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EIP-AGRI Focus Group "Protecting fruit production from frost damage, 2nd meeting

27-28 November 2018
Brussels, Belgium

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 during this meeting:

1. Identify innovative approaches combining scientific and practical knowledge with new business models.
2. Identify further research needs from practice and possible gaps in technical knowledge.
3. Suggest innovative solutions and provide ideas for Operational Groups and other innovative projects.

Focus Group meeting rooms at Conscience Building:

- Day 1: Plenary room **1C11 - Jan Amos Komenský (Comenius)**
Breakouts: 1C23 – Orunmila, 1C24 - Seneca de Jongere
- Day 2: Plenary room **1B05 – Avicenna**
 - Breakouts 1B12 - Marie Popelin, 1B13 - Pythagoras



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Day 1: Tuesday 27th November 2018

	8:00	Meeting at the Conscience building lobby for getting access to the venue
08:30	8:40	Welcoming words, scope and purpose of the meeting. Expectations from the Focus Group (FG) <i>Patrizia Ganzi (European Commission, DG AGRI),</i>
8:40	8:50	Introduction to agenda of the meeting and FG workflow <i>Beatriz Guimarey (Task Manager, EIP-AGRI Service Point)</i>
8:50	9:30	Presentation of the mini-papers <i>(FG experts, MP coordinators)</i>
9:30	10:15	Open space for mini-papers (1, 2, 5A)
10:15	10:45	Coffee break
10:45	11:30	Open space for mini-papers (3, 4, 5B)
11:30	12:00	Linking the work of the Focus Group with EIP Operational Groups <i>Ewa Smolenska-Poloz (European Commission, DG AGRI)</i>
12:00	12:30	Wrap up and departure
12:30	20:00	Lunch and fieldtrip <i>Fieldtrip Hosted by Pcfuit research station</i> Visits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DAN flipper frost protection system (Ranst): explanation by grower Hugo and Fons Ver Berne from Thomas More Univ. College • Wouters company (Rummen): classical above crown sprinkling system and pulsator sprinkling system. Explanation by Kris Wouters, fruit grower and trader. • Pcfuit (Kerkom, Sint-Truiden): Visit led by Dany Bylemans (General Director) and Tim Beliën (head of department of Zoology/leader of OG Biofruit Debuggers)
20:30	22:00	Dinner at "Chez Bonbonne" (Brussels)



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Day 2: Wednesday 28th November 2018

	8:00	Meeting at the Conscience building lobby for getting access to the venue
08:30	08:35	Travel logistics and program of the second day <i>Beatriz Guimarey, Liisa Kübarsepp, (EIP-AGRI Service Point)</i>
08:35	9:15	Overnight reflections and wrap up of research needs on frost damage <i>FG experts, Paulo Melo-Abreu (Coordinating expert, EIP-AGRI Service Point)</i>
9:15	10:15	Breakout session: Developing ideas for Operational Groups
10:15	10:45	Coffee break
10:45	11:15	Reporting ideas for Operational Groups and other innovative projects
11:15	12:15	Follow up and dissemination of FG results
12:15	12:30	Conclusions of the meeting <i>Magdalena Mach (European Commission, DG AGRI)</i> <i>Paulo Melo-Abreu (coordinating expert, EIP-AGRI Service Point)</i>
12:30	13:30	Lunch and departure