



PROGRAMME

27-28 June 2018
Warsaw, Poland

Preamble

There are a number of existing active and passive frost protection methods (data, tools, knowledge and technologies) available to farmers, researchers and planners to cope with a variety of weather and climate-related problems in fruit production. However, choosing the protection method which is the most cost-effective depends on local risk of frost as well as other factors. The Focus Group will look at examples of good practices and technologies and how these can be transferred to other situations to benefit the wider sector, paying special attention to approaches related to mitigation and adaptation to climate change. It will also look at opportunities and barriers, identify knowledge gaps, and propose areas for future research.

The overarching **QUESTION** of the Focus Group is: **How to protect fruit from frost damage?**

In order to answer this, the Focus Group is expected to carry out the following tasks:

1. Assess existing methods and tools and how they can be used to better anticipate and take action to protect fruit against frost; identify good practices and success stories from various European areas, specifically taking into account farmers' and advisers' experiences.
2. Compare different management practices and tools considering the feasibility and cost-effectiveness at individual farm level or through collective approaches; identifying the opportunities (such as knowledge requirements, crucial partnerships) and technical/economic barriers that can hinder their uptake or development.
3. Identify how these practices may be transferred to other conditions (e.g. location, model or type of production). Consider the role played by advisory systems.
4. Identify innovative approaches combining scientific and practical knowledge with new business models.



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Day 1: Wednesday 27th June 2018

08:30	8:50	Welcoming words, scope and purpose of the meeting, expectations from the Focus Group (FG). Getting to know the EIP AGRI <i>Sirpa Karjalainen (European Commission, DG AGRI), Beatriz Guimarey (Task Manager, EIP-AGRI Service Point)</i>
8:50	9:10	Introduction to the FG workflow, roles and agenda of the meeting <i>Beatriz Guimarey (Task Manager, EIP-AGRI Service Point)</i>
9:10	9:30	Icebreaker. Getting to know each-other
9:30	9:50	Setting the scene: Starting paper and results of the questionnaire <i>Paulo Melo-Abreu (Coordinating Expert of the FG, EIP-AGRI Service Point)</i>
9:50	10:30	Break out session 1 <i>Challenges, opportunities and sources of innovation</i>
10:30	11:00	Coffee break
11:00	13:00	Break out session 2 <i>Challenges, opportunities and sources of innovation</i>
13:00	14:00	Lunch
14:30	19:00	Fieldtrip to Grójec area <i>Hosted by CDR (Centrum Doradztwa Rolniczego w Brwinowie Oddział w Radomiu)</i>
19:00	20:30	Networking dinner



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Day 2: Thursday 28th June 2018

08:00	08:15	Travel logistics and program of the second day <i>(Beatriz Guimarey, Liisa Kübarsepp)</i>
08:15	8:30	Recap from yesterday <i>(Paulo Melo-Abreu)</i>
8:30	10:00	Minipapers: concept and ideas <i>Building up on good practices and key elements enabling protection of fruit production</i>
10:00	10:30	Coffee break
10:30	12:00	Minipapers: outlining topics and teams
12:00	12:30	Conclusions of the meeting <i>Wrap up of the meeting and follow-up steps</i> <i>Introduction of EIP-AGRI website and collaborative space for FG members</i>
12:30	13:30	Lunch and departure