Integrated Farming for Sustainable Development in EU Agriculture – THE WAY FORWARD
EISA (European Initiative for Sustainable Development in Agriculture) is ... 

... an alliance of national organisations from:

- France,
- Germany,
- Luxembourg,
- Sweden,
- United Kingdom.

EISA was founded in 2001 with the aim of promoting and developing sustainable farming systems that are economically viable and environmentally and socially responsible.

Integrated Farming provides the tools to achieve greater sustainability. The EISA Integrated Farming Framework offers a guide to farmers on how to implement these tools.
EISA Aims and Objectives

EISA: • contributes to the development of EU agricultural and environmental policies,

• promotes Integrated Farming (IF) throughout Europe to both farmers and policymakers,

• has established a network of demonstration farms where the Integrated Farming principles can be shown to producers and consumers,

• publishes an Integrated Farming Framework to support farmers’ ambitions for more sustainable production,

• facilitates the exchange of scientific study results about Integrated Farming across Europe,

• contributes to the debate on sustainability by organising and participating in European agricultural forums.
The EISA
“Integrated Farming Framework” in Practice

Every farmer makes choices which impact across the business. Any decision made about any one of the component elements of the Integrated Farming Wheel influences others – no one component can be addressed in isolation.
The EISA Integrated Farming (IF) principles offer a holistic, site specific, approach that can be used beyond the farm gate. For the individual farmer, the EISA IF Framework is a guide to help improve everyday practices on the farm, and to balance economic, environmental and social progress. A copy of the farmers’ version of the IF Framework can be downloaded from the EISA website: www.sustainable-agriculture.org.

In addition, the IF Framework serves to inform politicians and administrators about Integrated Farming throughout Europe. A brief summary is available as a brochure which can be downloaded from the EISA website: www.sustainable-agriculture.org.
Sustainable Development in Agriculture

Food security continues to be challenged by resource and climate change. At EISA we believe that our Integrated Farming principles address these issues.

Our commitment to the promotion of Integrated Farming can be seen first-hand through our network of demonstration farms. We believe that Integrated Farming reconciles productivity, profitability, environmental protection, and social responsibility.

The key elements of the EISA Integrated Farming principles are illustrated by the Integrated Farming Wheel (see page 4) – which shows the essential topics that need to be considered.
How to Get Involved

If you are already active in this area, if you would like to contribute to EISA’s activities or if you are just interested in the subject of sustainable development in agriculture, we would be pleased to hear from you.

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