

A photograph of a vineyard at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. In the foreground, there are green grapevines with large, serrated leaves and some curly tendrils. The background shows a blurred view of the vineyard stretching towards the horizon.

Focus Group 'Local plant genetic resources in view of climate change and biodiversity loss'

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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 under-utilised local perennial crops;
- ✓ Collect and highlight **good practices and inspiring success stories**, approaches, and methodologies for maintaining and cultivating local perennial crops, covering different pedo-climatic 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.



PRACTICE

RESEARCH

Exchange
practical
knowledge

Research
needs from
practice

Ideas for Operational Groups

Propose projects to test solutions



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

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