



# Subgroup on Innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting

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08:30 - 09:00 Registration & welcome coffee

09:00 - 09:10 Welcome & introduction – *Rob Peters, Head of Unit AGRI H.5*

09:10 - 10:10 Session I “Rural Networking in 2016

*Presentation by DG AGRI & discussion in groups*

10:10 – 10:30 Session II “Supporting Operational Groups”

EIP-AGRI implementation in RDPs: first elements from the 94 RDPs supporting OGs through Measure 16 – *Presentations by DG AGRI & EIP-AGRI Service Point*

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 13:00 Session II “Supporting Operational Groups” (continued) – *Discussion in groups*

Support for Operational Groups – *DG AGRI & MAs from Austria, Spain, Sweden, England*

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

**14:00 – 15:00 Session III “EIP-AGRI Focus Groups”**

**State of play – EIP-AGRI Service Point & DG AGRI**

Making best use of Focus Groups’ outcomes – *Presentations by Portugal, Hungary & Spain / Presentation by Mark Redman*

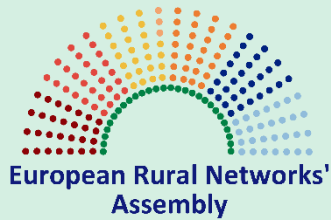
15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:40 Making best use of Focus Groups’ outcomes – *Discussion in groups*

16:40 – 17:00 Wrap up / next steps

17:00 Closing



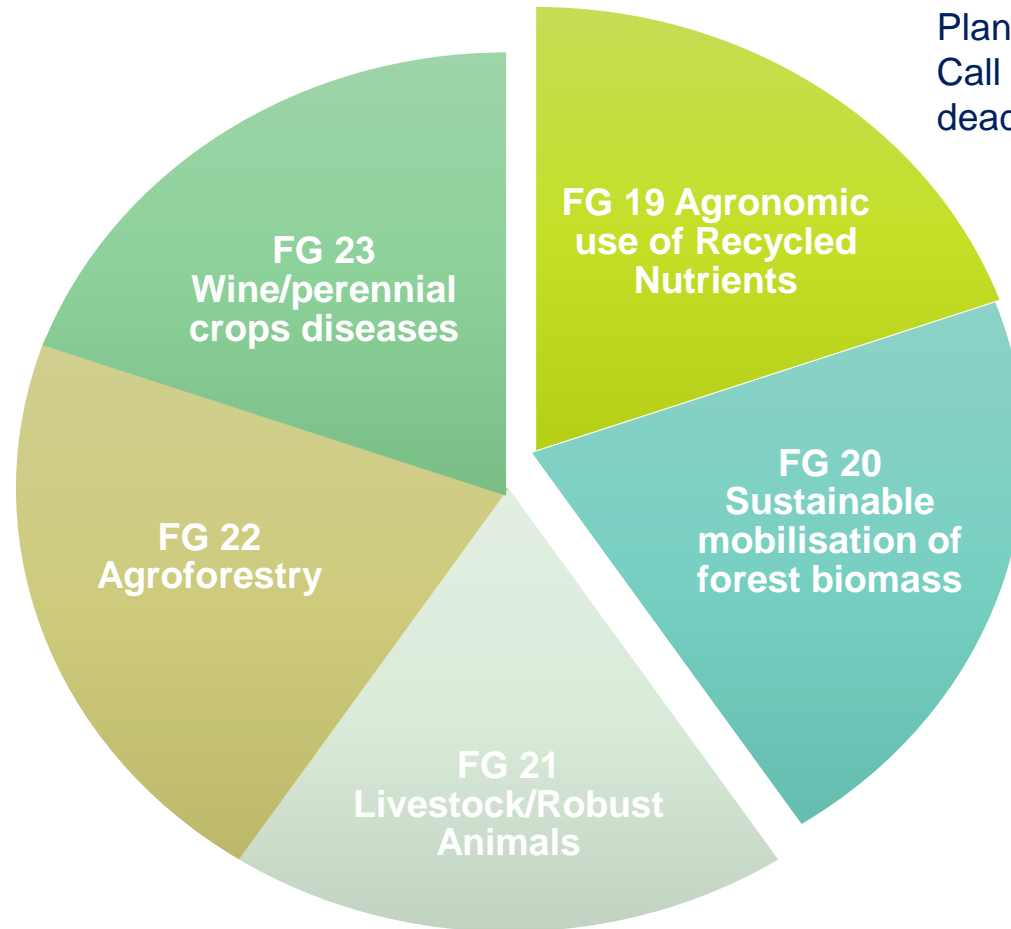


# Launch of the call for experts for FG 19 and FG 20

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# Focus Groups starting in 2016:



Planning FG 19 and 20:  
Call published on **23/02/2016**,  
deadline for applications **21/03/2016**

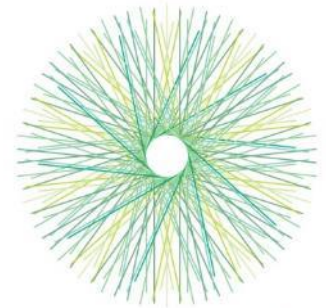
# FG 20 "Sustainable mobilisation of forest biomass"

*Question: How to improve the sustainable mobilisation of biomass from our forests in the EU?*

Members of the Innovation Subgroup contributing to the call for experts:

- 4 Advisory Services: AT, FI, IE and SI
- 4 EU-wide organisations: COPA, ELO, EURAF, Euromontana
- 3 Managing Authorities: AT, ES, FR
- 1 NRN: FI

# FG20 WILL CONCENTRATE ON...



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- **Framework :**

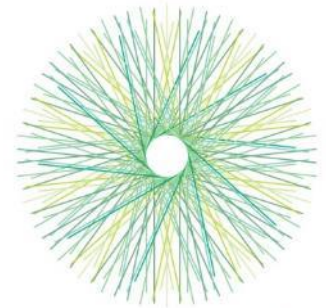
- **Increasing demand** of forest biomass for energy generation, wood fibres, chemicals, ...
- **Major challenges** in mobilising forest biomass
  - Sustainability
  - Competitiveness of the forest-based industries
  - Efficiency and economic viability
  - Fragmentation, organisation, motivation of forest owners
- Need of **economic, environmental and social functions** of forests to be safeguarded (*EU Forest Strategy*)

- **Where/how to increase?**

- Only 60 – 70% of the annual increment of EU forests is harvested
- Major potential: **small private holdings** + **silvicultural practices** (pruning, thinnings...)

**..Innovation in mobilising different types of forest biomass for all potential markets and better interlink supply/demand.**

# QUESTION: How to improve the sustainable mobilisation of biomass from our forests in the EU?



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## FG20 MAIN TASKS

- Identify
    - **success and fail factors** (stimulating or limiting sustainable mobilisation) and **role of innovation and knowledge exchange**.
    - means of **improving cooperation of small forest owners**
  - Analyse **supply/demand factors** and the means to provide a link between the two
  - Propose potential **innovative actions**
  - Identify
    - Remaining research and innovation **needs coming from practice**
    - Ideas for **Operational Groups** and other innovative projects
- ✓ *Address fail factors*
  - ✓ *Examples best practices?*
  - ✓ *Barriers to implement.?*
  - ✓ *e.g. electronic marketing tools*
  - ✓ *Stimulate knowledge*
  - ✓ *Share knowledge*
  - ✓ *Inspiration for OGs and for further research*