

EU CAP Network Focus Group Innovative on-farm energy production systems

AGENDA

1st meeting

12-13 November 2025
Dublin, Ireland

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The EU CAP Network Focus Group (FG) on innovative on-farm energy production systems is tasked with answering the question:

‘How to develop and foster the adoption of context-appropriate, resilient, and farmer-centred on-farm energy systems that enhance sustainability and energy autonomy, while supporting farm viability and environmental goals?’

The objectives of the 1st Focus Group meeting are:

- > to gain a common understanding of the EIP-AGRI and Focus Group mission, while connecting with each other to exchange knowledge and foster collaboration on innovative on-farm energy production systems
- > introducing the Starting Paper of the Focus Group
- > identify and assess scalable, low-risk energy solutions with realistic business cases and practical tools, while considering the environmental, economic and social impacts of on-farm energy deployment
- > share the results of the questionnaire: innovative practices and pilot cases across Europe
- > analyse key adoption barriers and ways to overcome them
- > identify and analyse governance models (e.g. energy cooperatives, community-based systems) that support on-farm energy production, on a regional/local scale, while ensuring that farmers retain ownership and decision-making power. Highlight successful examples and propose scalable approaches
- > identify the topics and volunteering participants in 4-5 teams for deeper analysis by preparing Mini Papers.

Further information on the [Focus Group webpage](#).



Agenda

Timing	Wednesday 12 November
8.30 – 9.00	Registration
9.00 – 9.10	Welcome & setting the scene Introduction to the purpose of the Focus Group within the EU policy framework – <i>Marta Iglesias (European Commission, DG AGRI)</i>
9.10 – 9.20	Introduction to the EU CAP Network Support Facility and Focus Group workflow – <i>Liina Ulm, Task Manager (Support Facility for Innovation & Knowledge exchange EIP-AGRI)</i>
9.20 – 9.45	Getting to know each other
9.45 – 10.40	Presentation of Starting Paper & survey results – <i>Suvi Karirinne, FG Coordinating Expert</i>
10.40 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 11.45	Inspiring examples from the FG experts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > The path towards a defossilised EU agriculture – <i>Dr. Thanos Balafoutis (Institute for Bioeconomy & Agritechology, iBO/CERTH)</i> > Small Biogas Demonstration project – <i>Seán Finan (Irish Bioenergy Association, IrBEA)</i> > Operational Group Agrivoltaics – <i>Nicolás Aranda-Perez (ceiA3 / GREENAR)</i>
11.45 – 11.55	Successful case from Cluster 6 / Horizon Europe: RES4LIVE – <i>May Hobeika (European Commission, DG AGRI)</i>
11.55 – 12.10	On-farm energy production in EU policy – <i>Tsjerk Terpstra (European Commission, DG AGRI)</i>
12.10 – 13.30	Lunch break
13.30 – 14.40	Break out session 1: Analyse key adoption barriers and ways to overcome them (based on the outcomes of the survey)
14.40 – 15.00	Coffee break
15.00 – 16.10	Break out session 2: Identify and analyse governance models that support on-farm energy production



16.10 – 16.20	<i>Break</i>
16.20 – 17.30	Break out session 3: Identify and assess scalable, low-risk energy solutions with realistic business cases and practical tools
17.30 – 18.00	Closing of Day 1
19.00 – 21.30	<i>Networking dinner</i>

Timing	Thursday 13 November
8.30 – 9.00	Registration
9.00 – 9.10	Recap from Day 1 & introduction to Day 2 – Liina Ulm (Support Facility for Innovation & Knowledge exchange EIP-AGRI)
9.10 – 9.20	Introduction to ‘Mini Papers’ – Barry Caslin (Support Facility for Innovation & Knowledge exchange EIP-AGRI)
09.20 – 10.45	Mini Papers: topic definition and team formation – Liina Ulm and Suvi Karirinne (Support Facility for Innovation & Knowledge exchange EIP-AGRI)
10.45 – 11.05	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.05 – 11.15	Introduction to collaborative tools and key dates – Liina Ulm (Support Facility for Innovation & Knowledge exchange EIP-AGRI)
11.15 – 12.15	Working groups: Mini Papers – outline and timeline development
12.15 – 12.30	Next steps and meeting evaluation – Liina Ulm (Support Facility for Innovation & Knowledge exchange EIP-AGRI)
12.30 – 12.35	Meeting closing – Marta Iglesias (European Commission, DG AGRI)
12.35 – 13.30	<i>Lunch & farewell</i>

