



# Subgroup on Innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting

*2 June 2016*

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### Morning sessions

#### 08:00 - 09:00 Registration & welcome coffee

09:00 - 09:10 Welcome & introduction – *Rob Peters, Head of Unit AGRI H.5*

09:10 - 09:30 Session I “EIP-AGRI Focus Groups

*Presentations by EIP-AGRI Service Point and DG AGRI:*

- Information on the state of play of FGs 6-20
- Launch of calls for experts for FGs 21-23

#### 09:30 – 10:30 Session II “Operational Groups: first experiences”

*Introduction by Anikó Serégely, DG AGRI*

**Feedback from workshop “Operational Groups: first experiences” (April 2016):**

- *Jean-Marc Gautier, OG “Robustagno” (France)*
- *Herbert Mock, OG “Organic dock control” (Austria)*

10:30 – 10:45 Session III ‘Networking for innovation’

*Introduction by Sirpa Karjalainen, DG AGRI*

#### 10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 13:00 Session III “Networking for innovation” (continued)

*Discussion in groups: how to support the NRNs’ role in fostering innovation & how to shape the NRN workshop planned in October 2016*

#### 13:00 – 13:45 Lunch break



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### Afternoon sessions

#### 13:00 – 13:45 Lunch break

13:45 – 15:10 Session IV “EIP-AGRI and Horizon 2020”

Introduction by *Inge Van Oost, DG AGRI*

Presentation project “Fertinnowa” by *Els Berckmoes, Research Centre for Vegetable Production (Belgium)*

*Discussion in groups:* how to promote synergies between EIP-AGRI activities & Horizon 2020



#### 15:10 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:30 Session V “Priorities for 2017”

introduction by *Antonella Zona, DG AGRI*

*Discussion in groups:* broad priorities for EPI-AGRI network activities in 2017



16:30 – 17:00 Wrap up / next steps

Exchange of views on upcoming events



**17:00**      **Closing**

# Operational Group: „Organic Dock Control“

*Meeting in Brussels, 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2016*

**Herbert Mock** (Leadpartner, entrepreneur), [mock.herbert@yahoo.com](mailto:mock.herbert@yahoo.com)

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**Two organic dairy farms in Lower Austria** (Practice)

**Three associations of organic farmers** (Practice, extension workers):

Bio Austria Vienna & Lower Austria, Bio Austria Carinthia, Bio Ernte Styria

*Many external partners (LFS Hohenlehen, LFS Litzlhof, HBLFA Raumberg-Gumpenstein, AGES, University of Vienna, ...)*

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## The existing problem from practice: docks



## Potential innovation

Fiery Clearwing  
(*Pyropteron chrysidiformis*)



Larvae  
feed on

- **Broad-leaved docks** (e.g. *Rumex obtusifolius*) are very **serious weeds** in grassland with a **strong taproot**, that can cause **heavy loss of cattle fodder quantity and quality**.
- Herbicide free measures like **digging out the dock-roots** or **soil cultivation** that aim at destroying the roots consume **a lot of time, money or physical effort**.
- To date **no effective** measures for organic dock control using **beneficial organisms** are available for the grassland farmers. → **Innovation: root feeding clearwing moths**

# Potential innovation

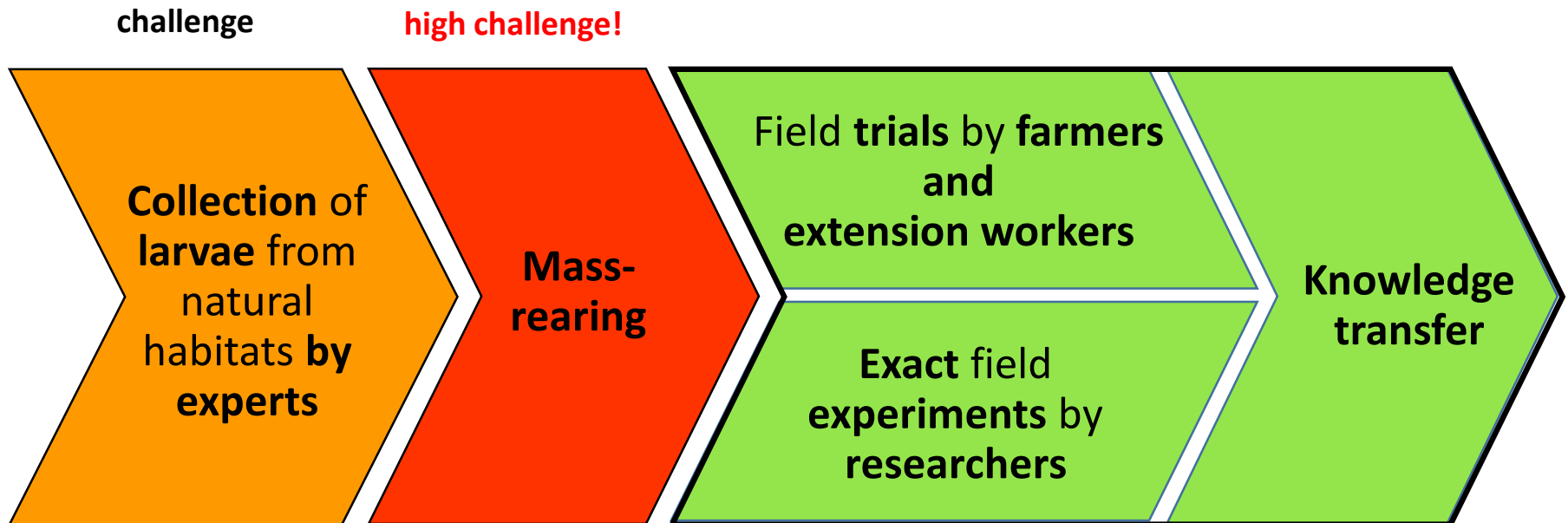
Larva inside a dock-root



Large dock-root with feeding damage



# Project implementation, challenges, first results



**Larvae have already been collected!**

*March 16*

**In progress!**

**Kick-off meeting** with partners involved in **rearing** was held.

*April 16*

*1<sup>st</sup> season: July 16 – April 17*

*2<sup>nd</sup> season: July 17 – April 18*

# Project implementation → mass rearing





# Impressions about the workshop "Operational Groups: first experiences" in Legnaro

## What was our motivation to participate?

- We were suggested by the Austrian managing authorities (Federal Ministry of Agriculture) and invited by the EIP-AGRI Servicepoint → excellent feedback for us
- We were very pleased to be able to present our project.
- Networking, make contacts
- Learn about other projects
- Learn more about the background of EIP-AGRI

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## What were our expectations before going there: were they fulfilled?

- Making contacts with other Operational Groups: Yes
- Learn about other projects: Yes, we learned about different forms of innovative projects
- Learn about the background of EIP-AGRI: Yes, very interesting discussions, different stages of implementation

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# Impressions about the workshop "Operational Groups: first experiences" in Legnaro

## How did we experience the workshop?

- Very interesting
- Very useful for networking
- Very pleasant atmosphere, „Italian kitchen“

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# Impressions about the workshop "Operational Groups: first experiences" in Legnaro

## What will we do with things that we take from it (our next steps)?

- We see the creative dialog between the farmers, researchers and other partners in our project even more important than before to reach our ambitious aim.
- Stay in contact with other Operational Groups!

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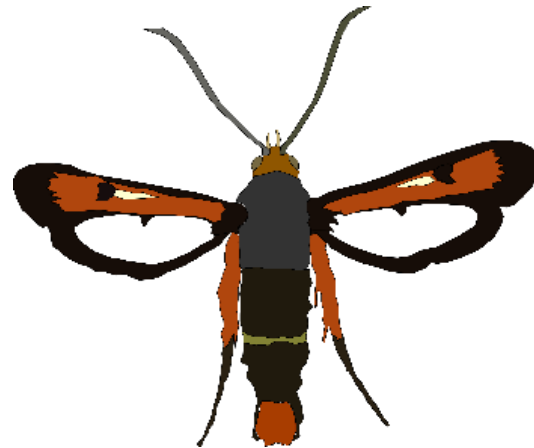
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# Thank you for your attention!



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