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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 ninth DiverIMPACTS newsletter with you, and look forward to sharing more news with you soon. Enjoy!

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## DiverIMPACTS: A review of the progress achieved to date and plans for the remainder of the project



Since June 2017, the DiverIMPACTS consortium has been working on assessing the performance of crop diversification and providing key enablers to remove barriers to implementing crop diversification at the farm, value chain and territory levels. In the first four years of the project, several key results have emerged.

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## How to learn to trust unfamiliar knowledge and collaborations?

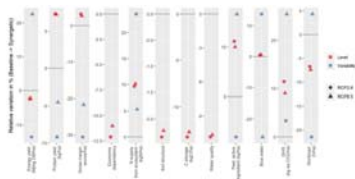


Diversification requires using new knowledge and engaging in new collaborations. Yet, trust in unfamiliar knowledge and new partners is not a given; it must be established in collaboration and based on positive experiences and feedback. The key question is: How to break through this catch-22?

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# Projections show increased resilience with an integrated crop-livestock system in a French case study



An innovative multi-criteria evaluation method demonstrates the extent to which diversification can increase the resilience of agricultural systems, using simulations. With this method, a recent DiverIMPACTS study explores cooperation between crop and livestock farmers to provide pulses at the territory level.

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## Transitioning toward more crop diversity: different pathways and their drivers



Crop diversification is a long-term and dynamic process for farmers. Understanding the different ways farmers increase their crop diversity over time as well as their motivations to do so can help to better support them in their change process. Interviews with farmers highlight different types of crop diversification pathways and their drivers.

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## New DiverIMPACTS video on local legumes in Sweden



Growing grain legumes in the cropping systems can provide several agronomic and environmental benefits. In this video Anita Gunnarsson from Hushallningssallskepet Shane and Raj Chongtham from SLU explain the focus to increase the interest of growing locally produced legumes in Sweden and why it is important.

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## More DiverIMPACTS videos

### **Agroecological transitions with Syppre**

This video explains the work being carried out in Syppre and lessons learnt after 5 years studying innovative diversified cropping systems, in particular regarding establishment, fertility and weeds management.

### **Growing energy catch crops in South-West France**

This video shows how energy catch crops (ECC) can and are being used to produce biogas, a renewable energy. At the Béarn experimental site, a winter ECC has been introduced into maize monocropping systems.

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## DiverIMPACTS Practice Abstracts



Several new DiverIMPACTS practice abstracts are now available, which provide useful tips and information for practitioners, advisors and many other actors involved in agriculture.

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## DiverIMPACTS Policy Briefs

Recommendations for overcoming barriers to crop diversification towards sustainable agriculture

Promoting crop diversification for more sustainable agri-food systems

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