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**Seminário "Grupos Operacionais no PDR 2020"**  
**Primeiras experiências dos Grupos Operacionais**




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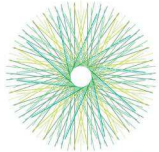
**EIP-AGRI Network and Activities**

- 1. EIP-AGRI in a nutshell**
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## 1. EIP-AGRI in a nutshell





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**Aim:** To foster a competitive and sustainable agriculture and forestry sector that "achieves more from less"

**Approach:** Closing the innovation gap between research and practice by:

- using the interactive innovation model
- linking actors via the EIP Network

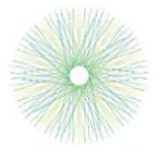


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### European Innovation Partnership EIP-AGRI

**Rural Development**

- Funding for **setting up of an "Operational Group" (OG)** : farmers, advisors, agribusiness, researchers, NGOs, etc) **planning** an innovation project (Art 35)
- **Project funding** for the **Operational Group's project** (Art 35). This co-operation could be combined with other RD measures (e.g. investment, knowledge transfer, advice)
- Supporting **innovation support services**



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EIP networks in MS/regions

Unique EU repository of practice abstracts

**Horizon 2020**

- **Research projects**, to provide the knowledge base for innovative actions
- **Interactive innovation formats** such as **multi-actor projects and thematic networks** genuinely involving farmers, advisors, enterprises, etc... **"all along the project"**

Involvement of OGs is strongly recommended

## CONTENT: What info is to be shared through the EIP common format for practitioners?

- Short and easily understandable title (one key sentence, max 150 char.)
- Short summaries in easily understandable language (max 1500 char.) = *'practice abstracts'*:
  - What problem will the knowledge generated solve for the end-user? What will be the main benefits to the practitioner?
  - Main outcome/recommendation (2-3 main results)
- Contact data: Project coordinator (+ address, e-mail, telephone), text editor, project partners (+ address, e-mail, telephone), geographical location, project period, funding source & budget, link to project website and to a website where info stays long-term available

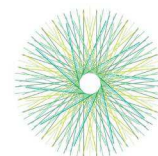
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## Common format template in Excel: easy to share and best to draft together (scientist + practitioner)

	A	B	C	D	E	G	F
1	<b>Project Information</b>						
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3	Project Unique ID (see INSTRUCTIONS)		Mandatory				
4	Title of the project in native language: short and easily understandable (one key sentence on the project; max 150 characters, word count – no spaces)		Mandatory	0 character(s) / 150			
5							
6	Title of the project in English: short and easily understandable (one key sentence on the project; max 150 characters, word count – no spaces)		Mandatory	0 character(s) / 150			
7							
8	<b>Geographical location</b>						
9	Country		Mandatory				
10	Rural Development Programme		Mandatory				
11	Main geographical location (NUTS3)		Mandatory				
12	Other geographical location		Optional				
13	Other geographical location		Optional				
14							
15	Editor of the text: person/organisation responsible for delivering the text		Mandatory	0 character(s) / 150			
16							
17	<b>Project coordinator (lead-partner) according to the cooperation/consortium agreement:</b>						
18	Name		Mandatory	0 character(s) / 150			
19	Address		Mandatory	0 character(s) / 150			
20	E-mail		Mandatory	0 character(s) / 150			
21	Telephone		Mandatory	0 character(s) / 150			
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23	<b>Project period:</b>						
24	starting date (YYYY)		Mandatory				
25	end date (YYYY)		Mandatory				
26							
27	<b>Project status:</b> ongoing (after selection of the project) or completed (after final payment)		Mandatory				
28							
29	<b>Main funding source</b> (Rural development programme, H2020, or other EU, national/regional or private funds)		Mandatory				
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31	<b>Total budget of the project (in euros)</b>		Mandatory				
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33	<b>Objective of the project in English:</b>		Mandatory	0 character(s) / 600			
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## 2. Updates on EIP-AGRI Implementation Rural Development Programmes



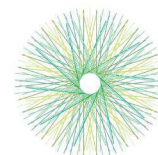
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### ➤ What is an Operational Group?

- ✓ Are built around concrete innovation projects targeted towards finding innovative solutions for a specific challenges or new opportunities
- ✓ Require combination of different competencies (practical and scientific)
- ✓ Are "hands-on" groups and are composed by those innovation players relevant for the project
- ✓ Benefit from the interactions between the participants of the group and the sharing of the respective expertise

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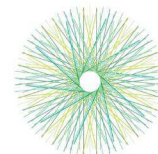
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### ➤ EIP-AGRI Operational Groups – basic principles

- ✓ Who (such as...), not always researchers needed
- ✓ Must tackle practical needs of farmers/foresters, it is not to Man. Auth. to decide on beforehand who
- ✓ Various types of activities (development of new products, pilot projects, but also short supply chain, environmental projects, climate change etc)
- ✓ New group, or existing group with new project
- ✓ Flexible, lean and open system needed, bottom-up, no need for high number of partners
- ✓ Generating knowledge freely available to all
- ✓ Very different from LAGs

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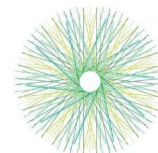
### ➤ RDP support to EIP Operational Groups - Update

All 118 Rural Development Programmes 2014-2020 have now been approved.

- 106 RDPs implement co-operation through M16.
- 94 MS/regions (...+ Latvia) will be implementing the EIP in their 2014-2020 Rural Development programmes.
- 3.205 planned Operational Groups in 2014-2020 (~ 20% of total n. of co-operation projects) , varying project size and number of partners.
- On average: 1,8% of the total RDP budget (total public expenditure) will be spent on cooperation / M16 (or 2,8 billion EUR → 587 million EUR for Operational Groups projects – underestimated!).
- Average size of coop project: ~183.000 EUR

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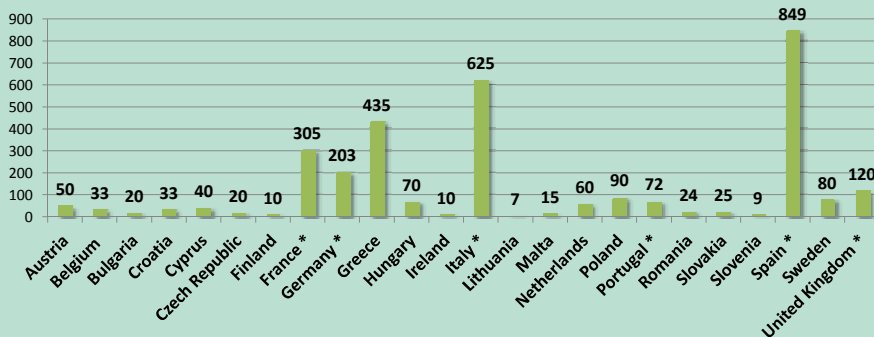
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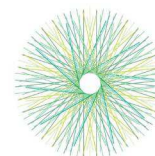
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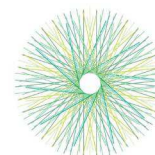
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More than 100 approved Operational Groups starting in various fields from:

- ❑ **Germany: 49**
  - ❑ Schleswig-Holstein: 17
  - ❑ Mecklenburg-Vorpommern: 9
  - ❑ Hessen: 7
  - ❑ Sachsen: 6
  - ❑ Rheinland-Pfalz: 10
  - ❑ Niedersachsen...
- ❑ **France: 20**
  - ❑ Midi-Pyrénées: 5
  - ❑ Rhône-Alpes: 8
  - ❑ Languedoc-Roussillon: 7
- ❑ **United Kingdom: 4**
  - ❑ Scotland: 4
- ❑ **Spain: 57**
  - ❑ Catalunya: 57

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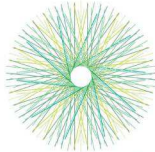

## 2. Updates on EIP-AGRI Implementation Rural Development Programmes Some examples of operational groups



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- **WESTERN CORN ROOTWORM**  
Find and implement innovative approaches for of alternative pest control, For arable crops and farm animal feed, and for support of this socio-economic process in Austria, to solve the corn rootworm problems.  
Contact: [christian.werni@lk-stmk.at](mailto:christian.werni@lk-stmk.at)
- **ENU-WHEAT – Establishment of a sustainable and environmentally friendly wheat-value chain**  
Demonstrate a reliable way to produce sustainable and environmentally friendly wheat. Promote the end product "regionally groundwater-protection bread" to consumers.  
Contact: [linnemann@forschungsring.de](mailto:linnemann@forschungsring.de)
- **Sweet potatoes – An alternative culture in the Languedoc-Roussillon Region (PADONOV)**  
Selecting the best varieties for two markets (fresh and transformed for agro-industry), agronomical rules for conventional and organic crop. Develop alternative use of the crop such as beer.  
Contact: [l.schoen@centrex66.com](mailto:l.schoen@centrex66.com)

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### 3. EIP-AGRI Network and NRNs

**Connecting people - Sharing knowledge - Tackling challenges**

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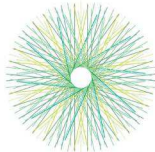

**□ Aims:**

- Facilitate the exchange of expertise and good practices.
- Establish a dialogue between farmers and the research community.
- Facilitate the inclusion of all stakeholders in the knowledge exchange process.

**□ Specific tasks:**

- Provide a help desk function and provide information to key actors concerning the EIP.
- Encourage the setting up of operational groups and provide information about the opportunities provided by Union policies.
- Facilitate the setting up of cluster initiatives and pilot or demonstration projects.
- Collect and disseminate information in the field of the EIP, including research findings and new technologies relevant to innovation and knowledge exchange and exchanges in the field of innovation with third countries.



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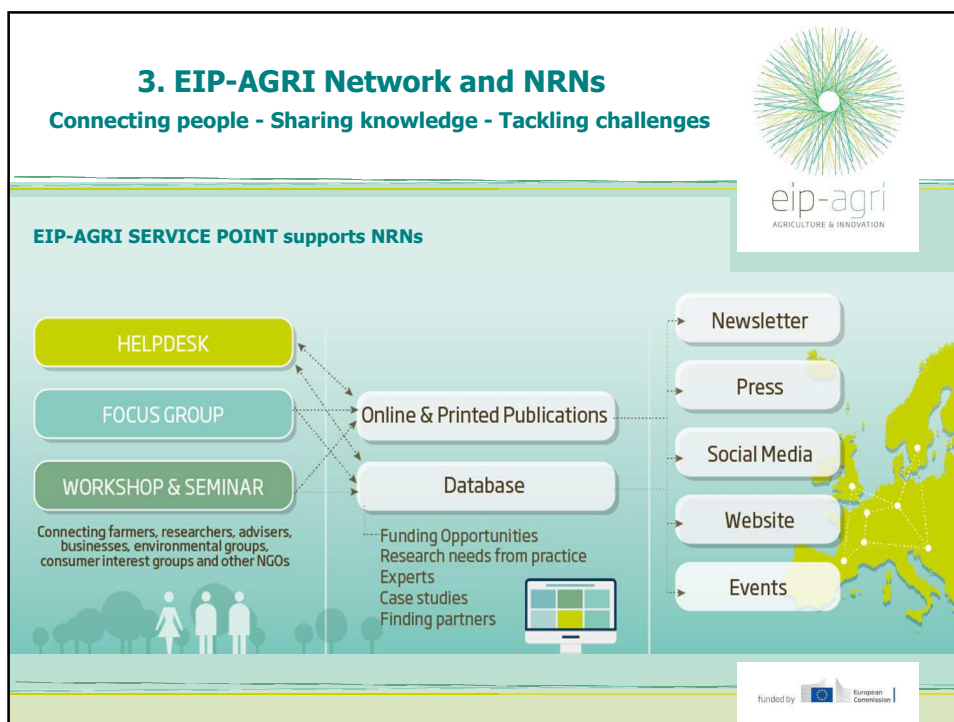
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**EIP-AGRI SERVICE POINT**

- Established by EC Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development in April 2013.

**The EIP AGRI Service Point acts as a mediator in enhancing communication and cooperation between all innovation actors, including farmers, advisors, agri-business, civil society, and researchers, working at EU, national and regional level**





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**EIP-AGRI SERVICE POINT supports NRNs**

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- **Tool-kit for Operational Groups on EIP website**
  - **On-line resource developed to support the information / guidance needs of everyone that is actively engaged in promoting, setting-up, running and disseminating the outcomes of the Operational Groups.**
    - **to build upon the practical experiences, skills and knowledge that are accumulating within the EIP-AGRI Network by providing a web-based gateway to:**
      - **general materials for supporting the promotion of the EIP-AGRI;**
      - **specific information on the animation, setting-up and running of Operational Groups, including relevant information / materials from relevant workshops and seminars;**
      - **other materials relevant to innovation support services and the dissemination of project results from Operational Groups.**
  - **Please, contribute to the Tool-kit by sending us suggestions and / on materials for uploading.**
  - **Note: It is a communication product which aims to provide general background information.** Under no circumstances can its content be regarded as legal advice or as binding on the European Commission.

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**EIP-AGRI SERVICE POINT needs NRNs**

- **Dissemination of EIP-AGRI outcomes, especially EIP-AGRI Focus Groups outcomes**
  - 18 Focus Groups organised since 2014
  - In 2016... 5 new Focus Groups
    - 2 FGs recently launched: Nutrient recycling and Forest biomass
    - 3 FGs to come still
  - Crucial for achieving the EIP-AGRI objectives
  - Need to reach/inspire Operational Groups on the ground
- **Provision of Good practices and inspirational ideas**
  - Some good practices already in place in some MS

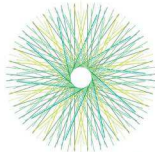


Spread the results

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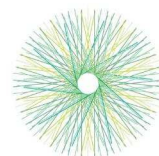
**Coming months needs for strengthening collaboration**

- with National Rural Networks and Managing Authorities
- in order to support Operational Groups

1. **EIP-AGRI Workshop on "Networking for innovation"**  
on 4 – 5 October 2016 in Budapest – Hungary
2. **Participation in Member states events**
  - regular NRNs meetings / events
  - Stakeholders events meetings

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**Thank you for your attention!**



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