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- **Aim:** Improve exchange of knowledge among farmers, farm advisers and scientists to increase productivity and quality of organic arable farming in Europe
- **Specific objectives**
 - Synthesize existing knowledge about organic arable farming and identify the best ways for exchanging this knowledge. Based on this, advisory material that is easy to use was collected and developed.
 - Create a European network of farmers to exchange experiences and discuss the selected advisory material.
 - Create an online platform to make the advisory material available for a wide audience of farmers and advisers and facilitate farmer-to-farmer learning across Europe.

Synthesise existing knowledge



- 94 (117) tools have been collected
- 43 practice abstracts made
- 8 videos made
- 28 tools translated
 - Farmers decided about the tools
 - Knowledge from previous projects is now more widely available
- All tools on farmknowledge.org
- Process of tool collection and description: D3.3
- All tool submitted to EIP-AGRI (D4.5)
- Online courses with 70 participants: linked theory of organic production with practical solutions in tools (D4.2)

Create European network of farmers



- 14 farmer innovation groups in 10 countries
- Two workshops to evaluate tools
- 11 practical trials
 - Test solutions in practice
 - Induced broader exchange among farmers and researchers: potential for co-innovation
- 2 European farmer workshops and 7 exchange visits
 - New connections established that will last beyond the project
- Results shared on farmknowledge.org

- Findings of tool evaluation workshops: D2.2, D2.3
- Topics and methodology for common research agenda: D2.4

Create online knowledge platform



- Farmknowledge.org: launched in October 2016
- Available in 10 languages
- Advanced search function
- Clear focus on practical solutions for a wide range of topics
- More than 700 unique visitors per month
- High response on social media
- Continuous improvement of platform during the project (D4.3)

Closure of the project?



- Hopefully never...
- More tools are coming
- Farmknowledge platform will be the European knowledge hub for organic farming for farmers and advisers
- Plan for continuation of the platform: D4.4

Communication and dissemination



- Web
 - Page on website of project partners
 - I-frame for search on platform from other websites
 - 50 posts for Twitter and Facebook provided by IFOAM EU
 - YouTube channels: own channel and of practice partners
 - New Facebook group
- Articles for newsletters
 - Launch of the knowledge platform
 - Final conference
 - Call for participants for on-line course
 - On-line courses available on farmknowledge platform
 - Articles beyond partner countries: Ireland, Spain and worldwide

Communication and dissemination



- BIOFACH 2017
 - Presentation of OK-Net Arable and farmknowledge platform
- Final conference
 - Co-organised with 3rd Organic Innovation Days (November 2017)
 - 60 participants
 - OK-Net Arable also present at 2nd Organic Innovation Days with SEMINBIO®

Communication and dissemination



- EIP-AGRI
 - 3 articles in newsletter
 - Organic is Operational workshop (Hamburg)
 - Agri Innovation Summit (Lisbon)
 - Participation in Subgroup on Innovation for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability
- Relations with policy makers
 - Civil Dialogue Group on Environment and Climate Change
 - SCAR-AKIS working group
 - “Thematic Networks” meetings (Feb 2017+ Mar 2018)
 - Multi-Actor Approach Day (Mar 2018)

Project coordination



- Project meetings:
 - 25-27 January 2017 in Udine (Italy)
 - Combined with workshop and exchange visit
 - 14-15 November 2017 in Brussels (Belgium)
 - Combined with final conference
- Steering Committee meetings
 - Approximately once per month
- Financial management
 - Additional financial report January-December 2016
 - Final budget forecast by 3 December 2017

More information



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