

ENRD Thematic Group on Carbon Farming

Second meeting

Agenda

9 June 2022

The land use sector (agriculture and forestry) has an important role to play in meeting the EU's net zero emissions by 2050 target and the 55% reduction required by 2030, as set out in the EU Climate Law. The proposal for a Regulation on Land Use, Forestry and Agriculture, as part of the 'Fit for 55' package, sets out the objective of a climate-neutral land sector by 2035.

The CAP Strategic Plans will be a key vehicle to promote improved land management activities and practices that reduce GHG emissions, increase carbon sequestration and provide incentives for land managers, farmers and foresters to increase carbon removals and protect carbon stocks.

As a key component of the Green Deal, in December 2021, the European Commission adopted a [Communication on Sustainable Carbon Cycles](#) in which it promotes the upscaling of carbon farming as a green business model and sets out a series of short to medium-term actions to address current challenges to achieve this.

This second meeting of the Thematic Group on Carbon Farming will build on the TG activities so far. It will look at how initiatives monitor and measure carbon sequestration and discuss the conditions that need to be put in place to enable the upscaling of carbon farming across the EU.

Aims of the meeting

- To explore good practices in measuring and reporting on carbon sequestration and storage for different carbon farming practices.
- To reflect on the conclusions from the TG member discussions on 18 May on:
 - The mix of financial incentives required to increase uptake of carbon farming activities;
 - Raising awareness and building capacity amongst land managers, advisers, stakeholders, and Managing Authorities on carbon farming.
- To develop recommendations on the conditions required to enable the upscaling of carbon farming.



Timing 🕒	9 June 2022 Agenda Items
9.30	<i>Registration – virtual meeting room opens</i>
10.00 – 10.10	Welcome and objectives for the meeting
10.10 – 10.25	Recap on highlights of Meeting 1 and subsequent activities
10.25 – 12.00	Monitoring, Reporting and Verification <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Measuring the carbon and other co-benefits of different practices – importance, synergies and issues arising – Valeria Forlin, DG CLIMA - Examples of MRV activities in different Member States <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Kearney, DAFM, Ireland • Gerald Dunst, Humus+, Austria • Robert Wuest, EARSC (European Association of Remote Sensing Companies) • Anais L’Hôte, IDELE, France (French Livestock Institute) - Discussion
12.00 – 12.50	<i>Lunch break</i>
12.50 – 13.10	TG video(s): Reflections on key points emerging
13.10 – 14.40	Recommendations for upscaling carbon farming in the EU <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feedback from the discussions held in May with TG members (Clunie Keenleyside) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Financial incentives required to encourage land manager engagement in carbon farming o Raising awareness and building capacity to enable the upscaling of carbon farming (for institutions and land managers) - Short remarks on key issues arising – Valeria Forlin, DG CLIMA - Breakout groups: reflection on discussions and development of key recommendations for upscaling carbon farming. - Feedback from breakout groups to plenary
14.40 – 14.50	Outputs from the TG
14.50 – 15.00	Concluding remarks and next steps.





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