

# NATIONAL LEEK DAY



**PLAID**  
PEER-TO-PEER LEARNING:  
ACCESSING INNOVATION  
THROUGH DEMONSTRATION



## COUNTRY/REGION

**NETHERLANDS**

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The National Leek Day is organized every 3 to 4 years around current developments that are worth sharing. **The objective of the demonstration was the dissemination of knowledge about sustainable leek production.** "As far as we are concerned, **a trial is only truly successful if it finds its way into practice.** This is the primary motivation behind National Leek Day", according to the organiser of the event. Next to food safety the topic sustainability played a very big role and was present in every demonstration part of the guided tour. Two key issues addressed were: pesticide use in relation to residues (spraying techniques and pesticide selection) and nitrate leaching (fertilisation strategy, fertiliser use, precision agriculture, hydroponics, soil quality) and how to prevent that. Variety choice was a key topic for the mentioned sustainability issues as well as for market development. Regarding the demo methods, **there were a lecture, a guided tour and a company fair with stand holders.** The **targeted visitors were leek growers, advisors, and suppliers.** The previous versions of the demo had about 400 visitors, consisting of 60% leek growers, 40% suppliers, and a few advisors. Because this is a recurring demo that is organized for the 5th time in 12 years, the organizers have a lot of experience. They know what types of components are useful to visitors and how to run the day smoothly. Therefore the National Leek Day is an excellent demo for the PLAID project.

## ABOUT PLAID

The project has been designed to encourage farmers and farm employees to embrace innovations in agriculture by accessing high quality demonstration activities on commercial farms. Demonstration activities may also contribute to network building in agriculture communities, leading to longer term sustainability and economic development in rural areas. However little has been documented on agriculture demonstration activities in European countries and the lack of an inventory or on-line resources have been identified.

All practice abstracts developed by PLAID H2020 project are available in EPI-AGRI official website:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/find-connect/projects/peer-peer-learningaccessing-innovation-through>



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