FARM CONTINUITY SEMINAR
10-11 FEBRUARY 2014
BRUSSELS, MAISON PELGRIM (SAINT GILLES)
Dear Colleagues and dear Friends,

We kindly invite you to the first seminar organised by the European Farm Continuity Network. We are glad to host this seminar in the beautiful Maison Pelgrim, an oasis of green and inspiring tranquility in the heart of Brussels on the 10th and 11th of February, 2014.

We obtained a scholarship which will allow us to cover most of the costs related to the seminar. We organise accommodation near to the venue so as to offer maximum comfort in a homely atmosphere.

Main Objectives of the seminar

The main frame of the seminar is a research paper entitled “Access to land under farm succession circumstances in Europe: current trends and transition scenarios” financed by the International Land Coalition (ILC), and to be delivered by the end of April 2014. The reasons for writing this article and organising the seminar are (i) the fact that data on farm succession and access to land under farm succession conditions in Europe are scarce and often scattered. We want to create an overview of general trends in EU countries on farm succession from the angle of access to land, (ii) we want to give more visibility and legitimacy to existing new practices which may help them to easier raise funds (iii) we want to show with future projections concerning farm succession in Europe what is most probable to happen in case no serious policy measures will be taken. Finally we would also like to use the opportunity to launch further funding to work on farm succession in Europe, for instance by launching an Erasmus + on the issue.

We hope the findings of our common work will contribute to raising awareness about the urgent need for action on access to land and farm succession, by policy makers, researchers, citizens, etc. This should allow us to legitimate further support for action and research. At the same time, we hope that the working process will contribute to the exchange and mutual strengthening of actors who work in this field. We particularly noticed that different actors use very compatible tools for guiding succession processes, but often they remain unaware of this diversity of tools because of language or other barriers. We would like the cease the opportunity for exchanging tools in a “know-how market” during the seminar.

We kindly ask you to bring:

- an article or a text that had the most important eye-opening effect on you concerning farm succession and / or access to land
- information and tools which you use for guiding processes related to these issues
- material that gives an overview of tools and EU experiences on farm succession and access to land

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**Program**

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| 9.00 h - 11.00 h | Introduction | Aim and program of the seminar  
Participants' introduction (expectations, needs, reference text) | 9.30 h - 11.00 h | Cases and tools of access to land and farms succession I. | Access to Land Experiences - needs on national and international level |
| 11.00 h - 11.30 h | Break |  | 11.00 h - 11.30 h | Break |  |
| 11.30 h - 12.30 h | Presentation of research proceedings | Presenting statistics and maps of relevant Access to Land and Farm Succession statistics  
Feedback-session (in thematic groups + plenary) | 11.30 h - 12.30 h | Cases and tools of access to land and farms succession II. | Farm Succession Experiences - needs on national and international level/ Policy Recommendations on EU level |
| 12.30 h - 14.00 h | Lunch |  | 12.30 h - 14.00 h | Lunch |  |
| 14.00 h - 15.30 h | Preview proceedings I. | Article & Theoretical framework  
Feedback session | 14.00 h - 16.00 h | Integration workshop of cases and article structure and method | Short term planning (Article)  
Long term Planning |
| 15.30 h - 15.45 h | Break |  |  |  |  |
| 15.45 h - 16.45 h | Preview proceedings II. | Input Session | 16.00 h - 17.30 h |  |  |
| 17.00 h - 18.00 h | Summarizing the day |  | 17.30 h - 18.00 h | Project timeline & future planning  
Final thoughts | Long term planning (possible projects e.g. Erasmus +)  
| | Presentation of Tuesday programme |  | | | |

Seminar Dinner at 19h at seminar venue.
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Practical Information

Concerning the costs, related to the seminar, we can cover the venue, the accommodation and food. As our budget is rather limited we can only cover part of the traveling expenses (ca. 100 EUR). We encourage those countries who are part of the Grundtvig network to use this budget for traveling. This may allow us to use more of the ILC budget for those participants from countries outside the Grundtvig perimeter.

Please, let us know **BY THE 24th JANUARY**, what aid you need and we will do our best to cover a maximum. In case you wish us to contribute to your expenses, please keep track of your tickets.

**VENUE**

**Maison Pelgrim**
Parmastraat / Rue de Parme, 69
1060 Brussel
Belgium

(CTRL + click on map to open it)

From **Bruxelles Midi train station** take tram-line 3 direction Churchill or tram-line 4 direction Stalle and get down at tram stop "**Horta"**. Then cross Chaussée de Waterloo and go straight into Rue du Lycée until you are in Rue du Parma.

**ACCOMMODATION**

Please let us know on which nights you would like to be hosted and if you have special requirements.

**MEALS**

A meal will be organised on the evening of 11.02.2014. Please let us know if you have special requirements (e.g. you absolutely would like to eat meat, gluten-intolerance, ...)

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