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INSPIRING IDEAS TO IMPROVE SOIL ORGANIC MATTER CONTENT IN MEDITERRANEAN REGIONS

The EIP-AGRI Focus Group on soil organic matter in Mediterranean regions has published its final report. There are 16 recommendations for future research and 19 ideas for Operational Groups, including Operational Groups on the introduction of conservation agriculture in organic farming systems and on the integration of animal production with horticulture (including perennials), especially in organic farming.

Read the report

The Focus Group's proposals can be classified in five clusters of practices:

1. optimised use of organic carbon resources;
2. optimised soil management;
3. optimised crop selection and management;
4. use of microorganisms and natural compounds for improving biological quality of soils; and
5. development of tools to adequately measure soil organic matter content and soil quality.



CREATING SPACE FOR AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION: IFOAM EU AND AGRISPIN

Funded by Horizon 2020, the AGRISPIN project aims to detect the blind spots in agricultural innovation and the crucial moments where the process is fostered or held back. It will also facilitate a cross-learning process for supporting innovation and scaling up best practices.

The role of IFOAM EU in the project is to highlight successful examples of multi-actor innovation processes in the organic sector.

The main target groups of AGRISPIN are agricultural innovation intermediaries, advisory services and regional authorities supporting agricultural innovation. AGRISPIN is coordinated by SEGES (formerly known as the Danish Knowledge Centre for Agriculture), involves 15 partners and will last two and a half years.