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7th Meeting

AGENDA

16 February 2017

EIP-AGRI Service Point,
VLM, Conference Room, 3rd floor,
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Subgroup on Innovation

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

- a) To present the work program of the EIP-AGRI network for 2017, including details on the two new Focus groups to be launched in the first half of the year
- b) To discuss how the EIP-AGRI network can best carry out thematic networking activities for Operational Groups
- c) To launch a discussion on the functioning of focus groups, based on a recent assessment carried out by the Service Point
- d) To provide input for the forthcoming seminar about current experiences and challenges in implementing the EIP-AGRI
- e) To inform the Subgroup about the evaluation of the EIP-AGRI recently finalised by an independent evaluator commissioned by DG AGRI.

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Timing	Agenda Item
08:00 – 09:00	Registration and welcome coffee
09:00 – 10:45	<p>Welcome / introduction - <i>Rob Peters, Head of Unit AGRI B2</i></p> <p>Session I "Ready, steady, go: launching new EIP-AGRI networking activities for 2017"</p> <p>The overall plan for 2017 and the activities for the first half the year</p> <p>Presentation of the 2017 EIP-AGRI network work plan for 2017 by the EIP-AGRI Service Point</p> <p>On-going and new Focus Groups</p> <p>Presentations by EIP-AGRI Service Point and DG AGRI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Information on the state of play of FGs 16-23 - Launch of calls for experts for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ FG 24 " New forest practices and tools for adaptation and mitigation of climate change" ○ FG 25 "New grazing methods" <p>Supporting Operational Groups through thematic activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction (DG AGRI) ▪ Discussion in groups focusing on concrete ideas for networking initiatives gathering Operational Groups working on similar topics, e.g. organic farming ▪ Collecting ideas from the table discussions
10:45 – 11:15	Coffee break
11:15 – 12:45	<p>Interactive Session II "Working more effectively with Focus Groups"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Presentation of the study on the results of EIP-AGRI Focus Groups (Tanguy Chever, AND International) ▪ Q&A ▪ Break-out sessions in 3 groups discussing concrete ways for working more efficiently with Focus Groups, namely as regards FG connection with and support to Operational Groups

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12:45 – 14:00	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:00 – 14:30	Reporting back and conclusions from the break-out sessions
14:30 – 15:30	<p><i>Interactive Session III “Capacity building for better EIP-AGRI implementation”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction (<i>DG AGRI</i>) ▪ Discussion in groups focusing on concrete ideas for the forthcoming seminar "Experiences and challenges in implementing EIP-AGRI: where we are and what can we learn" ▪ Collecting ideas from the table discussions
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00 – 16:50	<p><i>Session IV: EIP-AGRI evaluation</i></p> <p>Presentation of the evaluation study of the implementation of the EIP-AGRI (Brad Rohmer COFFEY)</p>
16:50 – 17:00	<i>Wrap up / next steps</i>
17:00	Closing