



# AGROMIX Summit: Agroforestry for the Future of European Agriculture Brussels, 17 April 2024

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# Agenda

**17 April 2024**

**9 am – 5 pm (CET)**

The Square, Brussels

Coudenberg 3

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Time	Session
08:30	<b>Registration</b>
09:00	<b>Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Opening:</b> Professor Dr Ulrich Schmutz, AGROMIX Project Coordinator and Professor of Organic Horticulture and Ecological Economics at the University of Coventry</li><li>• <b>The importance of transforming the EU food system towards sustainability and resilience</b> Elise Van Broeckhoven, Farmer at Plukboerderij GRONDIG</li><li>• <b>Why the EU is supporting research projects on agroforestry and mixed farming</b> Susana Gaona Sáez, Research Policy Officer at the EU Commission (DG AGRI)</li></ul>
09:30	<b>Agroforestry in the European context</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The potential of agroforestry and mixed farming for the transformation of the European food system: key results of the AGROMIX Project</b> - Felix Herzog, Agroscope, and Ulrich Schmutz</li><li>• <b>The challenges and barriers for the implementation of Agroforestry in Europe</b> Gerry Lawson, Policy Analyst at European Agroforestry Federation</li><li>• <b>The current policy environment of agroforestry in Europe</b> Paola Migliorini, Associate Professor at the University of Gastronomic Science (UNISG) and founder Agroecology Europe, and Rosemary Venn, Associate Professor at the Center for Agroecology, Water and Resilience, University of Coventry</li></ul>
10:30	<b>Wrap up + Next steps:</b> Introduction of the World Cafe
10:35	<b>Coffee Break</b>
10:50	<b>World Cafe</b> <p>Discussion amongst participants on how to promote and implement agroforestry and mixed farming in EU and National policies, plus more!</p>

12:50 **Lunch**

13:50 **The importance of peasant farming and agroecology in the transformation of the EU Food System**  
Tijs Boelens, Farmer at De Groentelaar

14:00 **Presentation of the main results of the morning session and introduction to the afternoon session**  
by Paola Migliorini

14:20 **Debate with high level panel and questions from the audience, moderated** by journalist Natasha Foote

**Panelists:**

- Patrick Worms, Senior Science Policy Advisor at CIFOR-ICRAF and President of the International Union of Agroforestry (IUAf)
- Tamas Szedlak, Forestry Expert at the EU Commission (D AGRI)
- Alberto Mantino, Assistant Professor at Department of Agriculture, Food and Environment of the University of Pisa
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14:50 **Debate open for questions from the audience**

16:00 **Presentation of an artistic approach of the summit**  
by Fanny Diou, Graphic facilitator

16:10 **Conclusion, next steps**  
Paola Migliorini and Vincent Dauby, Researcher in agroecology at Agroecology Europe

16:20 **Coffee Break and Networking**  
End of the Summit

\* Note to reader: This early agenda is subject to change. Please stay tuned for more information closer to the event.