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Emery and Rouven recently attended and presented at the Multi4More workshop held at Teagasc, Ireland. Multi4More brings together research on multispecies swards, with a focus on improving understanding of how plant diversity and fertiliser management influence performance in multispecies mixtures. The February 2026 workshop was organised to share ongoing and recent research in this area, and included keynote talks from Brendan Horan, James O'Malley, Helen Sheridan and Tommy Boland.

At the workshop, Emery presented current research on *The effects of high species richness on yield across the LegacyNet experimental sites*, while Rouven also contributed with his presentation, *The impact of sown species diversity and climate on weed invasion in productive grasslands: Insights from the LegacyNet multi-site experiment*, to the programme. The event provided a valuable opportunity to place this work in a broader scientific context by hearing about a wide range of related topics in multispecies systems, from agronomic performance to wider sustainability questions. One of the highlights was James O'Malley's keynote presentation, *Plant diversity consistently increased yield in the multisite LegacyNet experiment*, which showed a clear benefit of multispecies mixtures for yield across a climatic gradient.

Beyond the formal presentations, the workshop also created a valuable space for discussion with researchers and professionals from different backgrounds, including ecology, animal science and industry. These exchanges were particularly useful for reflecting on methodological approaches, discussing future research directions, and gathering feedback that will help shape the next stage of the project. Further details about the workshop, along with the keynote presentation slides, are available on the Multi4More workshop website: <https://multi4more.ie>.

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Figure 1. James O'Malley delivering a keynote presentation at the Multi4More workshop. Photograph provided by Dr John Finn, workshop organiser at Teagasc.



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