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10th Meeting

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EIP-AGRI Service Point,
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Subgroup on Innovation

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The tenth meeting of the Innovation Subgroup is designed to achieve the following objectives:

- a) To present the work program of the EIP-AGRI network for 2018 with special focus on the activities to be launched in the first half of the year (first wave of Focus Groups, Water workshop and Communicating the digital transformation in agriculture).
- b) To launch a discussion on how to improve the connection among Operational Groups at EU level, based on concrete experiences of OG connection at the national and regional level. The discussion would include the links with H2020 Multi-Actor Projects and ways to upscale and capitalise on OG results.
- c) To inform the Subgroup about a forthcoming study assessing Operational Groups to be launched by the EIP-AGRI Service Point
- d) To inform the Subgroup about the [guidelines on evaluating innovation in RDPs](#) recently published by the European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development
- e) To present the results of the self-assessment of EU Rural Networks and discuss the follow-up to the recommendations which are relevant for the EIP-AGRI network.

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Timing	Agenda Item
08:00 – 09:00	Registration and welcome coffee
09:00 – 10:00	<p>Welcome and introduction – <i>DG AGRI</i></p> <p><i>Session I "Ready, steady, go: launching new EIP-AGRI networking activities for 2018"</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EIP-AGRI network work plan for 2018, <i>EIP-AGRI Service Point</i> • New Focus Groups - Launch of calls for experts for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FG 29 "New feed for livestock" - FG 30 "Protecting perennial crop production from frost damage" - FG 31 "Reducing food loss on the farm" <p><i>Presentations by EIP-AGRI Service Point and DG AGRI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop "Innovative water management in agriculture", <i>DG AGRI</i> • Communicating the digital transformation in agriculture, <i>DG AGRI</i>
10:00 – 11:00	<p><i>Session II "Improving OG connection and upscaling their results"</i></p> <p>Introduction by <i>DG AGRI</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of two H2020 Multi-Actor Projects involving OGs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LANDMARK, H2020 Project on the sustainable management of land and soil in Europe - EURODAIRY, Thematic Network on practice based innovations in dairy farming • Recent and on-going experiences connecting OGs <i>Flash presentations by members of the Subgroup:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chamber of Agriculture of Austria - NRN Germany - EURAF - NRN Finland - NRN France - Managing Authority of Estonia - Chamber of Agriculture of Slovenia • Q&A
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break

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11:30 – 13:00	<p><i>Continuation of Session II "Improving OG connection and upscaling their results"</i></p> <p>Introduction by DG AGRI and EIP-AGRI Service Point</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about a forthcoming study assessing Operational Groups, EIP-AGRI Service Point • Interactive session on how to foster cooperation among OGs, Discussion in groups
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:00	<p><i>Session III "Evaluating Innovation"</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the guidelines on evaluating innovation in RDPs, European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development - Q&A • Assessing Innovation, what's going on? <i>Flash presentations by members of the Subgroup:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NRN Sweden ○ Chamber of Agriculture of Austria ○ NRN Germany ○ Aleksandras Stulginskis University of Lithuania ○ IFOAM
15:00 – 15:10	<p><i>"Intermezzo": AGROPOL Pilot Project</i></p> <p>Information about a blueprint for cross-border cooperation in agriculture & food, <i>IDEA Consult</i></p>
15:10 – 15:40	Coffee break
15:40 – 16:30	<p><i>Session IV "Can we do better?"</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the results of the self-assessment of the EU Rural Networks up to 2017, <i>DG AGRI and EIP-AGRI Service Point</i> • Discussion on the follow-up to the recommendations which are relevant for the EIP-AGRI network.
16:30 – 16:45	<i>Wrap up / next steps</i>
16:45	<i>Closing</i>