

**Subgroup on Innovation
for agricultural productivity and sustainability**
2nd Meeting – 23 June 2015



What happened since the first Subgroup meeting related to EIP-AGRI?

An overview about past and upcoming events and activities



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08:30 - 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 09:05 Opening words - Rob Peters, Head of Unit AGRI H.5

09:05 - 09:20 State of play EIP-AGRI in the Rural Development Programmes
Inge Van Oost, DG AGRI

09:20 - 09:50 First experiences with implementing EIP-AGRI – Call for Operational Groups
Carola Ketelhodt, Innovationsbüro Schleswig-Holstein

**09:50 - 10:20 What happened since the first Subgroup meeting related to EIP-AGRI?
Rob Peters and Anikó Seregélyi, DG AGRI**

10:20 - 10:50 Coffee break

10:50 - 11:35 Interactive session “Workshops and Seminar in 2015” – brainstorming on ideas and themes to address

1. Workshop on “Circular economy”
2. Workshop on “First experiences of Operational Groups”
3. Seminar on “Knowledge systems and interactive innovation”

Moderated by EIP-AGRI Service Point and DG AGRI

11:35 - 12:05 Reporting back from interactive session and plenary discussion

12:05 - 12:15 Practical announcements

12:15 - 13:30 Lunch break



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13:30 - 13:45 Interlinking EIP-AGRI and H2020 – First H2020 multi-actor projects and thematic networks - Inge Van Oost, DG AGRI

13:45 - 14:00 Presentation of the AgriSpin thematic network - Eelke Wielinga and Ilse Geyskens, AgriSpin consortium

14:00 - 14:20 Tools and possibilities for interaction between EIP-AGRI and H2020 – Discussion introduced by a short presentation
Iman Boot, DG AGRI and Willemine Brinkman, EIP-AGRI Service Point

14:20 - 14:40 Embedding EIP-AGRI Focus Group outcomes in the broader network activities
Iman Boot, DG AGRI

14:40 - 15:10 Coffee break

15:10 - 15:20 Preview of the year 2016 - Setting the scene - Iman Boot, DG AGRI

15:20 - 16:00 Interactive session 2 “First ideas for the EIP-AGRI work plan 2016”
Moderated by EIP-AGRI Service Point

16:00 - 16:20 Reporting back from interactive session 2

16:20 - 16:30 Wrap up / next steps:

- Reporting / organisation of further work
- Next meeting and what happens in between
- AOB

16:30 Closing



Events related to EIP- AGRI 1st half of 2015



EIP-AGRI Focus Groups

2nd meeting of the Focus Groups started in 2014:

- FG 11 Optimising profitability of crop production through **Ecological Focus Areas**
24-25 March – Rennes, France
- FG 12 Innovative **Short Food Supply Chain** management
22-23 April - Edinburgh, Scotland
- FG 13 IPM practices for **soil-borne diseases** suppression in vegetables and arable crops
28-29 April - Haarlem, The Netherlands

Further developing recommendations for Operational Groups and identifying potential research needs

Next step: Final report (expected 2nd half of 2015)

ENRD – 2nd NRN meeting

- 12-13 May, Jurmala, Latvia
- 63 participants from 20 Member States
- Jointly organised by ENRD and EIP-AGRI
- On the agenda: NRN Action Plans, challenges, self-assessment; how EU networks can support NRNs & vice-versa
- Particular focus was given on innovation and the role of NRNs in fostering it
- EIP-AGRI Operational Groups and topics on innovation were discussed in Exchange fora and in Open Space interactive sessions

EIP-AGRI Workshop Building new biomass supply chains for the bio-based economy

- 27-28 May, Sardinia, Italy
- 90 participants from 23 Member States
- **Overall objective** of the WS was to help set up and foster co-operation mechanisms between agriculture/forestry and industry
- WS combined with a field visit showing a **cooperation example** btw a farmer association and an industrial player
- **Further information:** [EIP-AGRI workshop webpage](#), report presenting the results will be available online



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EIP-AGRI Focus Groups starting in 2015

- **FG 14 New entrants into farming**
First meeting 18-19 June in Lisbon

Question: Which patterns characterise new entrants in farming and what can be learnt from them to foster innovation and entrepreneurship in agriculture?

- **FG 15 Water and agriculture:** adaptive strategies at farm level
First meeting 25-26 June in Rome

Question: What farm level adaptation strategies exist or can be developed to deal with water scarcity?

Next **three new Focus Groups** will start in November / December 2015

Call for interest publication expected on **7 July 2015**



Collaborative development of the new Focus Groups call text

- Emissions from livestock production
- Mixed farming systems: livestock/cash crops
- Benchmarking farm productivity and sustainability performance

Topics emerged from the first meeting of the subgroup innovation

We have engaged in working collaboratively together with volunteers from the subgroup

All inputs have been considered and used for refining the text of the calls to be launched on 7 July

EIP-AGRI Focus Group

Emissions from livestock production

This focus group will discuss Nitrogen (NH₃, N₂O, NO and NO₂) and Methane emissions from cattle and ways to reduce these emissions that are cost effective or even result in benefits for farming. Both dairy and beef production will be taken into account. Both grass based systems and indoor systems and their specific perspectives will be looked into. The main focus will be on in-stable manure management practices and on feeding management practices that reduce these emissions.

Question: How to reduce cattle livestock emissions in a cost effective way for farmers?

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Grønbaek Gitte who replaced her colleague Jørgen Korning

EIP-AGRI Focus Group

Mixed farming systems: livestock/cash crops

This focus group will discuss mixed farming systems by focusing, among others, on livestock/cash crops interactions that can enable European agriculture to become more resilient and environment-friendly without neglecting farm competitiveness.

The focus group will tackle mixed systems at farm and at regional level and consider challenges and opportunities to maintain or develop the synergies between livestock and cropping systems.

The focus group will build on the experience and final results of the FP7 research project "CanTogether".

Question: How to develop and promote benefits of livestock/cash crop interactions as a sustainable alternative to farm or region specialisation?

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EIP-AGRI Focus Group Benchmarking farm productivity and sustainability performance

This focus group will discuss what benchmarking systems are currently in place in Europe and how are these useful for farmers and advisors as well as issues related to data collection and management, accessibility and use of indicators. The group is expected to identify the knowledge gaps and the opportunities to improve the use of farm performance benchmarking in terms of productivity and sustainability.

Question: How can farmers and advisors use benchmarking to improve farm productivity and sustainability performance?

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