

# AKIS in action

## Digital Repositories – Bridging Research and Practice

### REGISTRATION

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September 24,  
2024

10:00 – 11:30 CET

Online via  
Zoom



### WHERE & WHEN

### YOU MEET

Public authorities  
AKIS Coordination  
Bodies  
CAP Networks  
Advisory services  
managers  
Researchers

The future of farming and forestry relies heavily on knowledge, with research, innovation, and knowledge sharing being crucial to realizing the ambitious EU policy goals of the Farm to Fork Strategy and the European Green Deal. However, there is a pressing need to enhance the exchange of knowledge between scientific research and practical application. This event will highlight platforms such as EU-FarmBook, RD-Agri, and Ecophytopic, showcasing how these repositories are transforming the integration of research into practical applications while ensuring long-term availability. We will also highlight AKIS Plataforma- a comprehensive tool designed to enhance agricultural innovation and knowledge sharing across Spain. It provides a centralized hub of resources, offering access to best practices, research, and policy guidelines. The platform equips agricultural advisors with advanced decision-making tools and risk assessment models, enabling them to deliver tailored support to farmers. The event will also include a presentation on the Italian platform Innovarurale. This platform plays a crucial role in facilitating the exchange of knowledge and fostering innovation in rural areas, aligning with the objectives of enhancing agricultural practices and rural development.

Join us to learn from outstanding experts and exchange with peers as they share their practical insights and strategies for success! Whether you are a seasoned pro or just starting in your field, this event offers a platform to gain new insights, enhance your knowledge, and build valuable relationships. Join us and take your knowledge and network to the next level!

More information available at:

- <https://rd-agri.fr> All results of R&I projects funded by the Ministry of Agriculture
- <https://ecophytopic.fr> Dedicated to IPM: All projects funded in the framework of the national “Ecophyto” program (Pesticide Use reduction)
- <https://eufarmbook.eu/de>
- [Inicio | AKIS \(akisplataforma.es\)](http://Inicio | AKIS (akisplataforma.es)) AKIS Advisors Platform
- <https://www.innovarurale.it/it>



## AGENDA

Moderator: Elena-Teodora Miron,  
Austrian Chamber of Agriculture



**10:00 – 10:05** Opening & Introduction of the event and the modernAKIS project  
Elena-Teodora Miron, Austrian Chamber of Agriculture

**10:05 – 10:20** French Repositories: Rd-Agri and Ecophytopic  
Adrien Guichaoua, Acta, France

**10:20 – 10:35** EU-FarmBook  
Inge De Bo, UGent, Belgium and Anne-Marie Vangeenbergh, Boerenbond

**10:35 – 10:50** AKIS Advisors Platform <https://akisplataforma.es/>  
Cristina Simón Palacios, MAPA

**10:50 – 11:05** Innovarurale  
Andrea Bonfiglio, CREA

**11:05 – 11:30** Q&A, Wrap-up and outlook to next events  
Elena-Teodora Miron, Austrian Chamber of Agriculture

## SPEAKERS

in alphabetical order by surname



**ANDREA BONFIGLIO,**  
Research Centre for Agricultural  
Policies and Bioeconomy - CREA

*Andrea Bonfiglio is a technologist at the Research Centre for Agricultural Policies and Bioeconomy in the Italian Council for Agricultural Research and Economics. He holds a PhD in Agricultural Economics and Policy and is involved in assessing the economic and environmental impacts of policies using various quantitative methodologies, including artificial intelligence. For more than ten years, he worked at the university as a lecturer and researcher on topics related to agriculture and rural development. He is the author of numerous publications and scientific articles on agricultural economics and has participated in several international research projects.*



**INGE DE BO,**  
Scientific coordinator EU-FarmBook  
project, UGent

Inge De Bo is a researcher at Ghent University (UGent), Department of Plants and Crops, at the laboratory of prof. Pieter Spanoghe. She is a bioscience engineer with a master's in teaching in Science and Technology and a PhD in Applied Biological Sciences. Inge did many years of research at UGent, Belgium, for odor control at green waste composting plants. She was the technical project manager for several European projects about the reuse of organic waste streams. Education and training were also for a long period on her career path: for helping the engineering students and international students at UGent to improve their study skills. Nowadays she is Impact ambassador for the European universities alliance and the Scientific coordinator of the EU-FarmBook project. By building the EU-FarmBook platform as the EU-wide interactive online platform, we are supporting knowledge exchange between all AKIS actors in the Member States.



**ADRIEN GUICHAOUA,**  
Director of European and Regional  
Affairs, ACTA

He is Research & Innovation program coordinator and policy officer. Graduated in policy science, he's expert on innovation policies related to the agricultural sector and a key actor in the implementation of the EIP-AGRI "Productive and sustainable agriculture" in France and Europe. He was chairman of the SCAR (Standing Committee for Agriculture research) Strategic Working Group on Agriculture Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS) and French National Contact Point for Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 2 (Bioeconomy) until 2019. He participates to many key projects on Innovation in Agriculture from the launching of Horizon 2020. He was coordinator of the H2020 "NEFERTITI" project (European Network of Demonstration Farms) and is actually strategic manager of the "Climate Farm Demo" Horizon Europe project. Over the past 15 years, he coordinated several Research and Innovation programs for the French National Research Agency (ANR) and for the National Institute for Agricultural Research and Environment (INRAe).



**CRISTINA SIMÓN  
PALACIOS,**  
Head of AKIS in the  
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of Innovation and  
Digitalisation in the  
Ministry of Agriculture,  
Fisheries and Food

*She is an agricultural engineer and public policy expert with over 15 years of experience. She currently leads as Head of AKIS at the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Food in Spain, overseeing strategic projects and policy coordination. Cristina has extensive experience in pest risk analysis, regulatory affairs, and business development within the agricultural sector, with roles at Tragsatec and in various public institutions. Her work focuses on advancing sustainable agriculture and policy development.*



**ANNE-MARIE  
VANGEENBERGHE,**  
Agricultural Business and  
Cooperation Consultant,  
Boerenbond

Anne-Marie Vangeenbergh graduated as an Agricultural Engineer at KU Leuven (1989). She lives and works in Belgium. At Boerenbond, the association of Flemish farmers, she's active in the team that's working on innovation and entrepreneurship. Anne-Marie is specialized in cooperation and cooperatives. Her work starts from the thought: do it together if you are too small to do it on your own. In the past, she was the spokeswoman of Boerenbond for 12 years. Before that, she was active at the Faculty of Bioengineering at KU Leuven. After a career of nearly 35 years, she has a broad, general view on agriculture, close contact with the farmers, and a wide network in the Belgian agro-food sector.

## The modernAKIS Project

modernAKIS ([www.modernakis.eu](http://www.modernakis.eu)), a seven year Horizon Europe project covering all 27 EU Member States, aims to improve the capacities of AKIS actors to leverage their individual, organizational and systemic resources to drive transformation towards more coherent, effective and AKIS systems and the transition to a more sustainable management and use of natural resources in farming and forestry.

The project offers more than 50 capacity building events, 40 networking events, 7 AKIS training modules, a network and online community of AKIS actors ([www.akisconnect.eu](http://www.akisconnect.eu)), engaged in sharing experiences and peer learning.

Interested to join the community?

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Questions?

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