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## Profitability of permanent grassland

### Body:

### How to manage permanent grassland in a way that combines profitability, carbon sequestration and biodiversity?

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The [final report](#) [1] of this Focus Group has been published.

Get all the information at a glance in the [Permanent Grassland factsheet](#) [2].

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### Tasks:

- **Identifying** and **describing** the main farming systems using permanent grassland.
  - **Collecting** practices to improve efficiency and productivity in milk/meat production systems both for extensive and intensive farming systems (i.e. diversified and improved grassland composition, more efficient grazing-mowing patterns, enhanced fertilisation management (N-P cycling), ICT at farm level for more efficient management, etc.).
  - **Collecting** grassland management practices which enhance animal health, welfare and productivity. Identify improved grassland composition and management practices that allow for the development of premium and functional products.
  - **Determining** key traits that relate grassland management with biodiversity and carbon footprint; as well as examples of strategies to combine maintenance of biodiversity and low carbon footprint with farming profitability.
  - **Listing** fail factors that limit the use of the identified techniques/systems by farmers and summarise how to address these factors.
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