

# UNDERSOWING MAIZE WITH GRASS



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



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This demonstration is focused on undersowing only. **This event aimed to show to farmers who grow maize that undersowing can actually work and that it is a feasible option in order to comply with the new laws & regulations**, which have been drawn up with regard to nutrient and herbicide leaching problems on Dutch sandy soils. By 2019 a catch crop has to be sown by October 1st the latest. That can be done in several ways: prior to harvest, via undersowing, or post-harvest, in combination with an early maize variety.

Thus, the main **topic of this demo was to present the pros and cons about undersowing maize with grass and to demonstrate the actual undersowing in a maize field, with maize that already grown at knee-height, with six different undersowing machines.**

Regarding the demo methods, **there were a lecture, some demos in the field and a closure with a group discussion.** Therefore, people learned by seeing, hearing and by sharing in group discussions. The demonstration successfully raised awareness about sustainable maize crop cultivation techniques that farmers can adopt in their farm management.

## 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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