



Subgroup on Innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability

8th Meeting

8 June 2017

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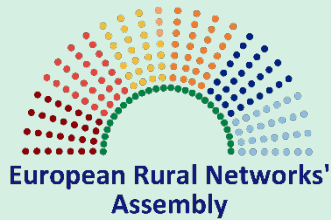
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08:00 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome & introduction
09:10 – 10:30	Session I “Shaping the thematic work for 2018” – 1 st round Introduction 1 st round: <i>break-out sessions in 5 groups</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Session I “Shaping the thematic work for 2018” – 2 nd round 2 nd round: <i>Break-out sessions in 4 groups</i>
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Session I “Shaping the thematic work for 2018” – conclusion
14:30 – 15:00	Session II “EIP-AGRI Focus Groups”
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 16:45	Session III On-going activities: information and follow-up
16:45 – 17:00	Next steps and closing





Session 3

Seminar 'Moving EIP-AGRI implementation forward'

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EIP-AGRI Seminar

""Moving EIP-AGRI implementation forward"" 10-11 May 2017 – Athens, Greece

- 1,5 day programme - mixture of presentations and interactive discussions, social event
- 150 Participants from:
 - 27** national and regional RDP Managing Authorities + Paying Agencies,
 - 28** NSU / NRNs
 - 8 OGs**
 - 6 MS** presentations of good implementation approaches
- All info on:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/content/eip-agri-seminar-moving-eip-agri-implementation-forward>




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Content of the workshop:

*exploring and **sharing the existing experiences and practical approaches** to roll out RDP funding in support to OGs, and thus to further improve EIP-AGRI implementation*

- With over 230 OGs projects already ongoing and many more to come, this seminar will focus on sharing current challenges that administrations are facing and **possible ways forward inspired by positive experiences**.
 - Content based on the outcome of a questionnaire
 - Covering the **whole timeline** of projects
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Content of the workshop:

- **Including OG experience** to illustrate the kind of actions they may undertake + understand **interaction** with OG projects and increase their impact
- by promoting the involvement of organisations and actors with the right competences, complementing each other.
- The bigger EIP picture

https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/sites/agri-eip/files/field_event_attachments/1_sem-athens-2017_bigger_eip_picture_inge_van_oost.pdf



8 OGs:

1. DE – Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Ulrich Knaus – **Aquaponics, combining plant and fish production**
2. SE – Sweden – **Innovative planning in reindeer herding**
3. FR - Midi-Pyrénées – **Triple performance for pig farming**
4. IT – Emilia Romagna – **Competitive and sustainable viticulture**
5. BE – Flanders – **Testing the potential of sensors for GPS technology on pilot farms**
6. DE – Sachsen – **Innovative fertilisation and weed control in organic rapeseed**
7. ES – Catalunya – **Minimising pesticide use in stone fruit**
8. DE – Niedersachsen und Bremen – **A learning factory to reduce antibiotic use in pig production**

A booklet illustrating the 8 OGs is available at:

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Work was related to critical issue(s) in each step: what practice/procedure has worked well, good practices and **documents to share** with colleagues

1. Preparing, launching, promoting calls for OG projects

E.g. choice of themes, two calls (preparation + project) or one call (project funding only), **application forms** and procedure, **partnership agreement**, guidelines, cross-border options, etc.

2. Preparing the selection and deciding on OG projects

E.g. **selection criteria**, **selection committee/experts**, potential beneficiaries, supporting documents, **simplification**, **use of simplified cost options**, etc.



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- 3. Implementing the project** E.g. **payment application & procedure**, verifiability, **networking** with other OGs and multipliers, connecting the OG with other relevant knowledge sources (e.g. H2020 projects), **dissemination** and making use of info from practice abstracts etc.
- 4. Promoting interaction within the OG project**
E.g. **roles of partners, input of partners' complementary knowledge, co-decision**, group dynamics for co-creation, getting co-ownership, facilitation, coordination, etc.

Break-out 2 ("idea put into practice with success")

Enabling cross-fertilisation and communication – How to facilitate good project applications?


HU + ES presentations best practices

questions discussed:

1. What should be included in the **application form**?
2. What do you think a **partnership agreement** should cover?

To make this seminar as practical as possible, we used some "**real life**" **documents**, as many of you asked us already.

Why these? To **illustrate a number of useful elements** which can support you when making documents in your MS/region (list for facilitators who will help you in the debate) – **Brainstorming + collection of questions** - Motto = make docs + procedure as simple as possible.



Use of documents for each breakout (BO) group		BO2	BO3	BO4
Main documents are indicated with X				
1	HU life cycle	X		X
2	IE application form step 1	X		
3	IE guidance doc for application	X	X	X
4	BE application form step 2	X		
5	RO application form ("expression of interest")	X		
6	RO cooperation agreement ("partnership agreement")	X		
7	BE cooperation agreement – basic elements	X		
8	UK-W doc – for the <u>setting up</u> procedure : Innovation Hub (=page 2+3)	X		X
9	BE selection criteria + eligibility conditions		X	
	UK-W doc – for the <u>selection criteria</u> (= page 4)		X	

*We were allowed to use some documents from MS, **many thanks to those MS for their kind cooperation and translation!** – Please be aware that these documents are not Commission guidance documents: they will help us to kick-off the **exchange of experiences**.*

A overview of interesting practices from these documents is at disposal
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Break-out 3

Incentivising innovation – How to select the best OGs?

RO + BE presentations best practices

questions discussed:

1. What selection criteria help to choose the best proposals? How to cover farmer/foresters' needs and get the right mix of knowledge present in the project?
2. How to secure sufficient expertise for the selection process?

Tips and tricks: summary from break-outs 2 and 3:

https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/sites/agri-eip/files/field_event_attachments/13_sem-athens-2017_tips_and_tricks_from_day_1_ing_e_van_oost.pdf

Break-out 4

Calling for innovation – bottom-up or thematic OG calls?

IE presentation on 3 different OG measures

questions discussed:

1. How can a call with open themes and/or prefixed themes encourage farmers/foresters to come up with their ideas?
2. Can you share good practices to help the call capturing innovative ideas and reaching the right partners at the right time?

Interactive session

Smart thinking – Is there room for simplification of procedures or forms?

SE presentation with examples of simplified costs

Questions discussed:

What can help simplification:

1. Simplified cost options
2. All kind of smart solutions your apply in your country
3. Summarising your learnings from the seminar

=> Brainstorm

