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A need to describe current cropping systems, as a baseline to assess benefits of crop diversification, but...

...information limited to land use in datasets available at European scale

...local/national datasets are **not homogeneous** regarding information about **crop sequences** and management

Aim of the study → combining datasets to describe current crop sequences across EU



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Material – 2 datasets



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Land Use Cover Area statistical frame Survey

**_	LUCAS		2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
 ★★ [★]	A grid of 45 000 points	Land	NA	NA	NA	Land	NA	NA	Land
	across EU	use				use			use

"Pratiques culturales" survey

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Liberté • Égalité • Fraternité	РК	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
République Française MINISTÈRE	A sample of 20 000 fields	Land	Land	Land	Land	Land
DE L'AGRICULTURE ET DE L'ALIMENTATION	across France	use	use	use	use	use

Combining both datasets toward a proxy of crop sequences at EU scale



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1st step – classification of the PK sample









7 crop sequence groups distinguished for France



















3rd step – Assigning LUCAS points for other EU countries





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At EU scale...

è Crop sequences based on cereals, oilseed rape and corn dominate arable land

è Local specificities highlighted

other types of crop sequence

(e.g. crop seq. with beet/potatoe in BE/NL, with sunflower in HU/SK, with grassland in FI/SE)





Perspectives



- è Further developments in the method validation, requiring other crop sequences datasets, from other countries
- è Adding crop management information toward a description

- e Adding crop management information toward a description of current cropping systems
- è A baseline to assess impacts of scenarios for scaling-out legume-based cropping systems



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