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The EIP-AGRI and the arable crops sector

Actors and stakeholders within the EIP-AGRI 'landscape' are searching for easily accessible and user-friendly knowledge. The EUREKA project (www.h2020eureka.eu) studied this landscape and found that users looking for information on arable crops can find reports and multimedia created by H2020 Multi-Actor Projects (MAPs), EIP-AGRI Operational Groups (OGs) and EIP-AGRI Focus Groups (FGs). Regarding **products**, 50% of the MAPs and 40% of OGs focus mainly on vegetables, while all the FGs dealing with arable crops provide quality information on industrial crops.

The EIP-AGRI covers a range of **activities** that are associated with different types of farming systems and agricultural practices, including:

- MAPs: Commercialisation, management activities (knowledge produced on logistics, rationalization and pest management), processing, breeding, services and education
- OGs: Waste management
- FGs: Socioeconomic organisation and processing

If looking for information addressing production, knowledge transfer has been chiefly associated with conventional and organic farming.

Topics covered by all the different EIP-AGRI projects related to arable crops include productivity, pest control and natural resources (linked to biodiversity). However, some topics were addressed mainly by one or two types of projects:

- MAPs and OGs: Sustainability and efficiency
- MAPs: Quality and resilience, food processing, farm inputs, and cultural methods. Regarding pests and diseases, MAP cover invasive species
- OGs: Quality, climate change and environmental impact, propagation materials, farm inputs, and fertilisers. Pests & diseases, including weeds
- FGs: Soil properties and pests and diseases, including weeds.

