

The Annual Conference of the ERIAFF Network will discuss in Florence the future of European agriculture, food and forestry from innovation and technology

The European Regions for Innovation in Agriculture, Food and Forestry will hold its annual meeting in the capital of Tuscany on March 27th, in the framework of the Rural Development Innovation Week to address innovative initiatives, solutions and projects in agriculture and forestry.



The Rural Development Innovation Week and the ERIAFF Annual Conference will serve the participating regions to accelerate innovation and economic transformation thanks to a joint development of new value chains in agricultural systems and innovative projects in agri-food.

Thus, from March 26th to 29th, Florence will host the most important European event of the Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 of the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD). During four days, the main European agents related to agricultural, food and forestry development will participate in an agenda with thematic sessions and parallel activities that allow the exchange of knowledge, the creation of international networks and international debate on the role of rural development in promoting innovation.

Registration, free of charge, can now be formalized on the ERIAFF website (<http://www.eriaff.com>), where you can see all the details of the event, organised in collaboration with the "European Smart Specialisation Platform for Agri-Food", known as "S3P Agri-Food"; an initiative for the collaboration between European regions in innovation projects, such as High Technology Farming, the promotion of

knowledge-based agricultural systems, and those that use technology to increase the value and quality of agricultural products.

The implementation of the Rural Development Programme of Tuscany Region, a business development seminar within the framework of the HORIZON 2020 Programme, networking sessions and study visits to experiences developed in the Italian region and financed by European funds, are also included in the agenda of the conference.

ABOUT ERIAFF

The European Regions for Innovation in Agriculture, Food and Forestry (ERIAFF) network was set up in 2012, made up of 17 European regions, and led by the Regional Government of Tuscany. The Network was created with the commitment to facilitate the integration of European policies in favour of innovation in Agriculture, Food and Forestry.

Since then, ERIAFF has gathered a total of 80 partners (44 members, 36 observers) from 18 Countries. After almost 6 years of activity, the members of ERIAFF have created Interregional Operative Groups, which already work on priorities and objectives under the umbrella of the Smart Specialisation Platform for Agri-Food (S3), launched by the European Commission, highlighting the relevance and utility of the network.