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Growing Awareness for Integrated Farm Management (IFM)

EISA Annual Report 2016 gives overview of activities on the European and national levels / Raising awareness for solutions which IFM brings in relation to competitive food production and UN's Sustainable Development Goals as a key objective / Farmers of the EISA Farm Network as ambassadors for sustainable agriculture in Europe

EISA (Brussels): EISA, the European Initiative for Sustainable Development in Agriculture, just published the organisation's Annual Report 2016. The full document is available online on [EISA's website](#). The Annual Report 2016 highlights activities of EISA on the European level as well as key projects and activities of national EISA members in their respective countries. In addition, the report provides brief information on EISA's Associate Members and their main fields of activity.

"In cooperation with the supply chain and advisory services, more and more farmers are using sustainable farming practices. Precision agriculture for example leads to better resource efficiency, Integrated Pest Management minimises environmental impacts of crop protection products, there are tools to improve above ground biodiversity, measures to improve soil and animal health, and numerous innovations which are implemented on farms to prevent, and adapt to, climate change", says Martijn Buijsse, EISA Policy officer.

Patrick Wrixon, President of EISA and farmer in the UK himself, highlights: *"We are happy to see that DG AGRI shows growing interest in the work of EISA in general, and the innovative and responsible practices used by farmers in EISA's Working Farm Network in particular. Integrated Farm Management indeed offers solutions for the challenges at hand, be it climate change, preserving biodiversity, protecting ground and surface waters, or reliably producing sufficient and high-quality food for a growing world population. Our Annual Report 2016 gives convincing evidence of our key activities on the national and European levels."*

About EISA:

The European Initiative for Sustainable Development in Agriculture (EISA), founded in 2001, is a European association representing national organisations from currently six EU Member States active in Integrated Farm Management (IFM) as Full Members: FARRE (Forum des Agriculteurs Responsables Respectueux de l'Environnement), FILL (Förderverein Integrierte Landbewirtschaftung, Luxemburg), GOSZ (Grain Producers' Organisation, Hungary), LEAF (Linking Environment And Farming, United Kingdom), OiB (Odling i Balans, Sweden), and Skylark Foundation (Netherlands). EISA is supported by six associations of the up- and downstream sectors of agriculture as Associate Members. EISA and all EISA members promote Integrated Farm Management as a holistic approach to sustainable development in agriculture in Europe.

Note to editors:

EISA President Patrick Wrixon and EISA Policy Officer Martijn Buijsse will be available for exclusive interviews via EISA's office.

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