

**EU CAP Network Focus Group
'Production of protein crops under
climate change'**

AGENDA
2nd meeting

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Timing	Tuesday 27 May
8.30 – 9.00	Registration
9.00 – 9.15	Welcome & introduction to the 2nd meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Welcome and purpose of the meeting – <i>Magdalena Mach (DG AGRI, Unit D.1 Rural areas and networks)</i> ➤ Agenda of the meeting – <i>Remco Schreuder (EIP-AGRI Support Facility)</i>
9.15 – 10.15	Presentation of Mini Papers by the coordinators, each followed by Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Knowledge exchange and creation (<i>Kaupo Reede</i>) ➤ Crop options and their needs for improvement to increase plant protein production (<i>Donal Murphy-Bokern</i>) ➤ Strengthening regional value chains, uniting protein crop farmers under unique identity (<i>Sofia Elisabeth Berlinghof</i>)
10.15 – 10.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.45 – 11.25	Presentation of Mini Papers by the coordinators, each followed by Q&A (part 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ On-farm processes for protein crops (<i>Fredrik Fogelberg</i>) ➤ A grower guide to protein crops under climate change (<i>Pietro Goglio</i>)
11.25 – 12.15	Group discussion: Reflection on Mini Papers related to the deliverables of the FG and report outline
12.15 – 13.15	<i>Lunch break</i>
13.15 – 18.00	Field visits Visit of alfalfa dehydration facilities Agroquivir Cooperative Visit of the Alfalfa field and farm
20.00	<i>Networking dinner</i>



Timing	Wednesday 28 May
8.30 – 9.00	Registration
9.00 – 9.15	Recap from day one – Sebastian Kussmann (EIP-AGRI Support Facility) Introduction to day two – Remco Schreuder (EIP-AGRI Support Facility)
9.15 – 10.15	Gaps in terms of research/knowledge needed Introduction to the session – Paola Eulalio (DG AGRI, Unit F.2 Research and innovation) Interactive breakout session: Research needs from practice
10.15 – 10.30	Introduction to EIP-AGRI Operational Groups – form, state of play, links to the FG work – Magdalena Mach (DG AGRI, Unit D.1 Rural areas and networks)
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 11.45	Interactive session: Innovative ideas for Operational Groups
11.45 – 12.45	Collaborative work on Mini Papers and discussing the next steps to finalise them
12.45 – 12.55	Further steps towards the final report
12:55 – 13:00	Closing words – Magdalena Mach (DG AGRI, Unit D.1 Rural areas and networks)
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch

Field visit

Agroquivir is a cooperative founded in 2001, as the result of the merger of several cooperatives in the Lower Guadalquivir River in Seville (Spain). They have more than 850 members who cultivate approximately 14 000 hectares (11 000 hectares irrigated and 3 000 hectares dry). One of their main products to the market is dried alfalfa in bales or granulated. The drying takes place in their dehydration plant. Most of the alfalfa is produced for dairy, local and for export. However, due to climate change which is causing severe periods of drought, the area of alfalfa decreased the last 10 years from 3 000 ha to just 400 ha. There is not enough irrigation water available to secure a stable supply to maintain an alfalfa field for 3-4 years, which is needed to be profitable. The cooperative is now buying alfalfa from other areas, resulting in higher cost due to the transport. The local dairy farmers are facing higher feed prices and the cooperative is losing export market.

The farmer we are going to visit is still growing alfalfa with irrigation. In order to have enough water for his alfalfa fields he is changing his cropping system by introducing crops which are less in need of water like sunflower and he is also switching to winter crops.

