

GREEN CARBON CONFERENCE **BRUSSELS, APRIL 1-3 2014**

CONCLUSIONS

- There is clear scientific and on-farm evidence that soil organic carbon is the main driver for the sustainability of agriculture in Europe.
- Green carbon is the most effective and economic source for increasing soil organic carbon.
- Good Conservation Agriculture (minimum soil disturbance with soil cover and diversified cropping) has proven to maintain and to improve organic carbon levels in the soil, contributing to the improvement of productivity, resilience and the flow of ecosystem services from landscapes.
- Opportunities exist to support policy to better integrate carbon farming into CAP, including rewarding farmers for their contribution to Climate Action.

FOLLOW UP ACTIONS

- Effective communication to stakeholders and decision makers.
- Promotion of agrienvironmental schemes at national level.
- Explore opportunities of energy policies in low energy footprint farming practices.
- Strengthen the European network of Conservation Agriculture.