



Focus Group Agroforestry

DRAFT AGENDA OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING

### 21 March – 22 March 2017 Portogruaro, Italy

## The main question of the Focus Group is: **How to develop agroforestry as a sustainable farming system which can boost agricultural productivity and profitability?**

The first meeting of the Focus Group focused on the discussion of concrete agroforestry cases:

- 1. What made it possible for the agroforestry systems to be established?
- 2. What were the main challenges during establishment?
- 3. What other factors are important to secure long term viability?
- 4. Is there anything else needed for agroforestry to be economically beneficial?

The experts have identified the most important knowledge gaps to be filled and the highest potential for innovative practices that would facilitate the introduction of woody crops into specialised crop and livestock system. Subsequently, 9 topics for mini papers emerged. These mini papers are the starting point of the discussion at the second meeting.

The specific objectives of the second meeting are to:

- present and discuss the preliminary outcomes of the mini papers
- provide recommendations in terms of further research needs and ideas for Operational Groups and other innovative projects.
- define a dissemination strategy for the results of the focus group

#### Day 1: Tuesday 21 March 2017

8:30	8:50	Welcoming words, scope and purpose of the meeting
8:50	9:15	Presentation of minipapers by each coordinator (first round)
9:15	10:30	World café : Minipapers and knowledge gaps (1)
10:30	10:50	Coffee break
10:50	11:10	Presentation of minipapers (second round)
11:10	12:10	World café : Minipapers and knowledge gaps (2)
12:10	12:25	Summaries of research and innovation needs
12:25	12:50	Presentation of 2 Italian OG initiatives (RESILIENT FARM and BIO AGROFORESTRY)







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12:50	14:00	Lunch
14:00	18:30	Fieldtrip: Vallevecchia pilot Farm The agroforestry practices in Vallevecchia are traditional practices. The agroforestry system is actually being implemented. The system will test the potentiality of wood production, small fruits (i.e. hazelnuts) and truffle. The system, besides all the benefits granted by agroforestry, will safeguard the biodiversity and enhance the landscape. Moreover, the aim of the system would be very important to raise awareness of agroforestry among different stakeholders.

Networking dinner 19:30 21:00

### Day 2: Wednesday 22 March 2017

8:30	8:45	Introduction to the 2 <sup>nd</sup> day (travel and logistics)
8:45	9:00	Wrap up of the 1 <sup>st</sup> day
9:00	10:30	Reminder: what is an Operational Group?
		Display of world café outcomes
		Generating ideas for Operational Groups and research needs from practice
10:30	11:00	Coffee break
11:00	11:15	Final paper – Presentation of outline
11:15	12:15	How to disseminate the Focus Group results?
12:15	12:30	Next steps and closing
12:30		Lunch and departure

