



Focus Group Mixed farming systems: live stock / cash crops

PROGRAMME OF THE 2nd MEETING

16 – 17 March 2016
Bologna, Italy

The 1st meeting of the Focus Group (FG) focused on the analysis of case studies to identify barriers and opportunities for the (re)introduction/maintenance of mixed farming systems in Europe, both at the farm and the territorial level. Subsequently, the discussion led to the identification of possible solutions and strategies to tackle them. This discussion yielded a series of issues to be further addressed by the FG experts in several **mini-papers**.

The aim of the 2nd meeting will be to discuss the issues which have been identified in the mini-papers and highlight **further research** which is needed to increase farm productivity and resilience by adopting mixed farming systems. Then, **Operational Group ideas** will be discussed so as to inspire innovation projects that will try to address these knowledge gaps.

Time will be also given to reflect on the **possible impacts** (economic, environmental, social) of the (re)introduction/maintenance of mixed farming systems and tentatively suggest **indicators** of practical use, particularly for farm management.

The working sessions will be complemented with a **study visit** to Oppio farm and a Parmigiano Reggiano cheese factory where experts will have the chance to know about the mixed farming example of Bonlatte Cooperative. The visit will include interviews with farmers, advisors, technicians of the cooperative and the researchers participating in the project, so as to understand the constraints and opportunities for the adoption of innovative mixed farming strategies.



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Day 1: Wednesday 16 March 2016

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| 08:30 | 08:40 | Welcome and introduction , by Fabio Cossu |
| 08:40 | 08:45 | Introduction of the programme , by Andrés García |
| 08:45 | 09:05 | Feedback from the first FG meeting , by Julie Ryschawy |
| 09:05 | 10:20 | Introduction of the mini-papers and discussion , by FG experts |
| 10:20 | 10:35 | Coffee break |
| 10:35 | 11:35 | Breakout session1: Assessing the impacts of mixed farming systems |
| 11:35 | 12:00 | Discussion on the outcomes of the breakout session |
| 12:30 | 14:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 | 17:30 | Trip and study visit to Oppio farm |
| 17:30 | 18:30 | Trip and visit to Parmigiano Reggiano cheese factory |
| 18:30 | 19:15 | Return to the hotel |
| 20:30 | 22:00 | Dinner |



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Day 2: Thursday 17 March 2016

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| 08:30 | 08:50 | Summary of the first day and introduction of the programme , by Julie Ryschawy and Andrés García |
| 08:50 | 10:00 | Breakout session 2: Identify needs for research |
| 10:00 | 10:15 | Concept of Operational Groups , by Fabio Cossu <u>Click here to read the brochure on Operational Groups</u> |
| 10:15 | 10:30 | Coffee break |
| 10:30 | 11:30 | Breakout session 3: Identify operational groups and other innovative actions |
| 11:30 | 11:50 | Presentation of the draft structure of the final report and discussion , by Julie Ryschawy |
| 11:50 | 12:00 | Dissemination plan and next steps , by Andrés García |
| 12:30 | 13:30 | Lunch and departure |