



Focus Group New entrants into farming: lessons to foster innovation and entrepreneurship

FINAL PROGRAMME

Second Focus Group Meeting

3-4 November 2015, Sicily, Italy

Objectives of the meeting:

1. To synthesise, review and agree the final content (including grounded examples) and conclusions of the mini-papers;
2. To identify concrete examples of the Operational Groups that could usefully test and develop promising business models identified in the Focus Group;
3. To agree the key research questions that remain to be addressed, in order for the innovation potential of New Entrants to be realised;
4. To agree the key findings of from the Focus Group;
5. To agree the next steps for dissemination of the outcomes of the New Entrants Focus Group.

Day 1: Tuesday 3 November 2015

09:00	09:15	Introduction to the meeting <i>Iman Boot (DG AGRI)</i>
09:15	09:30	Introduction to break out session 1 , <i>Lee-Ann Sutherland (Coordinating Expert)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the work done so far • Open discussion, what else is needed? Have all relevant issues been covered? • What happens next with these papers?
09:30	11:00	Break out session 1 – improvement of mini-papers <i>(2 rounds of group discussions led by mini-paper co-ordinators)</i>
11:00	11:30	Coffee break
11:30	12:00	Brief feedback with conclusions
12:00	12:50	Plenary session - disseminating the NE Focus Group results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion of opportunities for dissemination through the EIP website and the EIP-AGRI Service Point (e.g. conferences, workshops, publications etc.) • Identification of EU/national/regional events/activities where Focus Group participants could disseminate Focus Group results
12:50	13:00	Brief introduction to the field visit by Vincenza Ferrara
13:00	14:00	Lunch
14:00	15:00	Travel to Villarosa





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15:00	18:45	Field visit in Villarosa <i>Azienda Agricola "DORA" di Vincenza Ferrara, Contrada Quattro Aratate, 94010 Villarosa- Enna</i>
18:45	19:00	Travel to dinner place in Villarosa
19:00	21:00	Joint dinner at Slow Food farm/restaurant together with local farmers <i>Azienda Agrituristica Borgo Deodato, Contrada San Cataldo- Ss. 121 (vicino Stazione F.S. Villarosa), 94010 Villarosa- Enna</i>
21:00	22:00	Travel back to the hotel

Day 2: Wednesday 4 November 2015

09:00	09:30	Overnight reflections Introduction to break out session 2 What is an Operational Group? <i>Iman Boot (DG AGRI), Lee-Ann Sutherland (CE)</i>
09:30	10:00	Break out session 2 – ideas and practical implementation of an Operational Group project
10:00	10:20	Brief feedback
10:20	11:00	Plenary session – agreeing key research needs and formulation of research questions <i>What's needed on the ground and how could research and integrated projects contribute to future solutions for viable New Entrant farming?</i>
11:00	11:30	Coffee break
11:30	12:00	Plenary session - disseminating the NE Focus Group results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are your concrete actions to further disseminate FG results? • How to keep our network alive and useful?
12:00	12:30	Plenary session - conclusions of the meeting Outline of the final report Practical next steps – homework and follow-up actions
12:30	13:30	Lunch

