

Regional Conference  
**Closing the mineral cycles at farm level**  
**Good practices to reduce the nutrient loss in the Lombardy region**

**Wednesday, 5th November 2014**  
 10 am – 4.30 pm

Venue: E.c.ho Hotel, Via Andrea Doria 4, Milan, Italy

**The aim of the regional conference is:**

- To present the results from the EU project "Resource Efficiency in Practice - Closing Mineral Cycles" (especially the identified good practices for the region);
- To highlight farmers experiences (e.g. on implementing successfully good practices); and
- To initiate discussions among the participants on identifying solutions and the need for further actions to effectively address the nutrient surplus in the region.

<b>Moderation: Prof. Giorgio Provolo</b>	
<b>09:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>Registration and coffee</b>
<b>10:00 – 10:10</b>	<b>Welcome and introductory remarks</b> <i>Francesco Presicce, European Commission, DG Environment (presenting the project)</i>
<b>10:10 – 11:10</b>	<b><u>Setting the Scene</u></b> <b>Causes and effects of nutrient loss in the region and good practices (20 min)</b> <i>Clement Tostivint, BIO by Deloitte (presenting project results)</i> <b>Actions to address nutrient surplus at farm level - Experiences (each 10 min)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Flavio Sommariva, Sata (Livestock Technical Assistance Service) – A.r.a.l.</i></li> <li>• <i>Alessandro Gandolfi, Coop San Lorenzo - Pegognaga MN</i></li> </ul> <b>Policy and financial support for resource efficiency in agricultural areas (20 min)</b> <i>Gianpaolo Bertoncini, Lombardy Region - Division General of Agriculture</i>
<b>11:10 - 11:25</b>	<b>Discussion and questions</b>
<b>11:25 – 11:30</b>	<b>Introduction to small group discussions</b>

11:30– 11:45	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:45 – 12:45	<p><b>Group discussion on: How to address effectively the nutrient surplus?</b> (2x 30 min), 4 groups</p> <p>Potential topics include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Success factors and barriers to the uptake of good practices</b> <i>Facilitator: Flavio Sommariva (Regional Breeders Association of Lombardy - Tecnico Sata)</i></li> <li><b>2. New and innovative practices</b> <i>Facilitator: Francesca Perazzolo (Department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences - University of Milan)</i></li> <li><b>3. Potential for cooperation and joint actions</b> <i>Facilitator: Giambattista Merigo (Agriter - Crema)</i></li> <li><b>4. Fine-tuning financial and policy support</b> <i>Facilitator: Gianpaolo Bertoncini (Lombardy Region - Division General of Agriculture)</i></li> </ol>
12:45 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>
14:00 – 15:00	<p><b>Group discussion:</b> (2x 30 min)</p> <p><i>(see above)</i></p>
15:00 – 15:15	<b>Coffee break</b>
15:15 – 16:15	<p><b>Plenary discussion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports from small group discussions</li> <li>• Discussing results from working groups</li> </ul>
16:15 – 16:30	<b>Closing remarks and way forward</b>
	<b>Close of meeting</b>

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