

Subgroup on Innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability

8th Meeting

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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” – 1st round

Introduction

1st round: *break-out sessions in 5 groups*

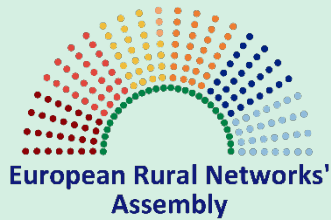


10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30 Session I “Shaping the thematic work for 2018” – 2nd round
2nd round: *Break-out sessions in 4 groups*



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 (weblink)

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?
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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

