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Diseases and pests in viticulture

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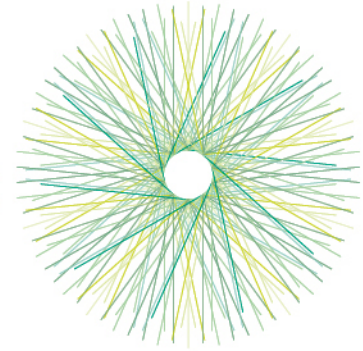
- ✓ to take stock of the state of art of practice and research in its field, listing problems and opportunities;
- ✓ to identify needs from practice and propose directions for further research;
- ✓ to propose priorities for innovative actions by suggesting potential projects for Operational Groups working under Rural Development or other project formats to test solutions and opportunities, including ways to disseminate the practical knowledge gathered.

Results are normally published in a report within 12-18 months of the launch of a given Focus Group.

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- ▶ machinery and sprayers used to apply treatments in the vineyard should be selected according to the “sustainable” principles: for instance, **sprayers** using reduced volumes of water or able to recycle the part of treatment not reaching the canopy. In addition, regular control and fine-tuning of sprayers and other treatment machinery is strategic (and compulsory according to the Sustainable Pesticide use directive) for a more efficient and safer use.

4.2 Functional biodiversity

The Focus Group experts specifically considered **functional biodiversity**. Promoting functional biodiversity can help to create a more resilient vineyard system, as it can help to both prevent and fight pests and diseases. Healthy soils will for instance also contain beneficial microorganisms which limit the growth of pathogens and promote plant health in different ways. Functional biodiversity also includes pollinators, and predators of plant pests, such as spiders, ladybirds which eat plant lice, and insect-eating birds. The experts noted that there is often a lack of understanding of how functional biodiversity works. Action could be taken to improve on the following points/issues:

- ▶ a better understanding of the plant-pathogen interaction;
- ▶ a better understanding of how functional biodiversity works in general, and specifically considering the effects of climate change;
- ▶ more knowledge of agronomic practices contributing to resilience and good biodiversity.

Furthermore, the group identified some initial steps needed to trigger the adoption of **functional biodiversity**:

- ▶ to promote the advantages of a balance between the vineyard and the agro-ecosystem around it;
- ▶ to disseminate and promote the benefits of choosing local varieties as a tool to preserve biodiversity and an essential pool of characteristics that increase sustainability and resilience. Especially in the “newly developed” viticulture areas there is the need to increase the awareness on preservation and the use of local varieties;
- ▶ to map pests and diseases across Europe to monitor their spread and better understand their cycles and factors affecting their development;
- ▶ to create a good balance in the farm/area between the vineyards, other crops, and the ecological areas.

4.3 Main pests and diseases and corresponding IPM recommendations

The experts agreed that the following lists include the main pests and diseases currently affecting vineyards in Europe. They indicated their relevance in the different wine areas, and recommended practices to be integrated in an IPM approach, that can help to reduce their impact.







The experts emphasised that an Integrated Pest Management strategy is essential. It should consider:

- ▶ the whole life cycle of the vineyard;
- ▶ all the pests and diseases that may affect the vineyard;
- ▶ the combined use of different means and tools, starting from preventive measures (like soil fertility management to enhance plant health) up to the rational and smart use of pesticides, which should always be considered the last possible solution.

Diseases

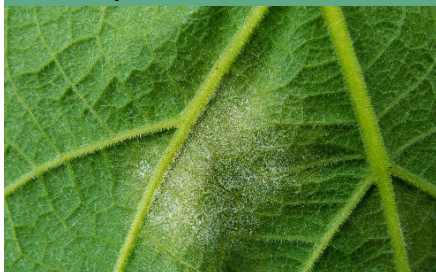
Concerning diseases, the following list summarises opinions and experiences of the experts, including the recommended corresponding elements of IPM strategy.

Overview symbols

-  Regions/countries where it is reported as problematic
-  Climatic conditions that lead to higher impact
-  Soil and location conditions that lead to higher impact
-  Viticulture management practices that lead to higher impact/risk:
-  General information
-  Focus Group recommendations for Integrated Pest Management

Downy mildew

Plasmopara viticola



All countries



High humidity conditions, Temperatures above 12°C. More impact in rainy and mild spring-summer periods



Compacted and wet soils



Wrong vineyard orientation, training system, low ventilation, inappropriate fertilisation and inappropriate disease prevention



It is caused by *Plasmopara viticola*, may cause devastating effects in climates with relatively warm and humid summers. It attacks all European varieties, to different degrees and may cause large losses of production. Common symptoms include necrosis of the stem or shoot, discolouration including brown spotting and yellowish-green tips of the leaves;



- ▶ the use of tolerant varieties and clones or at least of less sensitive varieties in areas with a high pressure of the pathogen;
- ▶ balanced fertilisation with reduced nitrogen to avoid excessive vigour and canopy development, and management practices to increase soil organic matter through appropriate fertilisation and cover cropping
- ▶ canopy management with removal of water-sprouts and lateral shoots, control of shoot length and partial leaf removal to facilitate air circulation in the canopy;
- ▶ proper soil management to enhance microbial activity, including the use of cover crops to reduce survival and sporangiospores dispersal via rain splashes and care for soil structure and reducing machine impact;
- ▶ the use of natural products to decrease pathogen pressure and to dry tissues surface (i.e. acid clays, proteins etc.);
- ▶ the use of elicitors to enhance plant self-defence;
- ▶ preventive application of control measures;.
- ▶ the use of Decision Support Systems to rationalise pesticide use.

Powdery mildew *Erysiphe necator*



All countries



Dry and cold springtime, dry summer if humidity is higher and temperatures favourable – on this point, the experts had NO COMMON POSITION



Compacted soils



High N availability and abundant new growth on the vines resulting in low ventilation in the vineyard

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It is caused by *Erysiphe necator*, all European varieties are more or less susceptible. It infects all green tissue on the grapevine, including leaves and young berries and can cause serious crop loss. Warmer and drier climates favour the attack. Main symptoms are easily identifiable: gray-white, dusty formation on the upper sides of the leaves, but it can also infect the bottom sides, buds, flowers, young fruit, and young stems;

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- ▶ balanced fertilisation with reduced nitrogen availability. Soil organic matter management is especially important;
- ▶ structure of the canopy that allows ventilation;
- ▶ early symptoms scouting on lower leaves to monitor primary infections;
- ▶ removal of young infected shoots (flag shoots);
- ▶ choice of tolerant varieties, clones or heterogeneous materials;
- ▶ Decision Support Systems (DSS) use if available in the area;
- ▶ the use of low toxicity products such as Orange oil or KHCO₃;
- ▶ the use of preventive applications of control measures (i.e. chemical or proper BCAs (biological control agents) such as *Ampelomyces quisqualis* against the formation or to reduce vitality of the overwintering structures (*chasmothecia*) of the fungus;
- ▶ the use of elicitors to enhance plant self-defence.

Grey mould / Botrytis *Botrytis cinerea*



All countries



Rainy season, in particular around flowering and during maturation



Compacted soils



High plant vigour, N fertilisation, heel or other damage to the grapes, including grape moth attacks

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It is caused by *Botrytis cinerea*. Its relevance strongly depends on climatic conditions and canopy density, as air circulation prevents the pathogen development. Its impact, compared to downy and powdery mildew, is more related to specific yearly climatic conditions and to the level of damage caused by other pests and diseases.

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- ▶ the use of tolerant varieties and clones or, at least, less susceptible ones in areas with high pathogen pressure;
- ▶ balanced fertilisation to control vigour;
- ▶ canopy management: removal of water-sprouts and lateral shoots, controlling shoots length and partial leaf removal to facilitate air circulation;
- ▶ defoliation of the cluster area;
- ▶ ventilation after flowering to blow out infected debris;
- ▶ removal of major source of inoculum;
- ▶ management of inter-row vegetation in order to facilitate air circulation;
- ▶ the use of biological control agents, dryers (such as clay), elicitors and skin hardener products;
- ▶ early and preventive application of control measures to properly protect bunches at flowering and avoid latent infections.;
- ▶ control of pests that increase the risk of Grey mould;
- ▶ the use of Decision Support Systems to rationalise pesticide use.

Flavescence dorée of grapevine *Flavescence dorée (FD)*



All countries but not all regions



Optimal temperature for the vectors.



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Uncontrolled vineyards; lack of protection against *Scaphoideus titanus*, infected vines



It is caused by a phytoplasma transmitted by the vector *Scaphoideus titanus*, it develops in the phloem vessels of the host plants. FD arrived in Europe in the 80s, starting from France and rapidly spreading to Italy and it is now moving Eastwards. FD and Grapevine Trunk Diseases are the core topics of the recently concluded Thematic Network Winetwork.¹



- ▶ implementation of a territorial strategy: uprooting of unmanaged vineyards, large scale monitoring, monitoring of symptomatic plants, timing direct control etc.;
- ▶ use of controlled/certified planting material;
- ▶ precise monitoring and control of the vector (see *Scaphoideus titanus*);
- ▶ thermotherapy in nursery (no unanimous opinion on efficacy).

¹ www.winetwork.eu

Grapevine trunk diseases (GTDs) --- (a very diverse fungal complex)



All countries



Depends and not always clear.



Compacted soils,
Cool and wet
areas



Stress caused by different factors, infected material



GTDs include Eutypa, Esca and Black Dead Arm dieback. Each can be caused by different species of one fungus genus or by different geni. They may cause the plants to die (more or less rapidly), are only partly related to climatic conditions and mainly to variety sensitivity. GTDs are present in many European wine regions but not always leading to damage to plants or impacting production. FD and GTDs are the core topic of the recently concluded Thematic Network Winetwork¹.



- ▶ balanced fertilisation and careful soil management to enhance plant health and correlated capacity to keep GTDs under control;
- ▶ pruning during dry weather to avoid inoculum dispersal;
- ▶ pruning wounds protection, soon after pruning, with *Trichoderma* spp. or other registered biological control agents or with chemical+physical barriers;
- ▶ use of high-quality vines in new plantations;
- ▶ removal of symptomatic plants;
- ▶ use of *Trichoderma* spp. and mycorrhizae or other biological control agents to support rooting during planting and other phases;
- ▶ specific attention to pruning management and techniques, especially in first years, avoiding pruning in wet conditions;
- ▶ removing/composting pruning debris if affected (or at risk of infection);
- ▶ trunk renewal of affected plants;

¹ www.winetwork.eu

Pests

Concerning **Pests** the following list summarises opinions and experiences of the experts, including the recommended corresponding elements of IPM strategy.

Grape(vine) moths / vine moth *Lobesia botrana*, *Eupocilia ambiguella*



All countries



Mild winters; high temperatures and high atmospheric humidity during the vegetation period



No clear link



Variety sensitivity (bunch compactness) high N input, no weed control, compacted soils



European grape (vine) moth (*Lobesia botrana*) and Cochilis grape moth (*Eupocilia ambiguella*), two *lepidoptera* of *Tortricidae* family that cause direct damage to the bunch as they feed on the grape content, and indirect damage as their feeding opens wounds that consequently offer opportunities for diseases such as *Botrytis*. They are common in Mediterranean climate;



- ▶ appropriate variety choice for low sensitivity;
- ▶ balanced fertilisation with reduced nitrogen input;
- ▶ careful soil management to avoid compaction;
- ▶ removal of pruning debris;
- ▶ monitoring by pheromone traps and use of forecasting models (FM);
- ▶ application of mating disruption strategy;
- ▶ use of *Bacillus thuringiensis*;
- ▶ use of selective insecticides that do not harm beneficial insects, including pest predators.

Mites

Spider mites, leaf blister mite, Grape leaf rust mite, grapeleaf bud mite, grapevine yellow mite, grape gall mite, red spider



Hungary, Spain, Bulgaria and Romania



Cold springs and hot summers, while for red mite, yellow and bud mite warm and wet Springs are favourable



Not clear



N abundance, high moisture in soil, compacted soil, use of pesticides that reduce beneficials, grafting with material from infested vineyards. Inappropriate management of pruning material



Different species (such as *Calepitrimerus vitis*, *Eriophyes vitis*, *Eotetranychus pruni*, *Panonychus ulmi*), more common in mild climates they attack leaves and shoots, decreasing the photosynthetic activity of the plant;



- ▶ avoid excessive use of pesticides that will harm beneficial insects and natural enemies of pests, and increase pest damage;
- ▶ balanced fertilisation with reduced nitrogen input;
- ▶ proper soil management to avoid compaction;
- ▶ avoid grafting with material from infested vineyards;
- ▶ management of pruning debris (removal or composting);
- ▶ control overwintering population;
- ▶ preservation of high biodiversity within the vineyard to enhance the presence of natural enemies;
- ▶ predatory mites release;
- ▶ visual monitoring to decide if there is the need to spray and when.

4.4 The influence of climate change on vineyard pests and diseases

Premium wine grape production occurs within very narrow climate ranges. In Europe the impact of global warming on wine regions will be large⁹. Salinari et al.¹⁰ estimated that in Piedmont climate change will increase the downy mildew incidence, requiring a higher number of treatments with a cost increase from 20 to 50% and a higher risk of environmental impact.

Several simulations¹¹ tried to predict the evolution of the vineyard agro-eco-systems with the changing climate, including the development of pests and diseases.

Even if there are no clear figures, the overall forecast is

- ▶ an increase of incidence of pests and diseases on viticulture;
- ▶ a change of pest species causing problematic situations;
- ▶ a change in the biological cycles of pests and diseases, making them more difficult to control;
- ▶ an increased difficulty in forecasting due to extreme variation in climatic conditions and, consequently, in the vine growth and development of pests and diseases.

In any case, viticulture will face a more complex situation, which will include more frequent and rapid changes in both weather and pest and disease cycles. This situation requires a more resilient wine and grape production system, since direct control methods will be less effective and probably not sufficient.

The FG experts identified trends in pest and disease development and also identified those pests and diseases that are becoming more and more relevant due to climate change. The Focus Group experts considered the following the most important:

- ▶ The **Mediterranean vine mealybug**: both its prevalence and impact are increasing, with significant damage to wine and table grapes;
- ▶ several insect **cycles are changing**, making it more difficult to apply forecasting systems;
- ▶ in recent years diseases such as **downy mildew**, also became problematic in areas where they rarely appeared before, i.e. Sicily or Sardinia and, vice versa, pesticide-resistant strains of pathogens are appearing in areas with long term presence of the specific pathogen.
- ▶ **powdery mildew** has started to become problematic in more Northern areas where it wasn't usually an issue in the past.

Practical examples of temperature change effects are already visible:

- ▶ *Lobesia botrana* males appear in early spring, 30 day earlier compared to 30 years ago;
- ▶ *Eupoecilia ambiguella* is affected by higher winter temperatures, it appears 30 days earlier;
- ▶ also the grapevine starts its cycle earlier, about 13 days in 2011 compared to previous 30 years average in Spain and about 12 days earlier in France.
- ▶ Insects seem to be showing a kind of adaptation towards increasing CO₂ concentrations But it will only be possible to draw conclusions about this after several generations of insects with higher pupae weight and shorter larval development . This would probably lead to a change in plant-insect interactions, but it is not yet clear what this change will look like, nor what it will mean for vine cultivation in Europe.

9 Mozell, M.R, Thach, L., 2014. The impact of climate change on the global wine industry: Challenges & solutions. Wine Economics and Policy 3 (2014) 81–89

10 Salinari, F., Giosue, S., Tubiello, F.N., Rettori, A., Rossi, V., Spanna, F., Rosenweig, C., Gullino, M.L., 2006. Downy mildew (*Plasmopara viticola*) epidemics on grapevine under climate change. Glob. Change Biol. 12, 1299–1307, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1365-2486.2006.01175.x>.

11 Fraga, H., Malheiro, C.C., Mountinho-Pereira, J., Santos, J.A., 2012. An overview of climate change impacts on European viticulture. Food Energy and Security 2012; 1(2). 94-110

5. Recommendations

Taking into consideration the main challenges and bottlenecks in the protection of the vineyard, the experts listed a set of recommendations for:

- ▶ innovation projects, that can be implemented at local level, to make use of the knowledge and skills already available but often underexploited;
- ▶ research projects, on topics where the available knowledge is still missing

5.1 Ideas for Local innovation projects, including Operational Groups

The proposed topics and contents recommended by the experts for Operational Groups are:

- ▶ Working with owners and managers of small-scale and scattered vineyards to identify and test appropriate **IPM and precision viticulture practices**, with locally adapted strategies and specific regional implementation requirements. These may include for example: using local forecasting models, mating disruption systems (adapted to small scale or alternative methods), locally adapted varieties, the use of drones, etc.
- ▶ Involving local vineyard managers, owners, wine producers in the testing and selection of **locally adapted varieties and heterogeneous planting materials** fitting local conditions and market demands. The OG could test and select locally adapted varieties/heterogeneous materials for their tolerance to pests and diseases, acceptability for the market and ease to grow in site-specific conditions, including small vineyards.
- ▶ Developing local strategies for a proper use of **cover-crops**. This will include vineyard managers identifying the best, locally adapted species (and mixtures), sowing time, mowing/terminating method and time for different cover-crops management.
- ▶ Testing ways **to enhance biodiversity in vineyards**, through the activation of local networks including gene banks, *in situ* conservation etc. to protect and enhance **both functional biodiversity and vine biodiversity** in vineyards. The group should list locally adapted good practices to maintain or increase biodiversity in vineyards.
- ▶ Impact of **climate change** on pests and diseases, incidence and definition of strategies, based on local conditions and requirements, to increase resilience. The group should work on specific local effects of climate change and locally adapted mitigation measures.
- ▶ Involving local vineyard owners and managers in testing site specific **GTDs management** through preventive and control strategies. These strategies should include monitoring of seasonal inoculum in order to guide management. Successful innovative practices should be shared widely.

5.2 Research needs from practice

Besides the proposals for local activities (e. g. Operational Groups), the experts also identified topics where more research is needed and is recommended for consideration within a large framework, either national, transnational or European.

The list below summarises these recommendations:

- ▶ **Selection and breeding of grape varieties and heterogeneous planting materials** fitting local conditions and market demands. The research should include testing and selection of locally adapted varieties but also heterogeneous materials, tolerant to pests and diseases, but also acceptable for the market and easy to grow in site-specific conditions, including in small vineyards.
- ▶ To increase **health in planting materials** by improving nursery management. The research should focus on how to make viticulture more resilient, starting from planting materials and nursery methods. The aim is to produce healthy plants (and also the definition of healthy plant is still to be completed), including research on rootstocks and their influence on resilience.

- ▶ A set of measures to **downscale IPM and precision viticulture** in order to make them applicable in small-sized and scattered vineyards and farms, which form a relevant part of European viticulture. The measures should help to identify or adapt IPM practices and precision technologies which will be useful for such small-scale vineyards. These may include for example: adoption of local forecasting models, mating disruption systems (adapted to small scale or alternative methods), locally adapted varieties, drone use on small scale, etc.
- ▶ **IPM overall strategy on table grapes and related labelling**: need for research on **overall IPM strategy** to efficiently manage pests and diseases and to reduce pesticide use on table grapes - and at the same time - reduce resistance risks. The research activity should include practical implementation of the strategies, which should be locally adapted, and demonstration/pilot farms to increase trust and peer-to-peer knowledge exchange.
- ▶ Management strategies to control **powdery mildew**, including the reduction/control of overwintering structures, fitting within a global strategy that can be adapted to local specific conditions, availabilities and needs.
- ▶ The **role of organic matter and soil fertility on plant health**. Research on methods to manage soil organic matter, soil fertility and the soil microbiome that will improve plant health and reduce the impact of pest and diseases.
- ▶ Effects of **climate change on pests and diseases**. The research should include the identification of specific changes in pest and disease life cycles, their impact on grape production, and resistance of pest and diseases under climate change scenarios. Also the emergence of new pests and diseases should be forecast.
- ▶ Understanding the main factors of **vine decline**, in different European regions/conditions. Research should aim to understand the reasons behind the vine decline and should propose strategies to halt this decline. These strategies should be adapted for different regions and for different types and structures of vineyards.
- ▶ Research to develop strategies to manage **Grapevine Trunk Diseases** (GTDs), which can be incorporated in overall vineyard management strategies covering the entire lifecycle of the vineyard. To improve their efficacy, these strategies should include the role of biocontrol agents, understanding their mode of action.

5.3 other recommendations, including knowledge and training needs

The group highlighted that knowledge sharing and training are essential to implement IPM measures and strategies successfully. They noted that there is much knowledge available on IPM strategies and on how to increase vineyard resilience, based on scientific activity and from advisory experience (see Annex C), but its practical implementation is extremely limited and slow, often due to a lack of trust from the growers' side. For this reason, the Focus Group considered that the most urgent needs are training and demonstration activities, supported by researchers, advisers and skilled farmers. As reported in mini-papers 2 and 4 several efficient biocontrol methods are available but these are still not effectively used. Very often farm managers are aware that there are non-chemical alternatives to pesticides but they do not know their exact potential or how to practically insert them into an IPM strategy. The Focus Group experts also noted that the vine sector is quite traditional, with small size companies and a lot of regional rules and particularities. This means that it is difficult to establish a unique/general framework methodology for knowledge exchange which is clear, efficient and useful (about viticulture topics) for all the different regions or countries.

They therefore stressed the need to identify how the knowledge exchange chain works in each area in order to identify both the good points and the points for improvement.

Trentino-South Tyrol (Italy) hosts a good example of close cooperation between growers and research institutions, which allowed the establishment of IPM in the Region. Here the driving force for IPM implementation was the adoption, in the past 20 years, of pheromone mating disruption with an Area Wide approach against codling moth and leafrollers on apple crops and against the vine moths in the vineyards. Although the mountainous terrain of the area was not optimal for the efficacy of mating disruption, grower cooperatives and their field consultants were very influential in convincing growers to implement this technology. Public research institutions conducted extensive research and education, and provided credible assessments of various mating disruption technologies. Thus, the development and adoption of an area-wide mating disruption in Trentino-South Tyrol resulted from the merging of several favourable factors, which brought together researchers, advisors, cooperatives, growers, pheromone distributors, and related industries.

There are not many similar examples of large scale success but in Tuscany a pilot project on the implementation of mating disruption (to manage moths and mealy bugs; see mini-paper 4) demonstrates that IPM implementation can be taken up widely, when research scientists have an interest in and are encouraged to promote and adapt existing knowledge to practical implementation together with local winegrowers. Scientists must play a leading role in engaging all groups of stakeholders to work together with a common goal. This was probably the most important factor in the successes achieved in this project.

The specific needs can be summarised as follows:

- ▶ improved knowledge on **plant, pests and diseases physiology and their interaction**. A wide understanding of pest and disease development based on local historical data (forecasts, phenological stages etc.) and deep knowledge of physiological mechanisms are needed in order to make farmers confident and skilled in a systems approach.
- ▶ **The establishment of a European network of farms** where IPM strategies and practices are demonstrated in local environments. Links between similar initiatives in different wine regions would enhance the uptake. The topics in the demo farm network should include:
 - ▶ local genetic materials,
 - ▶ newly bred varieties with high tolerance and quality, fitting IPM and organic needs,
 - ▶ biodiversity management within the farm and at landscape level,
 - ▶ IPM strategies covering the whole vineyard production cycle from vineyard planting upto grape harvest. The demonstration network will increase trust and knowledge among practitioners as well as the interaction between farmers, researchers and advisors.



- ▶ There is an urgent need for knowledge (practical and scientific) and systems which use all available knowledge from science and practice. The experts propose a "**learning from failure - Platform**" and an e-learning system with scientific validation, where farmers can upload a picture of an infection and get advice.

It can include an alert system for the spread of pests or diseases.

Finally the experts proposed to set up a traceability system in nurseries to trace the plant materials` origins. This could help to increase the sustainability of European viticulture.

Annex C: Relevant recent and on-going research projects

project name	main topic/characteristics	Frame work	web
BCA_GRAPE	New biocontrol agents for powdery mildew on grapevine	7FP	www.bca-grape.eu
CO-Free	Reducing copper as a pesticide	7FP	www.co-free.eu
Endure	diversifying crop protection	7FP	www.endure-network.eu
INNOVINE	Vineyard agronomic management and breeding for improved grape quality to reinforce competitiveness of the winegrowing sector	7FP	www.innovine.eu
MODEM_IVM	a web-based system for real-time monitoring and decision making for integrated vineyard management	7FP	www.modem-ivm.eu
PLANT CT	Making plants healthier - development of monitoring tools	H2020 SMEs tool	
PROECOWINE	development of bio-fungicides	7FP	www.proecowine.eu
PROLARIX	botanicals for plant protection	7FP	www.prolarix.eu
PROMESSING	promoting eco-system services in grapes	FACCEJPI ERANET	www.promessing.eu
PURE	Pesticide Use-and-risk Reduction in European farming systems with Integrated Pest Management	7FP	www.pure-ipm.eu
VINEMAN	Innovative cropping systems for organic viticulture.	Core Organic2 ERANET	www.vineman-org.eu
VINEROBOT	tools for precision viticulture	7FP	www.vinerobot.eu
WINETWORK	a Thematic Network on Grape Trunk Diseases and Flavesence Dorée	H2020	www.winetwork.eu
Cost action FA 858	Viticulture: Biotic and abiotic stress - Grapevine Defence Mechanism and Grape Development	Cost action	www.cost.eu/COST_Actions/fa/858 www.cost.eu
COST Action FA1303	Sustainable control of grapevine trunk diseases	Cost action	http://managtd.eu/en
BIODIVINE	Demonstrating functional biodiversity in viticulture landscape	LIFE	www.biodivine.eu
ADVICLIM	Adaptation of viticulture to climate change	LIFE	www.adviclim.eu
EVITICLIMATE	climate change and European wine producers	LLLP	www.eviticlimate.eu
SUSVIT	Sustainable viticulture on farm	Grundtvig	
SUSVIT PLUS	Sustainable viticulture on farm	Grundtvig	
VISO	Viticulture and sustainable development of local resources in the wine industry	Interreg	http://viso.appliedgenomics.org/en
BACCHUS	pest and disease in viticulture	Interreg	http://www.bacchus-science.eu/
WINETECH PLUS	Comunidad de Innovación y Nuevas Tecnologías en Viticultura y Elaboración de Vino	Interreg	http://www.winetechplus.eu/index.php?lang=es
WINETECH	Promote the Innovation engagement in the vine and wine sector	Interreg SUDOE	http://www.winetech-sudoe.eu
PATHOGEN	Training programme to improve grapevine virus knowledge and management	Erasmus+	http://www.pathogen-project.eu/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=13020
VALOVITIS	Identification of unknown and ancestral varieties and preservation plant material in vine	Interreg-POCTEFA	http://www.valovitis.eu/senalar-un-pie-de-vid/?lang=es
VITISOM	Viticulture Innovative Soil Organic Matter management	LIFE	http://en.lifevitisom.com/objectives
PLAID	Access to innovation through demonstration	H2020	http://www.plaid-h2020.eu/
INBIOSOIL	Control of subterranean crop pests of global economic importance	FP7	http://inbiosoil.uni-goettingen.de/
MYCORRAY	solution to help prevent fungal trunk diseases for the vine grower	FP7	http://www.mycorray.eu/
VINTAGE	A user friendly Decision Support System for an integrated vineyard management, for addressing quality and quantity production variability optimising the use of resources	FP7	www.vintage-project.eu
FITOVITIS	Reduction of phytosanitary use in viticulture	LIFE	http://www.fitovitis.eu/?lang=es
TOPPS	Train operators to promote best management practices and sustainability	LIFE	http://www.topps-life.org/
VINOVERT	To guarantee the long-term competitiveness of companies in the wine sector in south-west Europe,	Interreg SUDOE	https://www.interreg-sudoe.eu/proyectos/los-proyectos-

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	adapting them to a new type of demand for wines considered to be more "clean" from the point of view of health and the environment		aprobados/161-vinos-competitividad-politicas-medioambientales-y-sanitarias-de-las-empresas-acompanamiento-hacia-la-puesta-en-marcha-de-metodologia
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VineDivers	Biodiversity-based ecosystem services in vineyards: analysing interlinkages between plants, pollinators, soil biota and soil erosion across Europe	FACCEJPI ERANET	http://www.vinedivers.eu/
ADER 521	Assessing the vulnerability of the viticultural ecosystem to the harmful impact of competing and antagonistic organisms	Romanian Ministry (ADER Funds)	http://www.madr.ro/cercetare-inovare/ader-2011-2014/ader-5-2011-2014/18-ader-5-2-1.html
ADER 116	Developing adapted wine technologies to mitigate the disruptive effect of climate change	Romanian Ministry (ADER Funds)	http://www.madr.ro/cercetare-inovare/ader-2011-2014/ader-1-2011-2014/57-ader-1-1-6.html
ADER 311	Technological system for the production of viticulture propagation material free from viruses in protected areas	Romanian Ministry (ADER Funds)	http://www.madr.ro/cercetare-inovare/ader-2011-2014/ader-2-2011-2014/15-ader-2-2-6.html
GTDfree	Management of grapevine trunk diseases	Hennessy/industrial chair ANR	https://www.plan-deperissement-vigne.fr/travaux-de-recherche/contributions-de-recherche/lancement-de-la-chaire-industrielle-gtdfree
Euréka	Management of grapevine trunk diseases	French Ministry	https://www.plan-deperissement-vigne.fr/travaux-de-recherche/programmes-de-recherche/eureka
CO-ACT	Flavescence dorée	French Ministry	https://www.plan-deperissement-vigne.fr/travaux-de-recherche/programmes-de-recherche/co-act
LONGVI	Vineyard sustainability	French Ministry	https://www.plan-deperissement-vigne.fr/travaux-de-recherche/programmes-de-recherche/longvi
ORIGINE	Vineyard sustainability	French Ministry	https://www.plan-deperissement-vigne.fr/travaux-de-recherche/programmes-de-recherche/origine
PHYSIOPATH	Vineyard sustainability	French Ministry	https://www.plan-deperissement-vigne.fr/travaux-de-recherche/programmes-de-recherche/physiopath
TOLEDE	Management of grapevine trunk diseases	French Ministry	https://www.plan-deperissement-vigne.fr/travaux-de-recherche/programmes-de-recherche/tolede
TRADEVI	Vineyard sustainability	French Ministry	https://www.plan-deperissement-vigne.fr/travaux-de-recherche/programmes-de-recherche/tradevi
VACCIVINE	Biocontrol of fanleaf virus	French Ministry	https://www.plan-deperissement-vigne.fr/travaux-de-recherche/programmes-de-recherche/vaccivine
VITIMAGE	Management of grapevine trunk diseases	French Ministry	https://www.plan-deperissement-vigne.fr/travaux-de-recherche/programmes-de-recherche/vitimage
Plant signaling and Phytoplasma Response	Plant signaling and Phytoplasma Response	Austrian Science Foundation	https://www.fwf.ac.at/en/
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ValorInVitis	Valorisation of biodiversity towards a more sustainable viticulture in "Colli Piacentini" environment	RDP 2014-2020 (Rural Development Program, Emilia-Romagna Region IT)	-
Nutrivigna	Innovation and new techniques of precision viticulture for vineyard nutrition	POR-FESR 2014-2020 (Rural Development Program, Emilia-Romagna Region IT)	http://www.nutrivigna.it/ngcontent.cfm?a_id=13827
BIOCONVITO	"INTRODUCTION AND TESTING OF BIOLOGICAL CONTROL TECHNIQUES FOR EFFECTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE CONTROL OF INSECTS HARMFUL TO THE VINE IN TUSCANY"	EU programme of rural development, funded by the regional government of tuscany	
WINETECH	Promote the Innovation engagement in the vine and wine sector	Interreg SUDOE	http://www.winetech-sudoe.eu
PATHOGEN	Training programme to improve grapevine virus knowledge and management	Erasmus+	http://www.pathogen-project.eu/ngcontent.cfm?a_id=13020
VALOVITIS	Identification of unknown and ancestral varieties and preservation plant material in vine	Interreg-POCTEFA	http://www.valovitis.eu/senalar-un-pie-de-vid/?lang=es
VITISOM	Viticulture Innovative Soil Organic Matter management	LIFE	http://en.lifevitisom.com/objectives
PLAID	Access to innovation through demonstration	H2020	http://www.plaid-h2020.eu/
INBIOSOIL	Control of subterranean crop pests of global economic importance	FP7	http://inbiosoil.uni-goettingen.de/
MYCORRAY	solution to help prevent fungal trunk diseases for the vine grower	FP7	http://www.mycorray.eu/
VINTAGE	A user friendly Decision Support System for an integrated vineyard management, for addressing quality and quantity production variability optimising the use of resources	FP7	www.vintage-project.eu
FITOVITIS	Reduction of phytosanitary use in viticulture	LIFE	http://www.fitovitis.eu/?lang=es
TOPPS	Train operators to promote best management practices and sustainability	LIFE	http://www.topps-life.org/
VINOVERT	To guarantee the long-term competitiveness of companies in the wine sector in south-west Europe, adapting them to a new type of demand for wines considered to be more "clean" from the point of view of health and the environment	Interreg SUDOE	https://www.interreg-sudoe.eu/proyectos/los-proyectos-aprobados/161-vinos-competitividad-politicas-medioambientales-y-sanitarias-de-las-empresas-acompanamiento-hacia-la-puesta-en-marcha-de-metodologia
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RTA2010-00009-C03	Biology of pathogenic fungi causing wood diseases on grapevine and development of control methods.	Spanish Ministry (MINECO Funds)	http://p-rta2010-00009-c03-01.agripa.org/
RTA2015-00015-C02-01	Desarrollo de una tecnología para reforzar la resistencia de portainjertos y variedades a los patógenos fúngicos de la madera de la vid	Spanish Ministry (MINECO Funds)	
VIT-FOOT	Evaluation the impact of grafting methods on GTDs incidence	Regional Funds, Navarra region	no website
VITHZ	Use of THz spectrometry to detect GTDs non-destructively	Regional Funds, Navarra region	no website
R-03-16	Characterization, epidemiology and control of fungal trunk pathogens of grapevine in La Rioja	Regional Funds, La Rioja region	no website



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EIPs aim to streamline, simplify and better coordinate existing instruments and initiatives and complement them with actions where necessary. Two specific funding sources are particularly important for the EIP-AGRI:

- ✓ the EU Research and Innovation framework, Horizon 2020,
- ✓ the EU Rural Development Policy.

An EIP AGRI Focus Group* is one of several different building blocks of the EIP-AGRI network, which is funded under the EU Rural Development policy. Working on a narrowly defined issue, Focus Groups temporarily bring together around 20 experts (such as farmers, advisers, researchers, up- and downstream businesses and NGOs) to map and develop solutions within their field.

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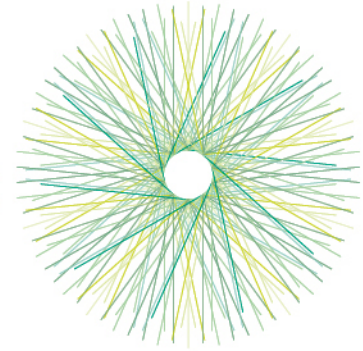
- ✓ to take stock of the state of art of practice and research in its field, listing problems and opportunities;
- ✓ to identify needs from practice and propose directions for further research;
- ✓ to propose priorities for innovative actions by suggesting potential projects for Operational Groups working under Rural Development or other project formats to test solutions and opportunities, including ways to disseminate the practical knowledge gathered.

Results are normally published in a report within 12-18 months of the launch of a given Focus Group.

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