

Subgroup on Innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability

16th Meeting

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08:00 – 09:00	Registration and welcome coffee
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome and introduction
09:15 – 09:35	Session I: the European Green Deal <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General presentation & presentation of the 'Farm to Fork' Strategy• Q&A
09:35 – 10:35	Session II: achievements and challenges of the Subgroup on Innovation: experiences from the members <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General introduction• Sharing experiences of Subgroup members• Interactive discussions on achievements and challenges
10:35 – 11:05	Coffee break
11:05 – 12:05	Session II: continuation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sharing experiences of Subgroup members• Interactive discussions on achievements and challenges
12:05 – 12:30	Session II: feedback on experiences with the Subgroup
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break



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13:30 – 14:30

Session II: continuation

- Interactive discussion: translating the Subgroup experiences into future priorities

14:30 – 15:00

Session III: Presentation of the study 'Farmers of the Future' and the symposium 'Spotlights on Young Farmers'

- General presentation of the results of the study
- **General presentation of the results of the symposium**
- Q&A



15:00 – 15:20

Session IV: the EIP-AGRI Service Point workplan 2020

- General presentation of the workplan 2020, with special focus on the activities to be launched in the first half of the year
- Information on the upcoming seminar on AKIS



15:20 – 15:50

Coffee break

15:50 – 16:05

Session V: Feedback on recent activities

- Workshop 'Small is smart' – Innovative solutions for small agricultural and forestry holdings
- Seminar 'New skills for digital farming'



16:05 – 16:15

Next steps and closing

SPOTLIGHT ON YOUNG FARMERS

An innovative format for farmers' driven research agendas

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Alice Minichini, CEJA Project Officer



Who?

The European Council of Young Farmers - CEJA



Rome, 1958

Generational renewal

Facilitator in discussions

Networking platform

32 member organisations

23 Member States + Serbia

Presidency: 5 young farmers

Brussels-based Secretariat

The Global Network of Lighthouse Farms



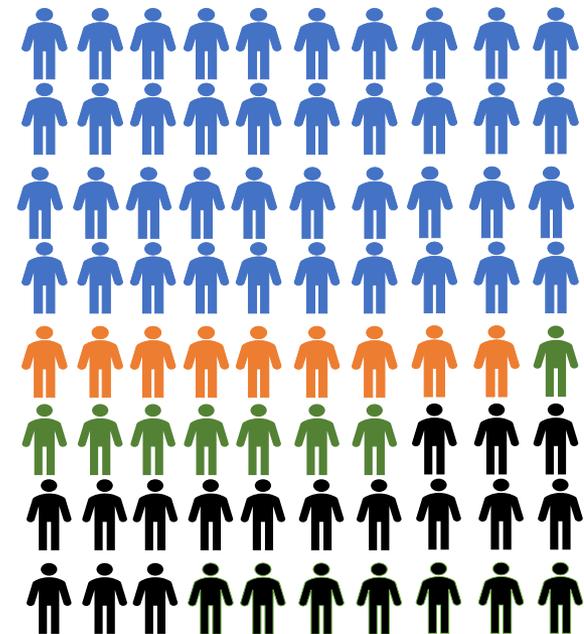
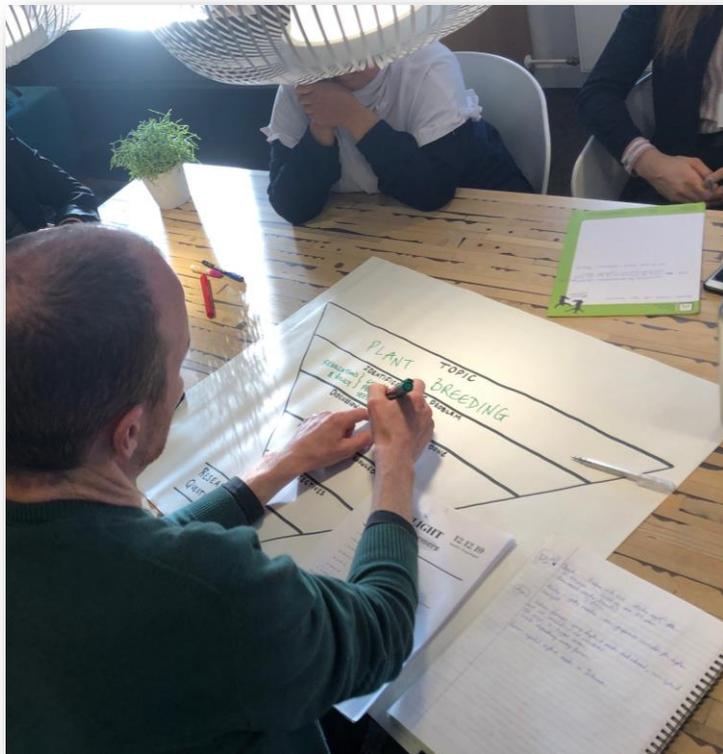
“A lighthouse farm is an existing, commercially operating farm in the real world, that is ‘already in 2050’, providing sustainably produced food and ecosystem services.”

11 Lighthouse farms across the world

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- Farming Systems Ecology
 - Plant Ecology and Nature Conservation
 - Soil Biology
 - Wageningen Economic Research
 - Rural Sociology
 - Plant Breeding
 - Farm Technology
 - Wageningen Livestock Research
 - Animal Production Systems

What?

Young Farmers Symposium, 12th of December, 2019



To co-create research agendas on sustainability
based on the needs of young farmers

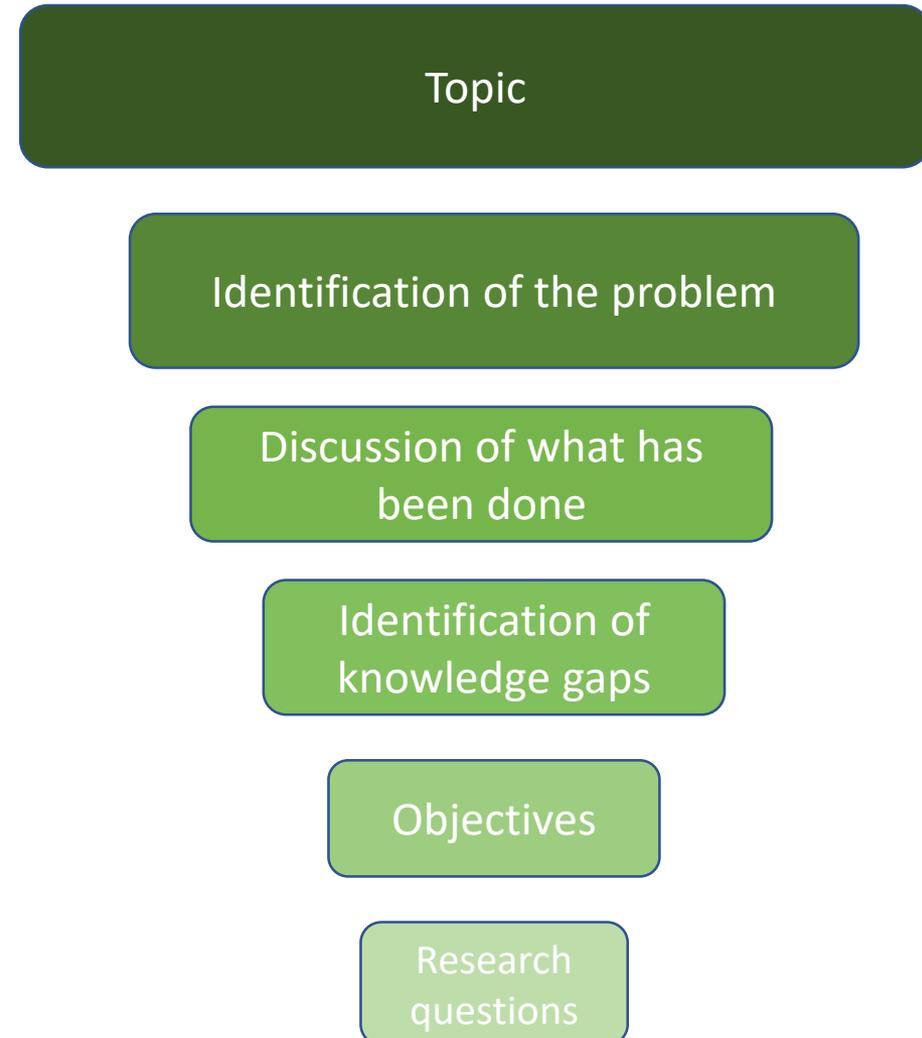
How?

Break-out groups of 8 participants

- **Economic research**
 - **Rural sociology**
 - **Plant breeding**
- **Livestock research**
 - **Farm technology**
 - **Soil biology**
- **Strip and inter-cropping**
 - **Cover crops**



Inverted pyramid of research design



Main results

Challenge of encouraging diversity while maintaining a level playing field.

1

Research conducted in a diversity of contexts, so results can be relevant for an individual farmer.

2

Using standardized indicators so results can be easily applied, communicated and compared.

Multi-actor approach to involve farmers from beginning, not just as end users.

3

Including the socio-economic implications of a new practice/technology 'Business model.'

4

Understanding the necessary governance structures needed for these new practices/technologies to be adopted.

The Young Farmers Symposium and Innovation!

INNOVATION IN THE OBJECTIVES

INNOVATION IN THE METHODOLOGIES

Co-creation

Research questions tailored on farmers needs and adaptable to business strategies

Break silos of research and farming systems

Farmers included since the beginning of research processes (not only as end users)

Innovative format of break-out groups: young farmers, researchers, Lighthouse farmers



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