



**AF4EU**

Agroforestry Business  
Model Innovation Network



# Innovation Brokers

An innovation broker is a professional that facilitates the innovation process by connecting different stakeholders, such as researchers, businesses, and policymakers.



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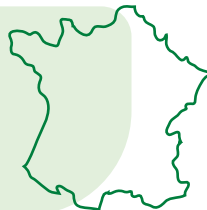
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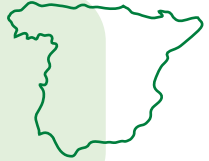
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# The project

AF4EU is an EU-funded project that promotes agroforestry in Europe through multi-stakeholder approaches linked to networks called Regional Agroforestry Innovation Networks (RAINs).

Agroforestry is a dynamic practice that blends trees, crops, and livestock within a single productive system. By integrating these elements, it enhances farm sustainability, boosts biodiversity, and improves soil health.

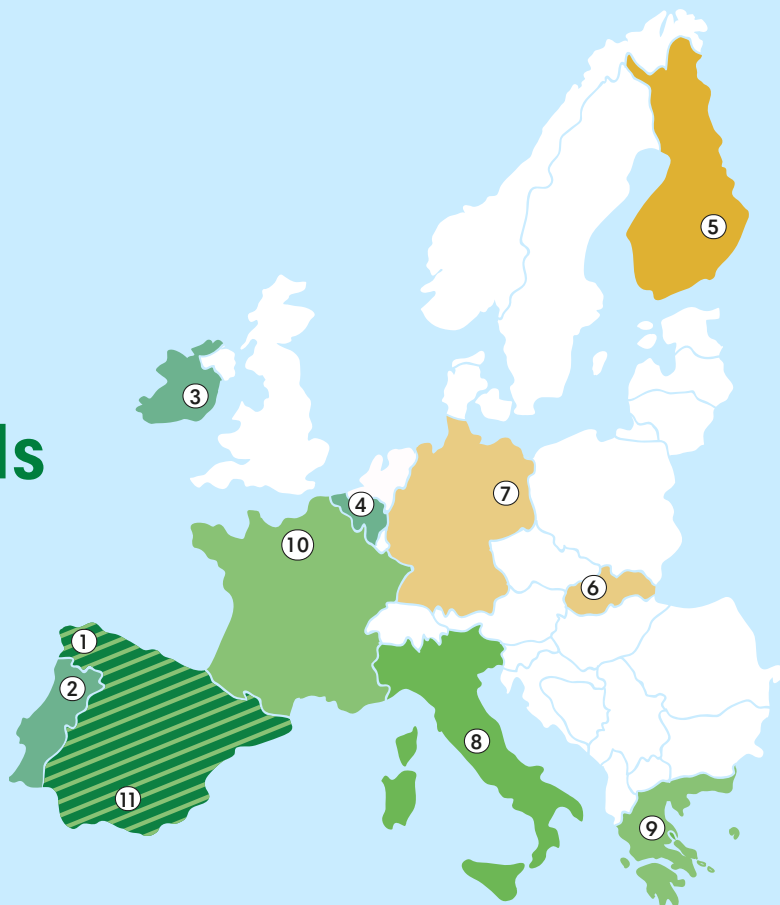
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## **What is a Regional Agroforestry Innovation Network (RAIN)?**

A RAIN is a group of different actors, such as farmers, advisors, policymakers or multipliers, working together and learning from each other, with the guidance of an Innovation Broker.

Our Lighthouse RAINs, already created in the project AFINET, are located in Galicia, Spain for the countries of the Atlantic region (Portugal, Belgium and Ireland), in Finland for those in the Continental region (Slovakia and Germany), and finally in Italy for the Mediterranean region (Greece, France and Andalusia, Spain).

# Our RAINs



## Land:

- Mountains
- Plains
- Forests
- Pasture
- Permanent crops
- Orchards

## Animals:

- Horses
- Pigs
- Cows
- Sheep
- Goats
- Chickens
- Bees

## Product:

- Meat
- Dairy
- Fur
- Wool
- Fruits
- Wood
- Natural fibres
- Honey
- Berries
- Nuts
- Fungi

### 1. Spain (USC)

Lugo and A Coruña, Galicia



### 7. Germany (ZALF)

Saxony-Anhalt



### 2. Portugal (IPB)

Terras de Trás-os-Montes, Alto Tâmega and Barroso



### 8. Italy (CNR)

Bolsena Lake Bio-District



### 3. Ireland (TEAGASC)

Clonakilty, West Cork



### 9. Greece (AUA)

Karpenisi and Agrafa



### 4. Belgium (UGENT)

West Flanders



### 5. Finland (EFI)

Southern and Eastern regions



### 10. France (VDT)

Normandy



### 6. Slovakia (NFC)

Turčianske Teplice, Turiec Basin



### 11. Spain (AGAPA)

Granada, Andalusia



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