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Forum Synergies' activities

Sustainable Mystery Tour : video messages from the countryside!



After Estonia, our SMT2012 is following with new messages in South France : agroforestry, "ordinary" biodiversity, co-cultivation, exchange of knowledge are some of the topics that have been raised. Discover [here](#) these rural actors' messages and success stories.

Good food March and good food messages!



A great thanks to all who have contributed by sending a photo to the Good Food March photo action or contributing in any other way!

All the photos (more than 1.000!) were shown during the Good Food Brunch in front of the European Parliament and during the Conference in the Parliament. They have been published in a booklet and given to Dacian Ciolos and other EU representatives. Ciolos demanded for more, so all agricultural ministers, all the other commissioners will receive one. There were a lot of constructive discussions, a lot of serious concerns have been articulated, not all solutions are on the table – but it was a good feeling to be part of such a motivated group who is ready to work together for a better common agricultural policy! Please find some photo-impressions from Simone Matouch on our [Gallery](#).

Partners and members' activities



Workshop on Agro-Ecological Innovation: In July 2012, Forum Synergies participated in the workshop on Agro-Ecological Innovation organized by IFOAM EU, TP organics and ARC2020. Besides exchanges viewpoints on agro-ecological knowledge and innovation, we were presented Horizon 2020, the policy framework for research and innovation for the period 2014-2020 and its consequences for food and agriculture research. And also the European Innovation Partnerships, with operational groups which are supposed to close the gap between research and farming practices. Participants developed some ideas on future operational groups such as "Networks of farmers research clubs" or "Sharing knowledge about democratic governance of commons goods". On November 15th, 2012, the Agro-Ecological Innovation project will present its work and its recommendations to policy makers and the media. [For more information](#) on the workshop reports and next event.

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How to manage uncertainty in times of crisis? In a context of crisis and constant changes, how do farmers manage “uncertainty” related to unexpected changes in climate, policies, family, prices or territory they might have to deal with in the future ? In July, 20 people from IVFA (Spain), INTERAFOCG (France) and BAG (Germany) exchanged in Valencia on the different approaches, methodologies and accompaniment they develop for and with farmers. How they help farmers to build their own analysis, to take decision and make their project evolve. You will find more details - including the meeting report in French on:

http://www.interafocg.org/agir-et-gerer-en-situation-d-incertitude_265.php

Upcoming events

Good Food March Photo Campaign (part2): deadline October 7th. You can still contribute to the Photo Campaign to be part of a new edition of the booklet which will be presented during Terra Madre. [For more information](#)

Land sharing vs.land grabbing, on October 16th. FS member Titus Bahner will be one of the speakers at the "land sharing vs.land grabbing" conference of [Demeter International](#) in Brussels.

FS AG and ERSG2012 in Turin, October 25-28th : It will take place in parallele to [Terra Madre](#), Slow Food big event. On Friday, 26th Forum Synergies will co-organise together with ARC and Slow Food workshops on citizens action and policy making: “Europe needs Food Democracy!”

What's new on our website!

Calendar of events: The new calendar of events related to rural sustainable development is [online!](#) Don't forget to send your events for the next one!

Report of the Final Lake workshp in Drugeon Valley (FR): [download](#)

All documents related to the thematic exchange are available on: <http://forum-synergies.eu/rubrique15.html>

New ways of Access to Land for Community Connected Farming - case studies:

in case you missed them, have a look to these the 7 case studies illustrating how new relationships between farmers, consumers and territories can be invented <http://www.forum-synergies.eu/rubrique16.html>!

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