



## Towards a competitive protein crops production in Europe

The focus group on protein crops held their first meeting September 12-13 in Oss, the Netherlands. They agreed on their main task: to find ways to increase the EU production of protein crops in a competitive and sustainable manner. The discussions were framed by a starting paper, which had been circulated to the group's members in advance.

During the meeting the 20 experts explored:

- the present status of local protein crop production
- which alternatives would be available to meet the current and future demand
- which innovations/changes would have the largest impact

All members are now gathering information and ideas on projects and operational groups on 8 themes, to be shared during the next meeting in January.

The eight themes are:

1. Breeding chain and genomics
2. Yield improvement and stability
3. Transition: developing or adapting a value chain
4. Crop diversity
5. Mixed cropping
6. Extension and lack of familiarity with protein crops for farmers
7. Diversification of the livestock chain
8. Sustainability and transparency demands

Read more about the Focus Group, its composition and main tasks [here](#)

### More info?

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