





## What is an EIP-AGRI Focus Group?





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#### Sharing knowledge and innovative solutions

EIP-AGRI Focus Groups collect and summarise knowledge on best practices in a specific field, listing problems as well as opportunities. They take stock of the state of play in research and practice and highlight possible solutions to the problems identified. Based on this, the groups suggest and prioritise innovative actions. They identify ideas for applied research and for testing solutions in the field, involving farmers, advisers, the industry and other practitioners, and propose ways to disseminate good practices.

### Tackling questions from different angles

To tackle specific questions, EIP-AGRI Focus Groups bring together twenty experts, including farmers or foresters, advisers, researchers and agri-business representatives. They contribute both practical farming experience and scientific knowledge. One of the main goals of the EIP-AGRI Focus Groups is to catalyse innovation and spread knowledge on existing good practices. Each group presents their findings and recommendations in a Focus Group Report, which is made available through the EIP-AGRI Network.

Thirteen EIP-AGRI Focus Groups were set up in 2013-2014. The reports and results from these groups can be found on their respective pages on the EIP-AGRI website.



Each Focus Group meets at least twice over a period of about one year. When the final report has been completed, group members can continue their work in collaborative work spaces on the EIP-AGRI website.



## Inspiring people to take action

The results and reports produced by EIP-AGRI Focus Groups are not an end point but form a new start! Through recommendations, examples and good practices, the final report aims to inspire people across the European Union to take action.

Focus Group results provide new and useful ideas to solve practical problems. They give ideas for new Operational Groups or research projects.

#### Connection points for the EIP-AGRI Network

EIP-AGRI Focus Groups allow people to meet other experts from across Europe, who may deal with the same questions but from different angles. This has proven to be very fruitful for building networks and for continuing to work together beyond the lifespan of the Focus Group.

"The exchange of information between specialists from different countries is important to connect people, find solutions and generate innovation."

- Razvan Popa, expert from the EIP-AGRI Focus Group on High Nature Value farming -

#### Interested in contributing?

#### When and how to apply?

Calls for EIP-AGRI Focus Groups are published several times a year and are open for a fixed period of time. Each call is made for a different EIP-AGRI Focus Group, on a specific theme. Only applications responding to these calls will be accepted. The best way to be kept up to date on future calls is to subscribe to our newsletter.

#### How to find more information?

Register to the EIP-AGRI <u>website</u> for more details on specific EIP-AGRI Focus Groups (including description, level of completion, and member list) and to read interesting reports and publications.

Join the EIP-AGRI Network and register to the EIP-AGRI website www.eip-agri.eu



# EIP-AGRI FOCUS GROUPS



