

CropMatching:

An Overview of the Project

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A thematic network to boost small-scale sustainable farming through sustainable cropping practices

Crop-Matching Offers

- A comprehensive inventory of max 100 sustainable cropping practices from across Europe
- Tailored, impartial and practical knowledge adapted to different pedoclimatic zones
- Tools that help farmers identify "matched" cropping options suitable for their local needs
- Dissemination through digital solutions, practice groups, open access resources, e-learning, fact sheets, videos and social media.

Key project activities

- **European Knowledge Mapping** of max 100 sustainable cropping practices.
- Development of the Crop-MATCHING Toolbox and digital cloud solutions.
- Creation of fact sheets, **info packages, case studies and videos** for practitioners.
- Establishment of **Practice Groups** across Europe to test and discuss solutions.
- Organisation of **Crop-MATCHING workshops** in EU target countries.
- **Training materials, e-learning modules** and openaccess databases for broad uptake.
- **European Conference** and Cross-Fertilisation Events to exchange knowledge among stakeholders.

Purpose of Crop-Matching

Small farms are essential for Europe's food system and rural areas, yet many are disappearing due to a lack of practical, tailored solutions.

Crop-MATCHING identifies and shares sustainable, locally adapted cropping systems for small farms and forestry, such as crop rotation, strip cropping and vertical cropping.

Crop-MATCHING delivers easy-to-use, affordable and easy-to-apply solutions that help small farms increase resilience, improve productivity and remain competitive.

Our objectives

1 Identify and map underutilised sustainable farming practices suitable for small farms.

2 Mix & match proven cropping combinations to generate new tailored solutions.

3 Build trust and engagement with farmers through practice groups and local networks.

4 Provide easy-to-use tools supporting decisionmaking on sustainable crop management.

5 Strengthen resilience of smallholder farmers and promote fair economic returns.

6 Boost knowledge transfer in line with the Green Deal, CAP priorities, Farm to Fork and Rural Vision.

Who is it for?

Smallholder farmers, foresters and their associations. ◯ Advisors, agricultural extension services, educators and researchers. ◯ Policymakers and public authorities (local, regional and national).
Agri-businesses and agri-tech companies across the value chain. ◯ Consumers, consumer organisations and wider society

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