

Unravelling lock-ins: barriers & levers for transitioning agricultural systems to support biodiversity

This transdisciplinary session will include talks from researchers working with practitioners and hopefully from practitioners themselves working to enhance the production of food, biodiversity and wider ecosystem services in farm & food systems. On the one hand, the session aims at sharing insights on how barriers preventing transformational changes emerge and interact within systems to create lock-ins. On the other hand, positive examples of effective approaches of joint working towards transformational changes in farm and food systems will be explored. Overall, this session focuses on how research and practice can work together towards agricultural systems which enhance biodiversity.

Contributions may address content-related findings, methodological work, and conceptual approaches, with a particular interest in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research. After a set of formal presentations, the session will include an opportunity for those present to reflect (in groups of no more than 8) on what they have heard and to consider key 'next steps' to accelerate transformative change in farming systems.