



Subgroup on Innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability 5th Meeting

2 June 2016

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Morning sessions

08:00 - 09:00 Registration & welcome coffee

09:00 - 09:10 Welcome & introduction – *Rob Peters, Head of Unit AGRI H.5*

09:10 - 09:30 Session I “EIP-AGRI Focus Groups

Presentations by EIP-AGRI Service Point and DG AGRI:

- Information on the state of play of FGs 6-20
- Launch of calls for experts for FGs 21-23

09:30 – 10:30 Session II “Operational Groups: first experiences”

Introduction by *Anikó Serégelyi, DG AGRI*

Feedback from workshop “Operational Groups: first experiences” (April 2016):

- *Jean-Marc Gautier, OG “Robustagno” (France)*
- *Herbert Mock, OG “Organic dock control” (Austria)*

10:30 – 10:45 Session III ‘Networking for innovation’

Introduction by *Sirpa Karjalainen, DG AGRI*

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 13:00 Session III “Networking for innovation” (continued)

Discussion in groups: how to support the NRNs’ role in fostering innovation & how to shape the NRN workshop planned in October 2016

13:00 – 13:45 Lunch break



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Afternoon sessions

13:00 – 13:45 Lunch break

13:45 – 15:10 Session IV “EIP-AGRI and Horizon 2020”

Introduction by *Inge Van Oost, DG AGRI*

Presentation project “Fertinnowa” by *Els Berckmoes, Research Centre for Vegetable Production (Belgium)*

Discussion in groups: how to promote synergies between EIP-AGRI activities & Horizon 2020



15:10 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:30 Session V “Priorities for 2017”

introduction by *Antonella Zona, DG AGRI*

Discussion in groups: broad priorities for EPI-AGRI network activities in 2017



16:30 – 17:00 Wrap up / next steps

Exchange of views on upcoming events



17:00 **Closing**



EIP OG ROBUSTAGNO

Midi-Pyrénées, France
Feedback from Legnaro



Lamb robustness : a key element for sheep productivity



sheep
productivity =
Key factor for
economic
viability

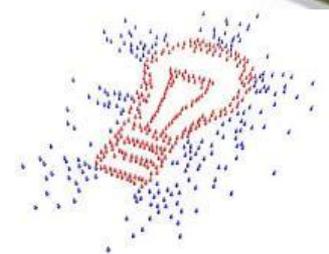
Lamb mortality
= key
components of
sheep
productivity

Mortality
before 10
days = 70 % the
overall
mortality

Lamb
robustness =
key factor

EIP OG
ROBUSTAGNO

ROBUSTAGNO: our goals



► To have more robust lambs at birth by

2016 -2019

- Catching innovations from the grass roots level
- Confronting innovations with scientific knowledge
- Making innovations available
- Testing innovations in pilot farm to identify conditions for implementing,
- Involving farmers in the choice of the innovations to transfer,

► To test a cross-fertilisation approach to identify and transfer innovations and knowledge at the regional level

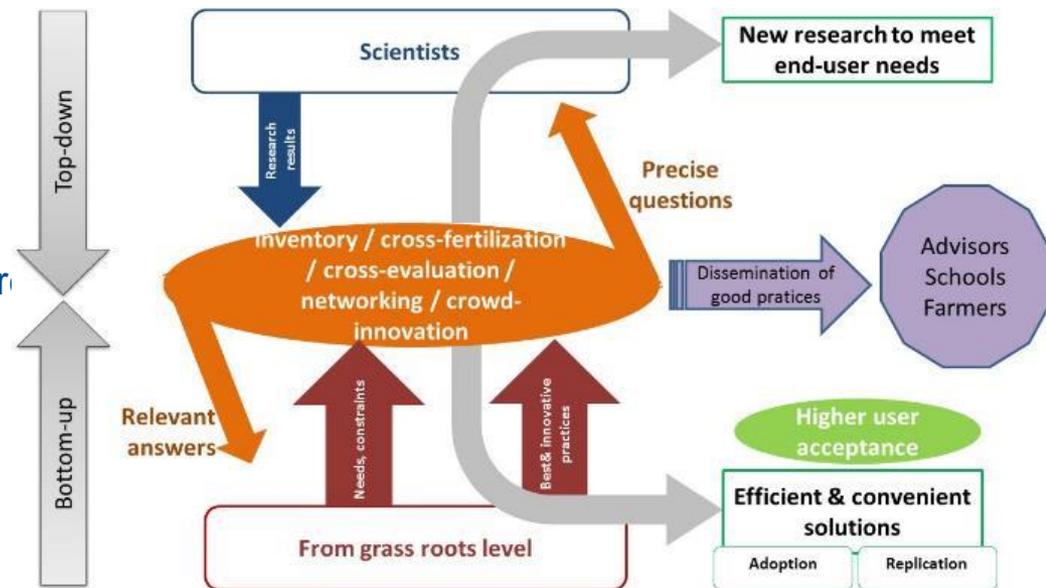


ROBUSTAGNO : multi-actors approach

Coordinated by Coop de France Midi-Pyrénées through existing networks (GIE, UMT)

- ▶ Focus on 2 main sheep departments
- ▶ A multi-actors approach

- ▶ Farmers organisation:
 - ▶ Sheep breeders involvement
- ▶ Advisors:
 - ▶ Seek and transfer innovations
- ▶ School (technical college for agriculture)
 - ▶ Test and transfer innovation to students
- ▶ Research:
 - ▶ Scientific knowledge transfer
- ▶ innovation support service:
 - ▶ Innovation broker – Facilitator agent
- ▶ Regional network:
 - ▶ Wider dissemination



Workshop in Legnaro: Motivations and expectations to participate

Proud that our project was selected
Show the interest of farmers for this kind of project

Happy to help by sharing our experience.
To exchange ideas and learn from other experiences.
To meet the EIP AGRI team.
To get contacts with putative partners interest in sheep productivity.
Get specific answers on project management (funding rules).

Considering limits of genetic & health with a top-down approaches, curiosity regarding the bottom-up approach



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Workshop in Legnaro: Impressions during the workshop

Great organization.
Positive attitudes of everyone.
Large diversity of “actors” and of
type of project.
Expression in small subgroup
facilitate.
Fantastic location.



Workshop in Legnaro: What do we retain?

EIP OG = great opportunity to disseminate relevant innovations for farmers

Some countries have a longer experience on EIP OG.
Communication on EIP are variable regarding countries.
Submission of the project in 2 steps everywhere.

EIP OG = great tool for a multi-actor approach and to identify innovations.
Key role of the facilitator agent.

A wide variety of projects: thematic, length, partners... the most important thing is to tackle a relevant issue for farmers

The interest of many EU countries on sheep productivity.
Some contacts.



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Workshop in Legnaro: expectation for the future

To participate to similar workshops: a great need to share experiences on the way to implement OGs (tools, coordination, ...). Specific training and tools for an innovating coordination of OGs. The need to have a EU thematic network on sheep productivity (SheepNet) to connect OGs (or equivalent network) at EU level.



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Thank you!

