Raitech, the largest New Holland dealer for Poland (300 tractors and 100 combine harvesters sold / year).

"Our main competition comes from farmers," insists Zbigniew Studniarski which states that many farmers engaged in an activity of agricultural contractors, but are not registered and hold no official accounting

"and these farmers do not want to join us because they want to stay in the shadow,"



said the Polish president.

The Board of the Polish Association PZPUR, from left to right: Wiesław Kujawa, Josef Dworakowski Zbigniew Studniarski (Chairman) and Grzegorz Pilch.

Currently, the activities of the Association PZPUR include training of agricultural machinery drivers and operators in spraying activities. "We have just started two training programmes with the center of Deula in northern Germany, with as one aim the significant reduction diesel consumption of our machines," continues Zbigniew Studniarski.

A second important objective of the association is to help entrepreneurs active on the market for at least two years to apply to the European Union subsidies in the framework of the new 2014-2020 agricultural policy.

"Our ambition is to increase the number of our members in order to hire staff and grow our structure that only counts for the time being a secretary," concludes Zbigniew Studniarski.

Belgium: More potato harvesters sold

The landbouwservice magazine reported buoyant sales of potato harvesters in 2013. "With 67 units sold in 2013 is more than satisfactory. Since most potato harvesters are invoiced until the second half, it is difficult to say already what 2014 will be, even though it seems to be a good year.

The positive market development of potato in recent years and the increase of scale of machinery explain this trend. However, current (high) prices may put things on level of the past years."

source: Agro-service October-November-December 2014

Espagne : ASEMFO receives the award « Batefuegos de oro 2014 »

D. Miguel Ángel Duralde, the president of the Spanish Association ASEMFO, received on 27 November in Madrid the "Batefuegos de oro 2014" award in the "better information" category. "In Spanish, Batefuegos means the tool used to put out fires," said Arancha we López Sancho, director of ASEMFO which is sending us this information.

The prize, awarded by the APAS (Association for the promotion of socio-cultural activities), rewards twenty years of intense work and publications on the topics of the forest and the environment in Spain, resulting in the creation of an important repository of documents on the sector. It includes among others the



eight studies on Investment and Employment in forestry sector published from 1997 to 2012, with recent statistical analysis of public investment in forestry work on the part of various administrations, as well as data on employment generated by these investments. These studies also aim to inform the public about the importance of the forestry sector for growth and sustainable development. They have indeed information on the investments made to prevent and extinguish forest fires, recurrent major threat to our mountains. An enormous amount of diffusion of all these initiatives was conducted with sector officials, media and society in general, contributing to the prevention of forest fires to the general public.

Spain: 15 % increase for the registration of agricultural machinery in 2014

Agricultural machinery registrations jumped over 15% in Spain in the first nine months of 2014 compared to the same period in 2013, writes the Spanish monthly Vida Rural in November 2014. Machines trailed had the fastest increase (nearly

24%), followed by tractors (7136 against 6001 registrations in 2013, an increase of nearly 19%). For tractors, the John Deere brand tops (23.35% of total enrollment), followed by New Holland (20.79%) and Case IH (8.03%).

Table : Registration of agricultural machinery in the first nine months of 2014 / first nine months of 2013 in Spain

Type	Jan-Sept 2014	Jan-Sept 2013	Fluctuation (%)
tractors	7136	6001	18,91
Self-propelled machines	1038	1079	-3,80
Trailed machines	9 840	7 936	23,99
trailers	4201	4133	1,65
others	117	160	-26,88
total	22 332	19 309	15,66

Source : Vida Rural 15 novembre

France : Phytosanitary certification: 7123

The site <http://e-agre.agriculture.gouv.fr/> identifies in each province ("département") the companies providing of phytosanitary application services.

For these companies, it is sufficient to refer to the "applicators" list for each province: all companies engaged in the certification process are therein listed.



accredited companies

Only the "applicators" category is up to date; it includes all the applications businesses (public health, agricultural area, non-agricultural, agricultural, etc.).

This database is updated by the French administration. From 1 November 2014, 7,123 applications were companies therein listed.

Source: NEWSLETTER EDT N° 46 429 – 2014

Germany : new rules for short term jobs from 1st January 2015 onwards

As part of the implementation of the minimum wage in Germany, the rules for hiring a short-term employee are changing from 1st January 2015. Over four years, from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2018, short-term contracts shall not exceed a period of three months or 70 working days in the

calendar year instead of two months or 50 days of work before. After this period of four years, from 1 January 2019, the former rule of two months or 50 days of work will again be applied.

Source : BLU-Newsticker Ausgabe 6/2014

Germany : again a successful DeLuTa

It was under the banner "Das sind wir" ("That's what we are") that was successfully held the latest edition of [DeLuTa](#) on December 3rd and 4th last in Münster, organised by the German BLU association. More than 12 000 entrepreneurs and their employees and many guests attended this event, true recognition of the work of BLU.

with the arrival of colleagues from the Netherlands, Denmark, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Austria, Poland and Italy.

Among the changes in DeLuTa 2014 also included a later closing time (21.00) and the construction of an external marquee of 2,500 m² for organisation of an evening with orchestra. Also note the holding of a special and monitoring forum on "Software and agricultural electronics."



AuBeyond a presentation of new machines and products from 240 companies, the proposed DeLuTa offered over 70

specialized presentations, discussion podiums and events. As in the last edition two years ago, the two days of the 2014 edition of DeLuTa experienced a similar dynamism, especially due to the organization of a special closing session with a lot of participant during the second night, with many fruitful exchange of experiences between entrepreneurs. Launched twelve years ago DeLuTa is enjoying a success that organizers could not imagine, and the event did not have enough space to meet all requests for participation and exposure. The rise of international visitors is a proof of this success this year



« We are happy that our association can each time motivate nationally and simultaneously more than 60% of its members to attend such an event," concludes Alfred Schmid, the BLU director at the end of these days.



Agenda

12 January. Brussels. Meeting of the EESC working group on the project of opinion "Implication of the EU climate and energy policy for the development of the agricultural and forestry sectors"

13-14 January. Brussels. Annual Conference of the innovation partnership on raw material

19-20 January. Brussels. Final meeting of the reference group Agriculture, aquaculture, forest of ESCO project

20-21 January. Brussels. European Parliament: COMAGRI meetings

28 January. Brussels. Meeting of the CEETAR Board

2 February. Brussels. Meeting of the Working Group on Agricultural Tractors (DG ENTR)

23 February. SIMA. European Conference " ARCs and Innovation: what prospects with CAP 2014-2020".



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