



# Subgroup on Innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability

15<sup>th</sup> Meeting

16 October 2019

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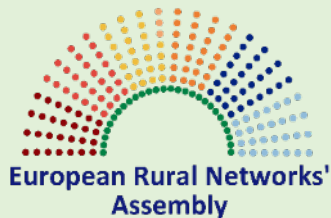
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09:00 – 09:10	Welcome & introduction
09:10 – 11:10	<b>Session I Shaping the work of the EIP-AGRI network for 2020 focus groups &amp; workshops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of the envisaged 2020 activities</li><li>• Round 1: Interactive sessions: Focus Groups</li></ul>
11:10 – 11:30	Short break
11:30 – 12:35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Round 2: Interactive sessions: Workshops</li></ul>
12:35 – 13:45	Lunch break
13:45 – 14:05	<b>Session II Overview of past and upcoming activities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Key messages from AIS</li><li>• Information about the workshop “Small is smart”</li><li>• Feedback on the European Conference on Crop Diversification</li><li>• Information about the seminar “Skills development for the digital transformation”</li></ul>
14:05 – 15:30	<b>Session III Shaping the work of the EIP-AGRI network for 2020 seminars</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Round 3: Interactive sessions: Seminars</li></ul>
15:30 – 15:45	Short break
16:00 – 16:15	Next steps and closing





# Session II: Overview of past and upcoming activities

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# ***European Conference on Crop diversification 2019***

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# European Conference on Crop Diversification

- **When & where**

18th - 21st September 2019, Budapest, Hungary

- **Organisers**

DiverIMPACTS project in collaboration with its partners in the Horizon 2020 Crop Diversification Cluster: Diverfarming, DIVERSify, ReMIX, LegValue, TRUE

The conference explored **how we can achieve the full potential of cropping system diversification** for:

- improved productivity,
- delivery of ecosystem services and
- resource-efficient and sustainable value chains.

## Crop diversification, a major pillar of agro-ecology

- Increased farmers' revenues and reduced economic risk;
- Market provision of food, feed and industrial products from harvested crops and residues/co-products, contributing to circular economy;
- Reduced use of pesticides, chemical fertilisers, energy and water;
- Higher arable land productivity;
- Improved biodiversity and delivery of ecosystem services including soil fertility, pest and disease control, water quality and carbon sequestration;



# European Conference on Crop Diversification

## Follow-up to the EIP-AGRI workshop ‘Cropping for the future’ (June 2019 in Almere, the Netherlands)

Conference included a workshop ‘**Towards a crop diversification network**’ with the following objectives:

- Identify expectations and needs, as well as experiences, in terms of networking on crop diversification
- Suggest ideas, processes, instruments and tools, and make recommendations to support networking on crop diversification

EIP-AGRI Service Point invited to present relevant results of the workshop ‘Cropping for the future’

# European Conference on Crop Diversification Workshop ‘Towards a crop diversification network’

Main points reported from discussions in this workshop were:

- There's need for knowledge exchange on crop diversification
- Objectives could be - knowledge share, connecting actors in the value chain, matchmaking, creating bridges and synergies
- Integrate different types of actors along the value chain
- There are already existing networks – identify common objectives, create a sense of identity, motivate stakeholders to join in, take practical action, create co-benefits for all stakeholders
- Combine local initiatives to the bigger picture, make it multi-level from local to EU and beyond





# European Conference on Crop Diversification

The conference addressed a whole range of themes, such as:

- crop diversification - benefits, barriers, lock ins, enablers and practical experiences
- promoting diversification along value chains
- breeding for crop diversification
- assessing the performance of diversified cropping systems
- co-designing approaches that foster crop diversification

Have a look at:

<https://www.cropdiversification2019.net/>

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