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# Looking at Trends in Arable Farming and Conservation of Biodiversity

DLG-Field Days and BASF biodiversity project on Quellenhof will be highlights of the EISA Farm Visit in Germany 2014

**EISA (Brussels):** During this year's EISA Farm Visit, organised by the German EISA member FNL, most of the time will be dedicated to trends in modern arable farming and the conservation of biodiversity. This will include latest developments with regard to oil & protein plants and their uses, challenges and strategies in plant breeding, crop protection and seed coating as well as drones / remote reconnaissance systems and other tools for precision agriculture on the DLG-Field Days in Bernburg-Strenzfeld, Germany. For the EISA group, the focus will be on how Integrated Farming combines individual tools, elements and strategies in an equally efficient, environmentally friendly and highly productive agricultural system.

This is also true for the second venue of the EISA Farm Visit 2014, the BASF biodiversity project on Quellenhof near Dessau in Germany. The project is looking at one of the central challenges of agriculture – balancing the growing need for food whilst maintaining biological diversity. Efficient land use is considered as most important prerequisite. In co-operation with APH e. G. Hinsdorf GbR, one of the largest agricultural enterprises in Germany, BASF is therefore working on the biodiversity project Quellenhof since 2013.

### About FNL:

Within FNL, the Association for the Promotion of Sustainable Agriculture e.V., associations, organisations and businesses of agriculture as well as up- and downstream sectors have joined forces with the objective to inform society about the multiple accomplishments of today's agriculture.

### About EISA:

The European Initiative for Sustainable Development in Agriculture (EISA), founded in 2001, is an association of national organisations from seven EU Member States: FARRE (Forum des Agriculteurs Responsables Respectueux de l'Environnement), FILL (Fördergemeinschaft Integrierte Landbewirtschaftung, Luxemburg), FNL (Fördergemeinschaft Nachhaltige Landwirtschaft, Germany), GOSZ (Grain Producer's Association, Hungary), LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming, United Kingdom), ÖAIP (Österreichische Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Integrierten Pflanzenschutz, Austria) and OiB (Odling i Balans, Sweden). Six associations of the up- and downstream-sectors of agriculture have joined EISA as associate members. EISA and its members promote Integrated Farming on a European level.

EISA Farm Visits are open to interested journalists as well as representatives of politics and administration following prior registration.

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