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Protecting resources whilst using them efficiently: 'Soils a solid ground for life' also in Integrated Farming

EISA Topic Sheets on “Soil Biodiversity and Integrated Farming” and “Soil Protection in Integrated Farming” published during the 2015 International Year of Soils

EISA (Brussels): Protecting/managing soils as equally precious and limited natural resource is one of the key elements of Integrated Farming (see graph on page 2). In order to further raise the awareness for Integrated Farming as a holistic approach to sustainable farm management, and the important role that soil protection/management plays therein, the European Initiative for Sustainable Development in Agriculture (EISA) just published its fifth ‘Topic Sheet’ addressing ‘Soil Biodiversity and Integrated Farming’. On the occasion of the forthcoming ‘World Soil Day 2015’, this Topic Sheet highlights the importance of soil life – as well as soil organic matter – for lasting soil conservation and fertility. As previous issues, the new EISA Topic Sheet is available for download at <http://sustainable-agriculture.org/category/eisa-publications/> (and enclosed to this press release).

This fifth EISA Topic Sheet follows the volume on ‘Soil Protection in Integrated Farming’ that was published earlier this year and precedes the next volume looking at ‘Dairy Pasture Management in Integrated Farming’ which will be published shortly. “We depend on using agricultural soils to produce the food, feed and fibre we need. As soils are a clearly limited resource, however, we must manage and use the land more efficiently, whilst protecting and enhancing soils’ precious properties in general and lasting soil fertility in particular”, says EISA President Patrick Wrixon. “With our Topic Sheets, we want to highlight important aspects of soil protection and demonstrate responsible agricultural management practices at the same time”, Wrixon adds.

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About EISA:

The European Initiative for Sustainable Development in Agriculture (EISA), founded in 2001, is a European association representing national organisations from seven EU Member States as full members: FARRE (Forum des Agriculteurs Responsables Respectueux de l'Environnement), FILL (Fördergemeinschaft Integrierte Landbewirtschaftung, Luxemburg), FML (Forum Moderne Landwirtschaft, Germany), GOSZ (Grain Producers' Organisation, Hungary), LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming, United Kingdom), OiB (Odling i Balans, Sweden), and Skylark Foundation (The Netherlands). EISA is supported by six associations in the up- and downstream-sectors of agriculture as associate members.

EISA and its members promote Integrated Farming as a holistic approach to sustainable development in agriculture in Europe.



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