



## ERIAFF Agroecology Working Group

### Pays de la Loire region

#### Main information:

- Country:  
→ France
- Regional capital:  
→ Nantes, 320 000 inhabitants (about 650 000 in the whole urban area)
- Population:  
→ About 4 million inhabitants
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#### Agricultural features:

- What are the main agricultural sectors in your region?  
→ Livestock farming (cattle, poultry and a bit of pig farming), crops, horticulture.
- The region is ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in France for agricultural production, with an important wine production, mushroom growing, but also vegetable growing and it is one of the leading regions in horticulture. The Region is also **ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in France for cattle breeding and milk production**
- What are the main issues farmers are facing in your territory?  
→ **Climate change** is the main one, linked directly to water and soil management. Another issue



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relates to the **aging of farmers** and the renewals of farmers: less and less people become farmers and the number of farms is decreasing (while the existing ones remain bigger, and the farmers get older). **Carbon** is also an important issue: how to reduce carbon emissions, how to reward farmers for their good initiatives, etc. Finally, the topics of **sustainable alternative products to fertilisers** and **circular economy** in general (e.g. bringing back agri-waste to the soil) are important.

- [Can you present 1 or 2 agroecological good practices led in your region?](#)
- ➔ We have **two European projects** that are linked to agroecology and in which our regional Chamber of Agriculture is participating: [CARBON connects](#) (on carbon capture) and [FABulous farmers](#) (on agrobiodiversity)
- ➔ In terms of **regional projects**, we also have one ongoing project that just started on the adaptation of the plant sector to climate change (CLIMATVEG project) and another one planned to start soon on the adaptation to climate change of the livestock farming sector (FERMADAPT). Both should touch upon agroecological practices.

