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Focus Groups

Body:

New EIP-AGRI Focus Groups

The topics covered by 5 new Focus Groups are:

- Bee health and sustainable beekeeping
- Diversification opportunities through plant-based medicinal and cosmetic products
- Soil salinisation
- Protecting agricultural soils from contamination
- Reducing antimicrobial use in poultry farming

Over 370 experts applied to this call which closed on 11 February 2019 23:59 hrs CET (Brussels time). The Focus Group experts will be selected in April.

For more information on EIP-AGRI Focus Groups and their tasks, please see the [Focus Group brochure](#) ^[1] and [EIP-AGRI Focus Group Charter](#) ^[2].



EIP-AGRI Focus Groups state of play June 2018

EIP-AGRI Focus Group	Main question	State of play
1 Organic farming – Optimising arable yields	Why do yields vary so much between organic farms; how can this yield gap be minimised?	Final report Factsheet Brochure
2 Protein crops	What does the feed sector need in terms of protein? Why is EU farming not able to deliver? Why is EU farming in protein crops not competitive? How can this be remedied?	Final report Brochure
3 Animal husbandry - Reducing antibiotic use in pig farming	How to enhance animal health and welfare to reduce the need for antibiotics? What are the alternatives to antibiotics? How to change human habits, attitudes and behaviour in order to reduce the use of antibiotics in livestock production?	Final report Brochure
4 Genetic resources – Cooperation models	What are the bottlenecks that limit cooperation between the different types of stakeholders? How can cooperation between the different types of stakeholders be promoted?	Final report Factsheet Brochure
5 Soil organic matter content in Mediterranean regions	How can we improve soil organic matter content in the Mediterranean region in a cost-effective way? What new solutions for securing soil functionality and soil fertility can be proposed in this regard?	Final report Factsheet Brochure*
6 IPM for Brassica	What cost-effective IPM solutions are there for Brassica? What other solutions can be proposed?	Final report Factsheet Brochure
7 High Nature Value – Farming profitability	How to make HNV farming more profitable without losing the HNV characteristics?	Final report Factsheet
8 Mainstreaming precision farming	How to organise the data capture and processing to mainstream the application of precision farming for an optimisation of inputs and yield?	Final report Factsheet
9 Profitability of permanent grassland	How to manage permanent grassland in a way that combines profitability, carbon sequestration and biodiversity?	Final report Factsheet
10 Fertiliser efficiency – Focus on horticulture in open field	How to use innovative fertilisation and nutrient recycling to solve the conflict between the need for crop fertilisation and legislative requirements regarding water quality?	Final report Factsheet
11 Optimising profitability of crop production through Ecological Focus Areas	How can EFAs, more specifically landscape features and buffer strips and their management, contribute to the profitability of crop production?	Final report Factsheet
12 Innovative short food supply chain management	How to stimulate growth of short food supply chains in Europe, both in terms of numbers of producers involved and volumes traded, to increase farm income?	Final report Factsheet

Take a look at the results that have been produced by EIP-AGRI Focus Groups so far [in this overview \(update June 2019\)](#) [3].

EIP-AGRI Focus Groups are temporary groups of selected experts focusing on a specific subject, sharing knowledge and experience

Each group explores practical innovative solutions to problems or opportunities in the field, and draws on experience derived from related useful projects. Each EIP-AGRI Focus Group meets twice and produces a recommendations and outcomes report.

The EIP-AGRI Focus Groups also discuss and document research results, best practices and identify the implications for further research activities that will help to solve practical problems in the sector. These may be related to production, processing, consumption, transport or other issues.

In short, the **objectives** of an EIP-AGRI Focus Group are:

- **Taking stock** of the state of the art of practice in the field of the EIP-AGRI Focus Group activity, listing problems and opportunities;
- **Taking stock** of the state of the art of research in this field, summarising possible solutions to the problems listed;
- **Identifying** needs from practice and possible directions for further research;
- **Highlighting** priorities for innovative actions by suggesting potential practical Operational Groups or other project formats to test solutions and opportunities, including ways to disseminate the practical knowledge gathered.

Do you have an idea for an EIP-AGRI Focus Group? Is the topic focused and the question well defined? Then why not suggest a [new EIP-AGRI Focus Group topic](#) [4].

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