



Subgroup on Innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability

6th Meeting

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Morning sessions

08:00 – 09:00 Registration & welcome coffee

09:00 – 09:30 Welcome & introduction *by Antonella Zona (DG AGRI)*

Report from the Cork Conference on rural development

Update on past and ongoing activities concerning farm data management and digitisation – presentations *by Iman boot (DG AGRI)*

Report from the EIP-AGRI workshop 'Cities & Food' – *Inge Van Oost (DG AGRI)*

09:30 – 10:45 Interactive session I "Shaping the thematic work for 2017"

Introduction *by Antonella Zona (DG AGRI)*

1st round: *break-out sessions in 3 groups*

A. Digital farming

B. Supply chain

C. Farm resilience

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:15 Interactive session I "Shaping the thematic work for 2017"

2nd round: *Break-out sessions in 3 groups*

D. Carbon farming & adaptation to climate change (2 groups)

E. Energy & water efficiency at farm level

12:15 – 13:30 Lunch break



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Afternoon sessions

12:15 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 14:20 Reporting back from the morning break-out sessions

14:20 – 14:30 Report from the workshop 'EIP-AGRI Networking & Communication'

– *Sirpa Karjalainen (DG AGRI)*



14:30 – 15:30 Interactive session II "OG networking, capacity building and peer exchange in 2017"

Presentation by *Jørgen Korning (SEGES)*

Introduction by *Anikó Seregélyi (DG AGRI)*

Discussion in groups focusing on concrete ideas for initiatives supporting OG networking at

EU level & peer-to-peer activities involving advisers

Collecting ideas from the table discussions



15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 – 16:45 Summary and input for the Rural Networks' Assembly

16:45 – 17:00 Next steps and closing



Interactive Session II “OG networking, capacity building and peer exchange in 2017”

Introduction to the session

Anikó Seregélyi

Operational Groups – Some data

- Planned in period 2014-2020: about 3205 OGs
- Currently operational: about 200 OGs
- Constantly growing number of OGs: need for networking, exchange of experiences, capacity building, peer exchange

Operational Groups - Networking

- ✓ **To know** about each other (info about the project, databases, common template → EIP-AGRI database, website)
- ✓ **To connect** with each other (OGs working in the same thematic areas, linking to H2020 TNs, multi-actor projects)
- ✓ **To learn** from each other (exchange of experiences, good practices, peer exchange)

The whole supporting environment is playing an important role to let it happen (MAs, NRNs, Advisors) + **EU level EIP-AGRI network**

EIP-AGRI Networking activities in 2016 (first experiences, networking and communication tools)

- **Workshop in Legnaro – Operational Groups: first experiences**
- ✓ **Video**
- ✓ OG brochure
- ✓ Report
- ✓ OG toolkit

Event page: <http://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/content/eip-agri-workshop-operational-groups-first-experiences>

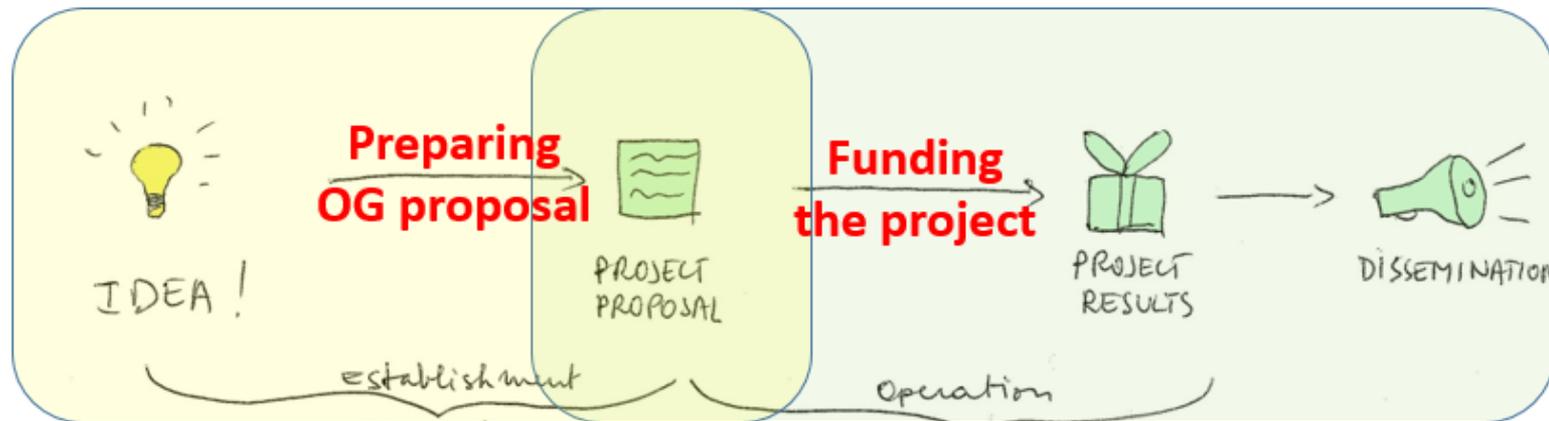
- **Workshop in Budapest – Networking and communication**
(NRNs, dedicated EIP networks – networking for OGs)

Operational Groups – Identified needs at the workshop

- Learn about **innovative and effective tools for managing the OG** during the full period of lifetime
- **Training for OG managers / coordinators**
- **Networking tools** for getting in touch with other OGs
- Advice on the **most appropriate tools for communication** and dissemination including the publishing of results
- **Keep in touch** and meet again!

OG Networking and capacity building in 2017

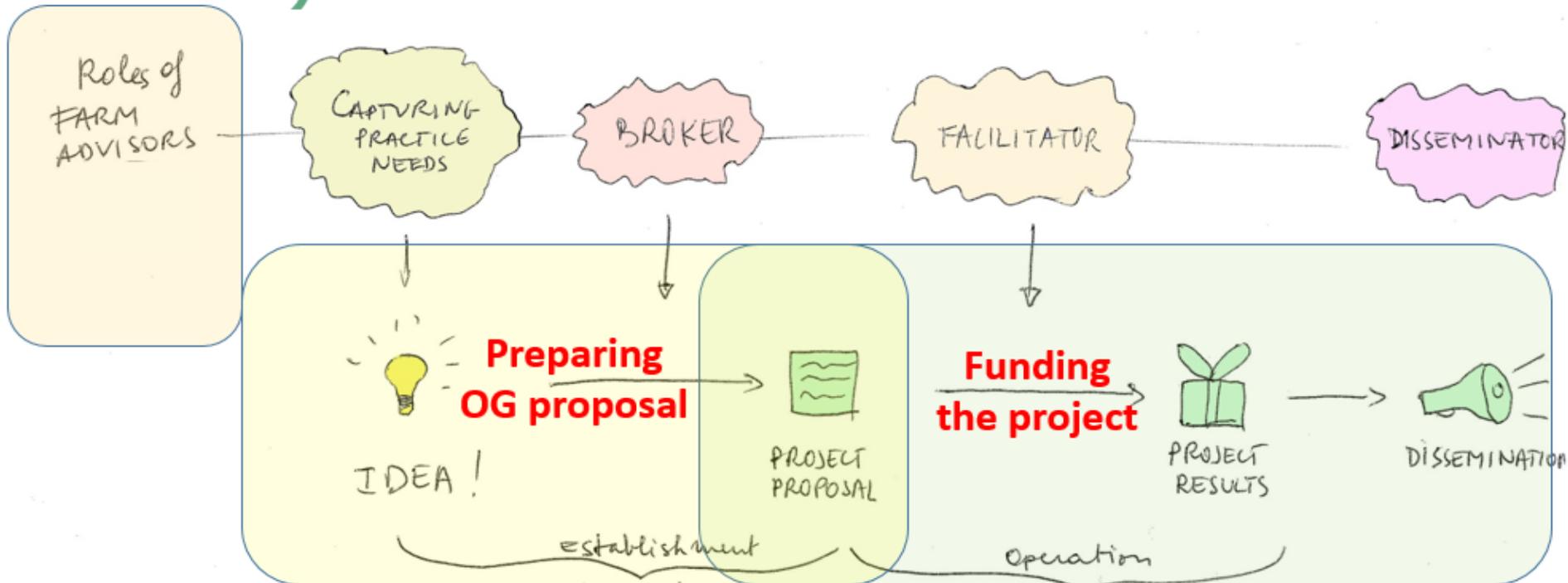
New roles for farm advisors focusing on innovation (innovation brokers, innovation support services)



Various types of help (well connected to agric. world):

- Help to start up a specific group = prepare the project (**innovation broker**)
- Help to facilitate the project (**facilitator**, intermediate bridging between actors)
- Innovation support service (broad term, covering the former and more)

New roles for farm advisors (innovation support services)



- Dissemination:

Connecting Operational Groups and generating "knowledge freely available to all" through **practice abstracts** in the EIP common format

Advisors – Role

- **Central role in linking and matching innovation actors and processes**
 - Providing information about funding opportunities
 - Matching farmer and its need to relevant researcher and research results
 - Translate research results to farmer language
 - Facilitate interaction
 - **Disseminate project results**

Advisors – Needs

- **Needs to fulfil this central role:**
 - **Improve existing toolkit** (org events, showcasing inspiring case studies, tailoring websites/databases, develop factsheets in native languages, tools for connecting partners)
 - **Support, capacity building and training** (directing resources for facilitation and training, receiving training and capacity in information sharing systems, support needed from national/regional farmer organisations, researchers)
 - **More exchanges are needed how ISS work accross the EU**
 - **Relevant learning experiences – visiting established OGs and innovation networks**