

## Practice SQ n° 8

### CATCH CROPS

## Introduction

Category: Good Practice (GP)

### Practice identity card

*#catch crops,*

*#SQ, food, feed, fibre, oil, ornamental, industrial, Good Practice (GP), Poland*



### Short description

➔ A plant grown between two main crops for green fodder, hay, silage, ploughing as green manure or leaving in the form of mulch after they have been cut, dumped or destroyed by frost.

## Implementation process

Which practice is considered as the standard in this region? Cultivation of white mustard.

What was the on-farm issue/challenge/opportunity that led to the implementation of the practice? preparation of the ground for sowing seeds, mulching, ploughing.

How long did it take to implement the practice and which are the measures needed to monitor: 1 year

## Logistics

- **Logistic aspects to consider:** Sowing time, weather conditions.
- **Skill/education level required:** rather low

## Agronomical traits

- **Can the practice be applied to a multitude of cultivation techniques?** Multiple techniques
- **Targeted crop categories:** food, feed, fibre, oil, ornamental, industrial
- **Soil types suitable for the practice:** peaty, sandy, clay, loamy, chalky, silty
- **Expected effect on crop yield:** increase
- **Expected effect on crop yield variation:** increase
- **Expected effect on crop quality:** increase
- **Expected effect on crop quality variation:** increase
- **Which costs may increase due to the practice?** fuel, transportation, unskilled labour, equipment
- **Which costs may decrease due to the practice?** skilled labour, fertilizers, herbicides, pesticides
- **Expected long-term/indirect economic benefits of the practice:** 1 year
- **Expected effect on the leaching of nutrients:** For all of them decreasing

## Administrative context

- **Does the practice qualify for subsidies?** Yes
- **Status of the legal framework that regulates the practice:** well-developed
- **Are there any policy barriers complicating the practice's application?** No
- **Does the practice involve the use of hazardous substances?** No
- **Is the practice compliant with EU organic farming practices?** Yes
- **Is the practice supported by Eco-schemes?** Yes
- **Are there any gaseous emissions to be considered upon application of the practice?** No
- **Greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction potential of the practice:** substantial
- **Expected effects from the practice on the time occupation of the farmer?** substantial increase
- **May the practice contribute to a better public image of agriculture?** environmental protection, scenic and aesthetic values, green agriculture
- **May the practice improve the farmer's self-image?** awareness of modern management

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