



Welcome and Introduction

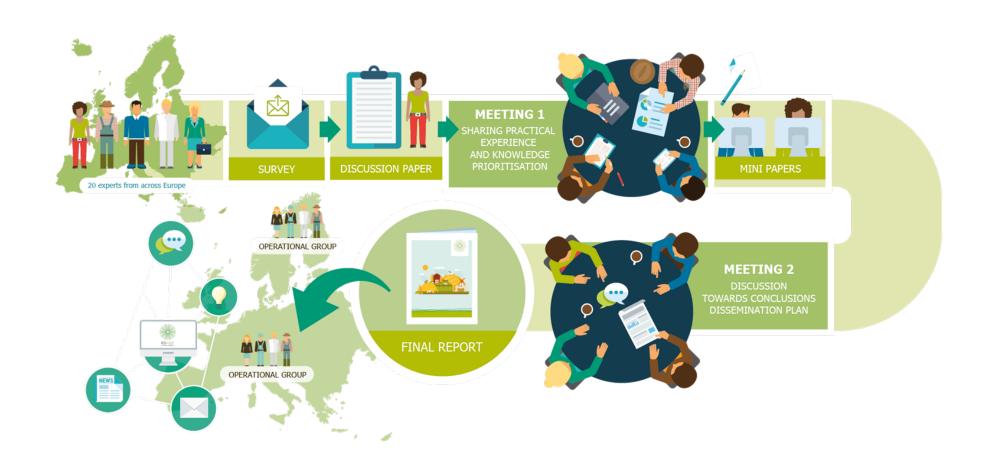
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Main question

How can the conservation and utilisation of local under-utilised varieties of perennial crops be attractive and profitable for farmers and thereby contribute to biodiversity-friendly sustainable farming under climate change?



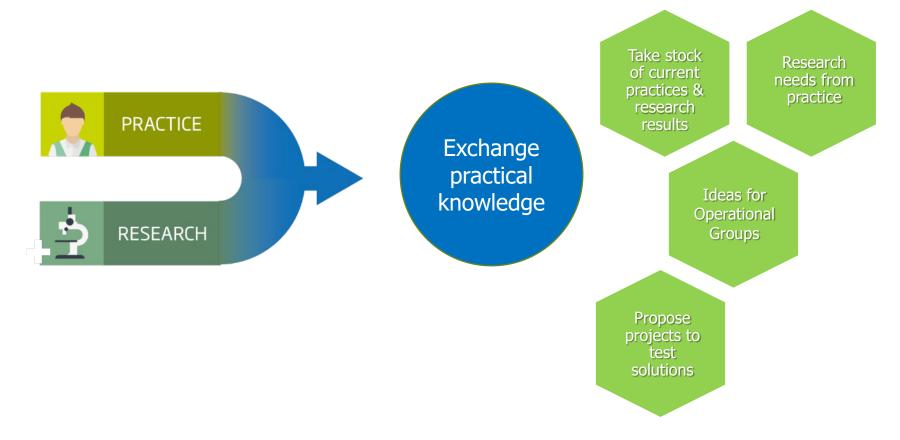


Tasks

- ✓ Identify the benefits of local under-utilised perennial varieties in adapting to climate change and maintaining biodiversity;
- ✓ Identify the challenges and opportunities for farmers in conserving and using underutilised local perennial crops;
- ✓ Collect and highlight good practices and inspiring success stories, approaches, and methodologies for maintaining and cultivating local perennial crops, covering different pedoclimatic areas;
- ✓ Identify examples of valorising local perennial plant varieties (from the environmental and economic point of view);
- ✓ Identify capacity-building experiences and needs for preserving and utilising local perennial crops at the farm level;
- ✓ Suggest innovative and appropriate management practices;
- ✓ Identify **further research needs from practice**, and possible gaps in technical knowledge;
- Suggest innovative ideas for EIP-AGRI Operational Groups and other innovative projects.



Focus Groups: tackling agricultural challenges







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All information on the Focus Group is available on the webpage:

https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/focus-group-local-perennial-plant-genetic-resources-view-climate-change-and-biodiversity-loss

