EIP-AGRI Focus Groups 47, 48, 49, draft call

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Next Focus Group call for FGs 47, 48, 49 - timing

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Focus Group 47: Enhancing the biodiversity on farmland through high-diversity landscape features

Main question: **How can farmers create and maintain HDLF that positively impact farmland biodiversity?**

Main tasks:

- Identify the **challenges and opportunities** for farmers in introducing a greater diversity of HDLF to **increase both the diversity and area of habitats and/or better connectivity between habitats**.

- Collect and highlight **good practices and inspiring success stories**, approaches and methodologies for **introducing and maintaining HDLF at different scales and landscapes**.

- Identify **examples of valorising** (from the social and economic point of view) the **ecosystem services** provided by HDLF.

- Identify capacity building experiences and needs for implementation of HDLF.

- Suggest innovative HDLF and appropriate maintenance/management models essential to the value of landscapes and HDLF for wildlife.

- Identify further **research needs from practice**, and possible gaps in technical knowledge.

- Suggest **innovative ideas for EIP-AGRI Operational Groups and other innovative projects**.

FG 48: Social farming and innovations

Main question: **How can social farming and related innovations benefit farms and rural areas?**

Main tasks:

- Collect and highlight **good practices and inspiring success stories as well as approaches in social farming**.

- Identify **challenges and opportunities to develop social farming models**, including business models and ways to strengthen the links between agriculture and social/health care sectors, education and the society.

- Explore **how social farming could bring innovation into farms and in rural areas, and how it could benefit users and the surrounding communities**.

- Identify the f**actors and needs to support social farming and how to build or strengthen the innovation ecosystem** and the interdisciplinary framework needed for social farming activities.

- Propose potential **innovative actions and ideas for Operational Groups**

- Identify **needs from practice and possible gaps in knowledge**

FG 49: Recovery of abandoned agricultural lands

Main question: **How to foster new, practical ways for better management of abandoned agricultural land in a sustainable way?**

Main tasks:

- Collect and highlight **best practices, approaches and methods in the process of land recovery.**

- **Identify the challenges and opportunities for those dealing with land abandonment.**

- Bring **innovative approaches and solutions to the regeneration process and re-use of abandoned land.**

- Suggest adequate socioeconomic and environmental management practices for abandoned land to decrease the risk of soil degradation.

- Identify further **research needs from practice and possible gaps in knowledge.**

- Suggest **innovative solutions** and provide **ideas for EIP-AGRI Operational Groups and other innovative projects.**

Thank you

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