FINAL RESUME ON THE RESEARCH UNIT:
Dynamics and ecology of agriforestry landscapes (DYNAFOR)

UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE FOLLOWING INSTITUTIONS AND RESEARCH BODIES:
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EVALUATION CAMPAIGN 2019-2020
GROUP A

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UNIT PRESENTATION

Unit name:	Dynamics and ecology of agriforestry landscapes
Unit acronym:	DYNAFOR
Current label and N°:	UMR_A 1201
ID RNSR:	200317657J
Application type:	Renewal
Head of the unit (2019-2020):	Ms Clélia SIRAMI
Project leader (2021-2025):	Ms Aude VIALATTE
Number of teams and/or themes:	0

EXPERTS COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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INTRODUCTION

HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION OF THE UNIT

DYNAFOR (DYNamiques et écologie des paysages AgriFORestiers) is a research unit based near Toulouse, France. It was created by Gérard Balent in 2003, and originally regrouped 14 researchers from the *École Nationale Supérieure Agronomique de Toulouse* (ENSAT) and *INRA* (specifically scientists from department *Science pour l'Action et le Développement* (SAD) and *Écologie des Forêts, Prairie et milieu Aquatique* (EFPA). The unit was renewed in 2007 and remained under the direction of G. Balent until 2011; during that time, the unit grew to include 35 researchers. Marc Deconchat succeeded to Gérard Balent in 2011; Clélia Sirami has been in charge of the unit since 2018. Since 2010, the unit is spread over three distinct sites, with the *École d'Ingénieurs* (EI) *Purpan* being 18 km far from the two other sites (INRA and ENSAT).

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Since July 2018, the management board includes Ms Clélia Sirami as director and three deputy directors (one per site; Ms Aude Vialatte, Ms Annie Ouin and Ms Véronique Cheret).

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THEMATICS

DYNAFOR is a research unit with expertise in forest ecology, conservation biology, landscape ecology, remote sensing and social geography, allowing it to carry out interdisciplinary researches oriented toward the development of agroecology in rural forested landscapes. DYNAFOR's scientific interests are in line with society's wish for a development pathway that relies on the sustainable use of natural resources. Landscape ecology was the founding discipline of DYNAFOR, but the unit's research topics have broadened over the years to include remote sensing, forest ecology, ecosystem services, agroecology and social geography.

UNIT WORKFORCE

DYNAFOR		
Active staff	**Number 06/30/2019**	**Number 01/01/2021**
Full professors and similar positions	0	0
Assistant professors and similar positions	12	11
Full time research directors (Directeurs de recherche) and similar positions	2	3
Full time research associates (Chargés de recherche) and similar positions	11	11
Other scientists ("Conservateurs, cadres scientifiques des EPIC, fondations, industries, etc.")	0	0
High school teachers	0	0
Supporting personnel (ITAs, BIATSSs and others, notably of EPICs)	15	16
Permanent staff	**40**	**41**
Non-permanent professors and associate professors, including emeritus	1	

Non-permanent full time scientists, including emeritus, post-docs (except PhD students)	0	
PhD Students	7	
Non-permanent supporting personnel	7	
Non-permanent staff	**15**	
Total	**55**	

GLOBAL ASSESSMENT OF THE UNIT

DYNAFOR is a scientifically distinct and interdisciplinary research unit with a solid reputation and a very good national appeal. Their scientific outputs are overall very good. The unit possesses a number of key assets that underpin a strong potential for developing its international visibility and leadership in the coming years. The unit has excellent interactions with socio-economic and cultural worlds, working hard to embed itself in society and produce research and outputs of use to various non-academic stakeholders. DYNAFOR provides an excellent environment for students, equipping them with skills and experiences that offer them a robust chance to develop a successful professional career. The unit's life is outstanding, with senior management committed to the wellbeing of its staff and students. Time and efforts are being invested in developing a working environment that works for all, based on concertation and cooperative planning. The overall governance and organisation of DYNAFOR is excellent. DYNAFOR's project demonstrates a high level of self-awareness and understanding of the current strengths and weaknesses of the unit. However, the plan could benefit from a deeper reflection on the ways by which DYNAFOR could increase its presence on the international stage and in the policy arena.

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