

# **EU CAP Network seminar 'On-farm demonstrations for peer-to-peer learning & innovation'**

# **AGENDA**

**Update 12 June 2025**

**17-18 June 2025 | Mestre, Venice, Italy**

**Innovation and Knowledge exchange | EIP-AGRI**



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## Objectives of the seminar

The **main objectives** of the seminar are to promote the use of on-farm demonstrations as an essential tool for peer-to-peer learning, to improve the setting up and visibility of demonstration farms, as well as to foster their networks and connections to other relevant initiatives.

The **specific objectives of the seminar** are:

- Highlight best practices in the organisation of on-farm demonstrations, including facilitation for peer-to-peer learning
- Discuss the structural and practical challenges and opportunities for setting-up, financing, operating and managing of demonstration farms/their networks and embedding them in the AKIS structures.
- Explore the role of on-farm demonstrations during and especially in the follow-up of EIP-AGRI Operational Group and Horizon projects in improving the uptake of new knowledge and innovation by farmers
- Assess what is missing and what can be improved to reach scale and harness the full potential of on-farm demonstrations and demonstration farms for the benefit of farmers

More information about the seminar can be found on [the event webpage](#).



## Draft agenda

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Timing	Day 0: Tuesday 16 June 2025
19.00 – 22.00	<i>Light dinner in Venice to welcome the participants, offered by the Veneto Region</i>

Timing	Day 1: Tuesday 17 June 2025
08.15 – 09.00	<b>Registration</b>
09.00 – 09.15	<b>Welcome to the seminar</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Welcome by host - Veneto Region (<i>TBD</i>)</li> <li>› Welcome by DG AGRI - European Commission – <i>Klavdija Ramšak-Noemi, Unit D.1 'Rural areas and networks'</i></li> </ul>
9.15 – 09.40	<b>Get-to-know activities and introduction to the programme</b>
09.40 – 10.00	<b>Setting the scene</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› EIP-AGRI and knowledge exchange including CAP support for on-farm demonstrations - <i>Klavdija Ramšak-Noemi, DG AGRI</i></li> <li>› Horizon and support for on-farm demonstration - <i>Orsolya Frizon Somogyi, Unit F.2 'Research and Innovation', DG AGRI</i></li> <li>› Introduction to the EU CAP Network - <i>Margarida Ambar, EIP-AGRI Support Facility</i></li> </ul>
10.00 – 10.15	<b>Keynote presentation 'On-farm demonstrations and demonstrations farms in the European Union'</b> Presentation by <i>Laure Triste, coordinating expert, EIP-AGRI Support Facility</i>
10.15 – 11.45	<b>Sharing inspirational practices in the organisation and set-up of on-farm demonstrations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Presenting inspirational practices               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Luís Alcino da Conceição, innovation broker, InovTechAgro project</i></li> <li>- <i>Fritz Hoefler, researcher, Hochschule Weihenstephan-Triesdorf</i></li> <li>- <i>Agnès Fiamma Papone, farmer, Paysans Conseils project</i></li> <li>- <i>Tamara Urbančič, farmer, 'Buzzing by Bike' project</i></li> <li>- <i>Rossano Filippini, farmer and researcher, BioEco farmers organisation</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>› Interactive discussions</li> </ul> <p><i>Coffee break included</i></p>



11.45 – 12.30	<p><b>Panel discussion 'Beyond knowledge dissemination: Perspective of on-farm demonstrations within EIP-AGRI Operational Groups (OGs) and Horizon projects'</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sonsoles Jiménez, farmer and researcher, on-farm demonstration initiatives 'Sustainable Traditional Farming in Jaén' and 'My Greens'</li> <li>- Anna Bago Mas, Horizon thematic network for EIP-AGRI OGs 'NUTRI-KNOW'</li> <li>- Audrone Ispiryan, Berry farmer and advisor, Horizon project 'SOULFOOD'</li> <li>- Christine Mittermeier, farmer and researcher, EIP-AGRI OG 'DaLeA' and Horizon Living Lab 'PrepSoil'</li> </ul> </li> <li>➤ Q&amp;A from the audience</li> </ul>
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch break
13.30 – 18.45	<p><b>Field visits in the Veneto Region</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Field visit 1: Vallevecchia Pilot experimental farm and Societa Agricola La Fagiana</li> <li>➤ Field visit 2: University of Padova Experimental Farm – Agripolis Campus and Società Agricola Dante</li> </ul>
20.00 – 22:00	Networking dinner

Timing	Day 2: Wednesday 18 June 2025
08.30 – 09.00	<b>Registration</b>
09.00 – 09.25	<p><b>Welcome to Day 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Reflections on Day 1</li> </ul>
09.25 – 09.40	<p><b>'Vision for Agriculture and Food' and future orientations for knowledge exchange &amp; innovation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Presentation by <i>Fabio Cossu</i>, Unit A.1 'Policy perspectives', DG AGRI</li> </ul>
09.40 – 10.40	<p><b>Demonstration farms and their networks: the structural and practical challenges and opportunities for their setting-up, financing, management and embedding them in the AKIS structures</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Knowledge expedition around case studies: poster session</li> <li>➤ Extracting recommendations from the knowledge expedition</li> </ul>
10.40 -11.10	Coffee break



11.10 – 11.25	<b>Demonstration farms and their networks (continued)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Feedback in plenary: harvesting voices from the knowledge expedition</li> </ul>
11.25 – 12.25	<b>Discussing needs to reach scale and harness the full potential of on-farm demonstrations and demonstration farms for the benefits of farmers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Discussions in professional groups</li> <li>&gt; Feedback in plenary: short reports from the professional groups</li> </ul>
12.25 – 13.00	<b>Feedback from participants and closing words</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Participants reflection and feedback on the seminar</li> <li>&gt; Closing words by DG AGRI - European Commission - <i>Anikó Seregélyi, Unit D.1 'Rural areas and networks'</i></li> </ul>
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Goodbye lunch</i>

