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Sustainable agriculture: Making a complex system work in practice

EISA Annual Report 2014 gives comprehensive overview of activities on the national and European level / Broad spectrum of measures to enhance 'sustainable agriculture in practice' / Guided farm visits for politicians as well as representatives of media and administration available 'on demand'

EISA (Brussels): EISA, the European Initiative for Sustainable Development in Agriculture, just published the organisation's Annual Report 2014. The full document is available online at <http://sustainable-agriculture.org/de/category/eisa-publications/>. The EISA Annual Report 2014 highlights activities of EISA on the European level as well as key projects and activities of the eight national EISA members in their respective countries. In addition, the report provides information on the Associate Members of EISA and their main fields of work.

"Giving evidence that sustainable agriculture is about taking responsibility for man, livestock, nature and natural resources is at the forefront of our activities. Integrated Farming stands for strategies and ways to improving efficiency in everyday practice on farms whilst conserving the environment, ensuring the well-being of animals and providing society with sufficient high-quality produce. We can demonstrate on-farm that responsible agriculture must equally be innovative, productive, environmentally safe and socially accepted", says Patrick Wrixon, EISA President. "We have a network of demonstration farms in eight European countries and will be more than happy to arrange guided tours and provide hands-on experiences for politicians as well as representatives of media and administration, thus bridging the growing gap between agriculture and society", he adds.

About EISA:

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

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

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