



Newsletter 2

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Dear reader,

In DiverIMPACTS we strive to achieve the full diversification potential of cropping systems for improved productivity, delivery of ecosystem services and resource-efficient and sustainable value chains. The project is funded under Horizon 2020, the European Union's Research and Innovation programme.

We are pleased to share the second DiverIMPACTS newsletter with you, and look forward to sharing more news with you soon. Enjoy!

Save the date: European Congress on Crop Diversification 2019

The first DiverIMPACTS conference - the European Congress on Crop Diversification - will take place from September, 18 to 21, 2019 in Budapest, Hungary. The call for abstracts will come out in October 2018.

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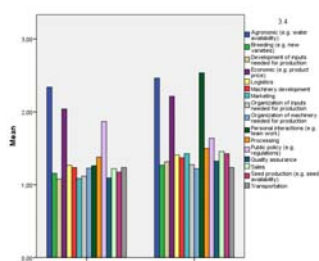
First DiverIMPACTS annual meeting



The DiverIMPACTS project, which was launched in June 2017, held its first annual meeting in Almere, The Netherlands from June 5 to 7, 2018. The goal of the meeting was to share the results yielded during the first year and deepen the interactions between the different project actors and tasks.

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Survey on crop diversification experiences: rich diversity of success stories and challenges highlighted



An online survey showed that there is a rich variety of experiences with crop diversification across Europe. Major targets, such as improved environmental preservation, improved crop production stability and higher income were achieved. A specific challenge of intercropping lies in processing of mixed harvests.

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Facilitating innovation: developing the co-innovation approach in the 25 case studies on

crop diversification



How can the capacity to support innovation be developed? Two series of co-innovation workshops paved the way to shift from doing things better to doing better things.

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Field experiments: focus on two long term experiments

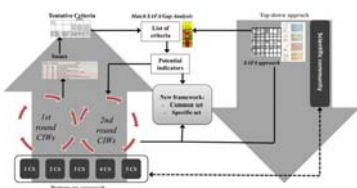


The network of 10 field experiments across Europe aims to demonstrate the benefits of crop diversification. Two of these field experiments are outlined below. Both are long-term experiments, which were adapted for the DiverIMPACTS project. The following questions will be answered: What is their starting point? Which strategies are tested? What are the expected impacts?

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Integrating top-down and bottom-up approaches to design a new analytical framework of sustainability indicators for crop diversification



DiverIMPACTS aims to develop an adapted analytical framework to evaluate the sustainability and performance of crop diversification. The new framework applies both top-down and bottom-up approaches by integrating existing scientific frameworks as well as input from actors within the project.

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Where are we locked in, and when try to diversify?

The DiverIMPACTS case studies are facing barriers at different levels of the value chain. Workpackage 5, which looks at lock-ins to innovations and value chain redesign, will select a sample of case studies to further support with expertise to overcome major issues shared across case



studies. As a first step, workpackage 5 worked with all case studies to develop an overview of these barriers.

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Developing long-term strategies with experts from the value chain



Continuously testing and implementing our project findings with a group of external experts from different sectors along the value chain will demonstrate the applicability and relevance of our results in practice and offer an important opportunity for long-term implementation and impact.

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Project dissemination



An important aspect of the DiverIMPACTS project is dissemination of the work done and the results achieved. As such, the project makes use of a wide range of dissemination tools to create a DiverIMPACTS community, promote awareness of crop diversification solutions, and ensure access to and uptake of information, materials and results.

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Further news

Sheep grazing on cover crops: Results from the Spring Days of the French Association for Forage Production



Based on discussions at the "Spring Days" event held by the AFPF (French Association for Forage Production), DiverIMPACTS partners produced a poster and article (in French) about the benefits of sheep grazing on cover crops.

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DiverIMPACTS project flyer now ready for download in English and French



The DiverIMPACTS flyer provides an overview of the project's key activities, case studies, field experiments, results and more. It is now available for download from Zenodo.

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Last chance to participate in the DiverIMPACTS survey

This DiverIMPACTS survey aims to describe tools and methods that could potentially support crop diversification strategies in Europe.

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Call for papers

The aim of the third International workshop on System Innovation towards Sustainable Agriculture in Riga, Latvia, is to bring together research insights and practical experiences in making agriculture more sustainable. The workshop will discuss these in-depth, seeking to contribute to more robust knowledge on how to stimulate transitions towards sustainable agro-food systems. Abstracts can be submitted until July 1, 2018. The workshop takes place November 6 to 8, 2018.

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Events with DiverIMPACTS participation

June 28, 2018

Paris, France

[Research seminar "Recent advances in soybean agronomic research"](#)

July 05, 2018

Monsampolo del Tronto, Italy

[Field day "The development of organic farming: research meets practice"](#)

July 10, 2018

Paris, France

[Final colloquium on the Legitimes project](#)

August 27, 2018 -

August 31, 2018

Geneva, Switzerland

[15th Congress of the European Society for Agronomy in Geneva](#)

September 18, 2018 -

September 21, 2018

Budapest, Hungary

[Save the date: European Conference on Crop Diversification 2019](#)

November 06, 2018 -

November 08, 2018

Riga, Latvia

[International workshop on System Innovation towards Sustainable Agriculture in Riga, Latvia](#)

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