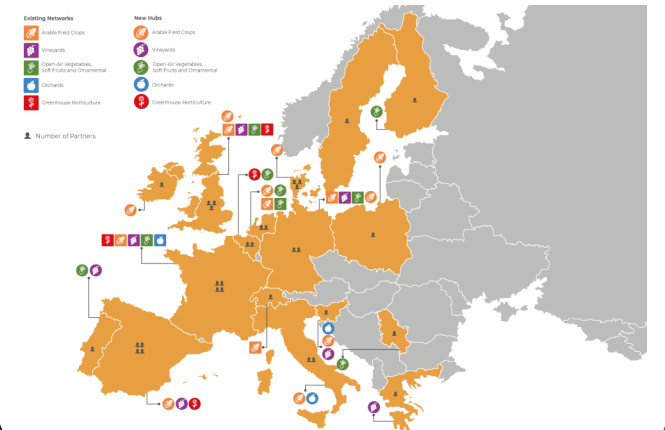


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An EU-wide farm network demonstrating and promoting cost-effective IPM strategies

Integrated Pest Management

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is based on a diversity of pest management measures (prevention, non-chemical control, best practices for optimizing pesticide efficiency, etc.). These are combined at the farm level to enable reduced reliance on pesticides, and therefore a decrease in the exposure of the environment and people to pesticides. Rare pioneer farmers throughout Europe are testing such IPM strategies and are succeeding in achieving good outcomes with low pesticide inputs. However the majority of European farmers still rely heavily on pesticides, with major environmental and societal impacts, because most of them have not adopted a comprehensive, farm-level and holistic IPM strategy so far.

IPMWORKS

IPMWORKS - An EU-wide farm network demonstrating and promoting cost-effective IPM strategies - is a four-year project (2020-2024) financed by the Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation programme of the EU.

IPMWORKS is made up of a consortium of 31 partners from 16 European countries assembled with various types of organizations covering the following roles: Farmers organizations; Applied research, advisory and extension services; Academic research on social sciences; Academic research on agronomy (sensu lato) and environmental science and Training organizations. The project is coordinated by the French National Research Institute for Agriculture, Food and the Environment (INRAE).



21 new groups of demo farms in 14 countries



250 demo events, showing 250 success stories



31 partners from 16 countries



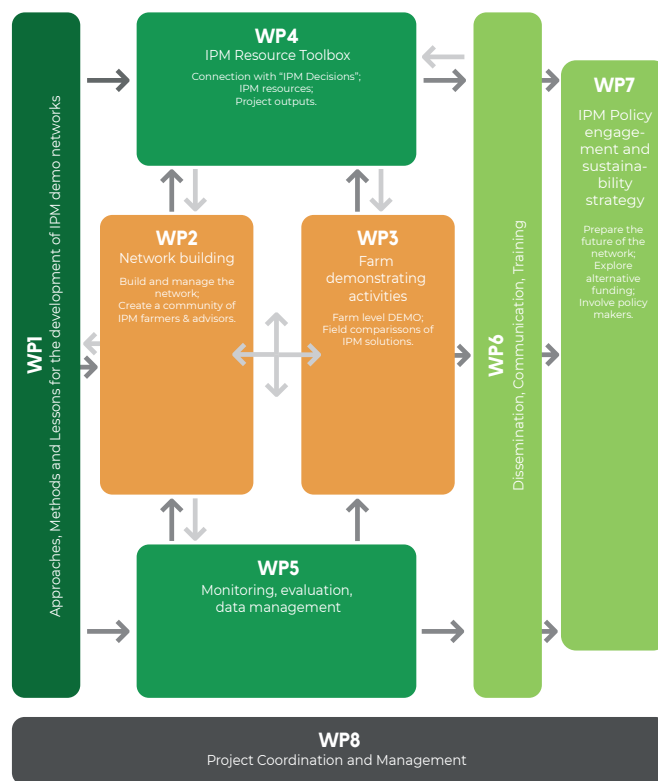
5 existing national networks of IPM demo farms



Creating a unique IPM Resource Toolbox

Objectives

- Promote the adoption of IPM strategies, based on a EU-wide network of farmers, who will both progress further in the adoption of IPM – through peer-to-peer learning and joint efforts – and demonstrate to other farmers that holistic IPM “works”.
- Coordinate existing networks promoting IPM and launch new hubs of farms in regions or sectors where IPM pioneers are not yet engaged in a relevant network. Advisors coordinating hubs have a major role in facilitating knowledge sharing, coaching farmers to find their own IPM solutions, and organising local demonstration activities.
- Stimulate access to the ‘IPM Decisions’ platform and provide information on the IPM methods. It collects data for comparing IPM strategies, and shares results and dissemination material through channels widely used by farmers, broadcasting IPM success stories.
- Organise training, and produce training material, targeting both farmers outside the network and advisory services.



Project structure

WP 1: Approaches, methods and lessons for the development of IPM demo networks. Production of best practices, recommendations and tools for an efficient IPM Farm Demo Network.

WP 2 : Network building at European level. Setting up a network of IPM demonstration farms, and building a community of farmers, advisers and researchers, to encourage exchange of experiences, foster interactive innovation and ultimately promote the adoption of IPM.

WP 3: Farm Demonstration activities. Demonstration to farmers outside the network, showing good practices related to advanced holistic IPM designed at the farm level.

WP 4: IPM Resource Toolbox. Development of the Resource Toolbox to provide easy access to IPM resources for internal and external stakeholders.



WP 5: Monitoring, evaluation, data management. Supply of quantitative and qualitative information to farmers and hub coaches in the network about implementation of IPM strategies at farm level.

WP 6: Dissemination, Communication and Training. Transmission of project results of scientific and technical relevance for stakeholders involved in IPM.

WP 7: IPM policy engagement and sustainability strategy. Active engagement of policy-makers and stakeholders as expert advocates on IPM to strive for sustainability of the IPM Demo network beyond the project.

WP 8: Project Coordination and Management.

WP 9: Ethics requirements. Validation of the compliance with the ethics-related obligations.