

ARABLE & VEGETABLE WORKING GROUP



PROGRAMME LEAD

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The Arable and Vegetable Crops Working Group is composed of SAI Platform members who are active in the production, processing, procurement and retailing of arable and vegetable crops.

The Working Group was **established in 2003**, originally as the Vegetable and Potato Working Group and the Cereals Working Group individually, before merging to form the Arable and Vegetable Crops Working Group in 2009.

OBJECTIVES

- Enable its members to **individually and collectively take leadership** on agricultural sustainability
- Enable agricultural sustainability **across the supply chain, from farmers and co-operatives to retailers**, in a way that is relevant to their intermediate and ultimate supply chain customers
- **Give farmers a framework to improve environmental and social performance** while generating **greater financial margins** and **decreasing risk of non-supply** of essential raw materials to the wider supply chain

VALUE

Members recognise the importance of **working together on complex issues** that enable them to source agricultural products in a more sustainable way.

The Working Group is valued as **an enabling environment** that **provides knowledge** and brings players in the supply chain together to **work towards common goals**.

HIGHLIGHTS

Joint development of the **Farmer Self-Assessment Checklist** with the Fruit Working Group, based on the *Principles and Practices* of both groups. This became the **FSA programme**.

Running of **implementation projects to advance the rate of sustainable agricultural practice adoption**.

Successes include the **European Sugarbeet project** and **SAIRISI**, the Sustainable Rice Project (Italy)

MEMBERS

as of April 2017

Chair: Nigel Davies (Muntons)

AB Sugar, Acor, Agrana, Agrarfrost, Agrifirm, Agroalimentare Sud, Agroterra, Ahold Delhaize, Bacardi, Barry-Callebaut, Boortmalt, Bunge, C. Thywissen, Cargill, CIO Parma, The Coca-Cola Company, Cooperativa Agrária Agroindustrial, Cristal Union, Crop's N.V., Diageo, Döhler, Ebro Foods, Euricom, FarmFrites, Ferrero, FrieslandCampina, Grain Farmers of Ontario, Heineken, Holland Malt, Ingredion, John I. Haas, Kellogg's, Kerry Group, Lamb Weston, Louis Dreyfus Company, Mars, McCain Foods, McDonald's, Migros, Muntons, Nestlé, Netafim, Nordzucker, PepsiCo, Pulse Canada, Royal Cosun, Südzucker, SVZ, Symrise, Tereos, Tesco, Tilda, Unilever, YCH Hops

MOVING FORWARD

In partnership with our members, we have developed a three-year strategic plan, running from 2017 to 2020, to address key priorities for the Working Group. The focus will be on **knowledge-sharing and collaboration to deliver impact**.

FOCUS

>> **KNOWLEDGE-SHARING**
>> **COLLABORATION**
>> **IMPACT**

We will strengthen the network and the potential for collaborative action through developing a **knowledge-sharing workstream** to further:

>> **share learnings** and allow **cross-pollination of ideas**

>> **identify overlapping concerns** and **map 'hotspots'**

(from crops and regions, to labour and resource-related issues)

>> **realise the Working Group's collaborative potential**

(including **tool** development, **data** collection and sharing, **projects** in the field, increasing **value for farmers**, and building **shared solutions**)