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The Future of Legume-Cereal Intercropping

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09:00 – 09:30	Arrival and registration
09:30 – 10:30	Welcome and opening remarks. Introduction to LEGUMINOSE (Coordinator, UNIFI) Cristiano Fini , President CIA-Agricoltori Italiani, Rome, Italy Sottosegretario Patrizio La Pietra , delegate from MASAF (Italian Ministry of Agriculture), Rome, Italy
Key results and lessons learned from LEGUMINOSE Moderated by Shamina Imran Pathan, UNIFI, IT	
10:30 – 10:45	How can we build intercropping capacity? Understanding barriers and enablers of cereal-legume systems Martin Thorsoe and Tiffanie Stone, Aarhus University, DK
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 11:15	How can intercropping work in practice? Lessons from the LEGUMINOSE Living Labs Norman Gentsch, Leibniz University Hannover, DE
11:15 – 11:30	Can intercropping reduce pest pressure? Strategies for more sustainable crop protection Marek Seidenglanz, APR, CZ
11:30 – 11:45	How does intercropping improve soil health? Enhancing soil functions and long-term resilience Shamina Imran Pathan, UNIFI, IT
11:45 – 12:00	How can digital tools support farmers? The LEGUMINOSE Intercrop Model and Decision Support System Thomas Neubauer, TUW, and Ahmad Manschadi, BOKU, AT
12:00 – 12:15	Can intercropping be profitable? Economic performance and business opportunities Karen Thorsted Hamann, IFAU, DK, and Caterina Contini, UNIFI, IT
12:15 – 12:30	What is needed to scale up adoption? The role of policy in supporting intercropping Clémence Leray, Farm Europe, BE
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break
What's next for intercropping? Perspectives for research, policy and practice Moderated by Elmar Bartlmae, ESCI, DE	
14:00 – 14:20	What can global initiatives contribute? James Stapleton, CGIAR
14:20 – 14:40	How can intercropping support sustainable food systems? Thorunn Wolfram Petursdottir, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
14:40 – 15:00	IntercropVALUES: From research to practice Daniela Ponzini, Rete Semi Rurali, and Luciano Pecetti, CREA, IT
What will it take to scale up intercropping? Moderated by Jerry Alford, Soil Association, UK	
15:00 – 15:50	Panel discussion moderated by Jerry Alford, Soil Association, UK With representatives from CGIAR, FAO, Agricultural University of Athens and the World Farmers' Organization
15:50 – 16:10	Coffee break
16:10 – 16:50	Q&A: Your questions on the future of intercropping
16:50 – 17:00	Closing remarks by Francisco Castro-Alves, LEGUMINOSE Policy officer, DG-AGRI, European Commission
16:50 – 17:00	Key take-home messages and closing remarks by Coordinator