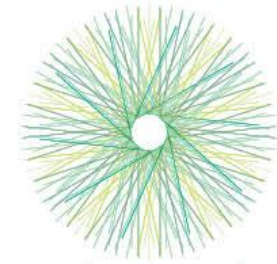


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Day 2 – Thursday, 15 June 2017

8:15 – 9:00 Registration for day 2

9:00 – 9:30 Plenary session:

- Key ideas emerging from day 1 activities
- Introduction to breakout sessions

Working together in a multi-actor setting

9:30 – 11:00 Breakout sessions: How can we get the best out of multi-actor groups?

Parallel sessions to discuss and exchange good practices to get the best out of multi-actor groups. Possible topics are farmers' involvement, communication channels, coordination and facilitation, reporting and sharing of results.

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

Networking for Operational Groups

11:30 – 11:40 Networking tools and possibilities to connect EIP-AGRI actors
Willemine Brinkman (EIP AGRI Service Point)

11:40 – 12:40 Interactive session: How can we further exchange between Operational Groups after the workshop?

12:40 – 12:55 Plenary wrap-up
Susanne Padel & Claude St Pierre (EIP AGRI Service Point)

12:55 – 13:00 Closing words
Alberto D'Avino (European Commission – DG AGRI)

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch and goodbye for now



Susanne Padel

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Some observations

- Lucky to have such a very diverse group of people coming together
- Although it is not always easy to be specific, there is an overall picture emerging,
 - much of it specific to organic agriculture
- Three key points that we picked out

We do have common technical issues in organic agriculture

- Yield stability remains an important issue and is likely to remain
- Our other common technical issues are challenging, but also create an opportunity for EIP AGRI projects
 - Legumes / Nitrogen
 - Climate change
 - Plant protection

Markets do matter

- In organic agriculture (technical) innovation has to consider market access/ implications
- Smaller farms have different innovation needs
 - e.g. machinery
- The market is also an opportunity
 - Market for innovation
 - Develop the organic market in innovative ways



Groups are at the core of what we are trying to do

- But, working with farmers implies new methods
- Organic and non-organic farmers working together
- Not always easy in practice
 - Flexibility versus control in innovation
 - Data collection protocols

Something more to think about

- Languages
- Networking methods
- Never too early to start thinking about after the project ends
 - Scaling-up
 - Continuity
- Some good practices already mentioned, more to come
- Remember to propose topics for the Open Space