



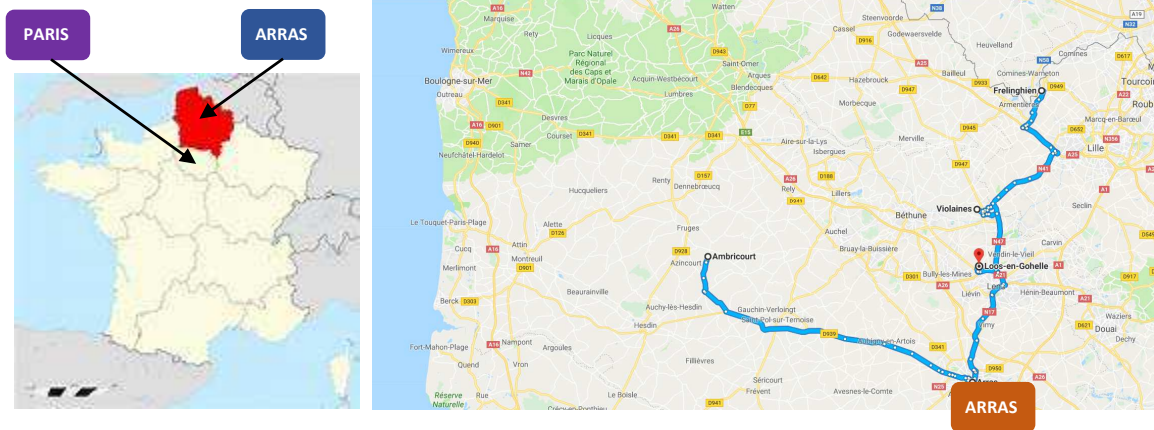
Bringing Organisations & Network Development to higher levels in the Farming sector in Europe

French study tour around Arras 6-8/03/2018

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Where is it?

Arras is a nice historical city in the region Hauts de France.



We will all stay at :

Maison diocésaine

103 rue d'Amiens, in Arras.

<http://arras.catholique.fr/accueil-hotellerie>



Who are we?

Christine : I'm project officer at the National Federation of Cuma. I'm in charge of coordinating the network of colleagues in regional federation on training issues (training of facilitators, training of farmers in Cuma), and also involved in cooperative development issues, as the Bond project.

Louis : I'm facilitator at the Regional Federation of Cuma from Hauts de France. Thus, I'm in charge of helping farmers to make their collective project grow : shared mechanization (this is the core of the Cuma project), shared employment, local products selling in cooperative,...

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What is a Cuma?

First, a Cuma is a farm machinery co-operative. This is a very common organisation in France : there are 12260 Cuma in France now! These service cooperative facilitate access to mechanization to every kind of farms (no market issues). They are usually little groups, where the members decide what kind of investment they need (it can also be an employment project), and how to use it collectively.



The farmers in Cuma get the help of facilitators from federations of Cuma, on technical, legal, cooperative management, accountancy,.... Issues. These federations of Cuma form a strong network at a national level, with the FNCuma at the apex. They of course represent the Cuma, and defend their interests.

<http://www.cuma.fr/content/what-about-cuma>

...but we will explain you this in detail soon...

Monday, 5th of March

Arrivals in Arras :

- 13h59 : Nikolina Pokupec, Milyana Rancic, Karolina Stamencovic
- 17h41 / 17h43 : Katarzyna Wrona, Jacek Bender, *Laurence Martinot*, Lilyana Isakaj
- 18h41 : Irina Pompus, Andrei Zbanca, *Nolwenn Du Fou de Kerdaniel*
- 19h41 : *Dorota Felis Damour*
- 20h33 : Daniel Cismas
- 21h40 : Arpad Toth, Gazmend Xhelili

Dorota, Nolwenn and Laurence will be our interpreters for English and polish translation.



Louis will wait for you at the train station. Phone him in case of delay please.
He will carry a paper with the Cuma logo and /or Bond logo.

We will have dinner around 20h, to be sure to share this first meal with most of you.

For the late arrivals, don't worry, something to eat will be available also for you.

And if you're starving, there are some vending machines at the maison diocésaine (cold and hot drinks, sweet snacks).



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Tuesday, 6th of March

From 7h15 : breakfast

8h-12h : meeting at the Maison Diocésaine

- **Group discussion of study tour content and schedule** – what to expect (participants), what is needed (participants & project), logistics, Group discussion on **current state of collaborative/ co-operative farming practice in countries represented by participants** + personal involvement & future aspirations
- **11h-12h : Présentation of the multi-stakeholder cooperatives (SCIC)** in France, by M. Vaquié (General Delegate – FNCuma)

12h-13h Lunch at the Maison Diocésaine

13h15 : departure with the bus

14h30-16h30 : Ambricourt (62310)

Le Gerموir : A collective project to foster the set up in organic farming by offering an experimentation period

4 ha of lands, farm building, with a farm shop, made available to support people who want to become farmers. During one or two production cycles, they can experiment organic farming techniques and marketing modes. The aim is for them to become autonomous in their choices and farm management. Facilitators can help them and propose training sessions when needed. This collective projet aims to create jobs, set up farmers (peasants), foster the food sovereignty concept, develop activity in rural areas, develop the link between producers and consumers.

<https://terredeliens.org/le-gerموir>

17h30-18h45 : meeting at the Maison diocésaine

Individual/ group reflection on the visit Présentation of the Cuma organisation

19h15 : dinner at the Maison diocésaine.

We propose you to share some specialities from all our countries before dinner : please come with a little speciality to taste.



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Wednesday, 7th of March

From 7h : breakfast

8h : departure with the bus to Lorgies

8h45 : visit of the Cuma Nord'Oignon

The farmers have shared the investment for the packaging of their onions. They have now a second packaging-line for the organic producers. In this way, they get a better value-added from their products.

9h30-11h30 : meeting in the Vegetable research center of the Chamber of Agriculture

Organisation of local economic actors to maintain and foster vegetable production dynamic

- Exchanges with representatives of the Cuma, of the cooperative that sell the onions ("Marché de Phalempin"), and also with a representative of the vegetable research center.
<http://www.mphalempin.com/>
- The center on vegetables ("pôle Légumes") of the agricultural chamber is leading technical researches to find new opportunities for vegetable growers. Indeed, the dynamic of this vegetable production area could be affected by the development of cereal crops. Thus, this economical actor (Chamber of agriculture) is getting involved in the evolution of this production area.
<http://www.nord-pas-de-calais.chambre-agriculture.fr/legumes/>

11h30 : departure with the bus to Frelinghien (59236)

12h15- 13h15 : visit of the cooperative producers shop Au Panier Vert

13h15-14h45 : second part of the visit (in a room)/ lunch at Au Panier Vert

AU PANIER VERT – a cooperative to process and sell food in a local farmers shop

27 farmers are members of this co-operative, and 18 employees works for it.

Farmers sell in turn. In this way, they meet the consumers. Farmers also process the meat and prepare ready-cooked dishes in the cooperative. "Au Panier Vert" ("the green basket") is 30 years old. The turn-over has increased from 800 000 € in the late 90's to more than 3 millions €.

The group is currently working on his strategic project : there are newcomers in the board of the cooperative, so it's crucial to go on with a shared cooperative project.

<http://aupaniervert.fr/>

15h : departure with the bus (trip : around 1h15)

17h-18h30 : meeting at the diocesan home

Individual/ group reflection on the visit

19h : we go together to a restaurant in Arras.

Gaetano Naccarato would have join us by the time, so our group has one more member!



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Thursday, 8th of March

From 7h30 : breakfast

8h30 : departure with the bus

9h15-12h15 : Cuma La Verlossoise, in Vermelles (62750)

A local dynamic involving municipality, farmers, associations, for sustainable farming

Loos en Gohelle is one of the poorest community in France. In the late 80's, the end of the coal mining left the region polluted, with a high unemployment rate. But his mayor has chosen sustainable development as a way out of crisis, and this concern was also shared by local farmers.

- Exchanges with the president of the Cuma La Verlossoise : sharing of agricultural equipment : how does it work without fight? This Cuma has a long history (they were 4 members in 1992, 34 now)
- Exchanges with a farmer member of the BILOOS group : Thierry will explain the collective project of this group of 4 producers, who do organic farming on 8 ha.
- Exchanges with a farmer who is member of the Town Council : Pierre Damageux (he's organic producer) will explain us the incentives of the municipality to foster organic farming on both sides : production/ access to land and development of markets for local organic food.

12h15-14 : lunch in the Cuma meeting room with the 3 farmers who have welcome us.

14h : departure with the bus to Arras

15h-18h30 : meeting at the Maison Diocésaine

Final meeting : individual/ group reflection; harvesting of take-home messages; creating short video summaries; planning posters and reports [for Cordoba & beyond]
(with a break around 16h with coffee, tea,..)

19h15 : dinner at the Maison Diocésaine

Our interpreters, Dorota, Nolwenn and Laurence, will leave us this evening to catch the 20h17 train back to Paris.



Friday 9th of March

Departures from Arras :

- 6h02 : Karolina Stamenkovic, Milyana Rancic
- 7h32 : Arpad Toth, Nikolina Pokupec, Jacek Bender
- 7h47 : Daniel Cismas
- 7h56 : Irina Pompush, Lilyana Isakaj, Gazmend Xhelili, Andrei Zbanca, Angela Himi, Alex Franklin
- 15h17 : Katarzyna Oan Wrona



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