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EIP-AGRI Focus Groups – state of play May 2016

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| 1 Organic farming – Optimising arable yields | Why do yields vary so much between organic farms; how can this yield gap be minimised? | Final report Factsheet Brochure |
| 2 Protein crops | What does the feed sector need in terms of protein? Why is EU farming not able to deliver? Why is EU farming in protein crops not competitive? How can this be remedied? | Final report Brochure |
| 3 Animal husbandry - Reducing antibiotic use in pig farming | How to enhance animal health and welfare to reduce the need for antibiotics? What are the alternatives to antibiotics? How to change human habits, attitudes and behaviour in order to reduce the use of antibiotics in livestock production? | Final report Brochure |
| 4 Genetic resources – Cooperation models | What are the bottlenecks that limit cooperation between the different types of stakeholders? How can cooperation between the different types of stakeholders be promoted? | Final report Factsheet Brochure |
| 5 Soil organic matter content in Mediterranean regions | How can we improve soil organic matter content in the Mediterranean region in a cost-effective way? What new solutions for securing soil functionality and soil fertility can be proposed in this regard? | Final report Factsheet |
| 6 IPM for Brassica | What cost-effective IPM solutions are there for Brassica? What other solutions can be proposed? | Final report |
| 7 High Nature Value – Farming profitability | How to make HNV farming more profitable without losing the HNV characteristics? | Final report Factsheet |
| 8 Mainstreaming precision farming | How to organise the data capture and processing to mainstream the application of precision farming for an optimisation of inputs and yield? | Final report Factsheet |
| 9 Profitability of permanent grassland | How to manage permanent grassland in a way that combines profitability, carbon sequestration and biodiversity? | Final report Factsheet |
| 10 Fertiliser efficiency – Focus on horticulture in open field | How to use innovative fertilisation and nutrient recycling to solve the conflict between the need for crop fertilisation and legislative requirements regarding water quality? | Ongoing 2 nd meeting held |
| 11 Optimising profitability of crop production through Ecological Focus Areas | How can EFAs, more specifically landscape features and buffer strips and their management, contribute to the profitability of crop production? | Final report |

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| 12 | Innovative short food supply chain management | How to stimulate growth of short food supply chains in Europe, both in terms of numbers of producers involved and volumes traded, to increase farm income? | Final report Factsheet |
| 13 | IPM practices for soil-borne diseases | How to suppress soil-borne diseases (fungi and nematodes) in vegetables and arable crops and how to enhance cross-fertilisation between different crops and agricultural systems? | Final report Factsheet |
| 14 | New entrants into farming | Which patterns characterise new entrants in farming and what can be learnt from them to foster innovation and entrepreneurship in agriculture? | Final report Factsheets |
| 15 | Water & agriculture | What farm level adaptation strategies exist or can be developed to deal with water scarcity? | Ongoing 2 nd meeting held |
| 16 | Mixed farming systems: Livestock/cash crops | How to develop livestock / cash crop interactions and promote their benefits as a sustainable alternative to farm or territorial specialisation? | Ongoing 2 nd meeting held |
| 17 | Benchmarking farm productivity and sustainability performance | How can farmers and advisers use benchmarking data and process to improve productivity and sustainability performance? | Ongoing 2 nd meeting held |
| 18 | Livestock emissions – Reducing emissions from cattle farming | How to reduce cattle livestock emissions in a cost-effective way for farmers? | Ongoing 2 nd meeting Sept 2016 |
| 19 | Nutrient recycling | How to improve the agronomic use of recycled nutrients (N and P) from livestock manure and other organic sources? | Ongoing |
| 20 | Sustainable mobilisation of forest biomass | How to improve the sustainable mobilisation of biomass from our forests in the EU? | Ongoing |



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