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Master Thesis on stakeholder perspectives in resilient pest control

Within the *SusCrop-ERA-NET* project [IMPRESS](#) “Improving agrobiodiversity for resilient pest control services across landscapes” scientists from Austria, Sweden, Germany, Italy and Lithuania work together to improve our understanding of how agrobiodiversity at local to landscape scales contributes to the resilience of biological pest control and how we can best capitalize on this asset in different landscapes and climatic conditions across Europe.

Besides performing field experiments and assessing the ecological mechanisms for agrobiodiversity-provided pest control, stakeholders from different backgrounds should be involved in the project to better understand how practices that foster biological pest control can be implemented in farming systems and which factors hinder their implementation. The stakeholder engagement (e.g. extension workers, experts from administration, farming representatives, ...) aims to ensure better acceptance of the project results, and strives to push forward the integration created knowledge into agricultural practice.

To assess stakeholder opinions and perspectives in Austria, we seek a highly motivated MSc. student who wants to conduct his/her thesis work within our project.

Start date: October 2023

Approach: Stakeholder online interviews in German

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