



# Reporting on EIP Operational Groups in SFC

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# The legal basis

Regulation (EU) 1305/2013, **Art. 57(3)**:

*"Operational groups shall disseminate the results of their project, in particular through the EIP network"*

## **EIP guidelines:**

- *"substantial results of use to others"*
- *"knowledge freely available to all"*
- *"In the framework of the EIP network, it is useful for raising awareness and opening up contact possibilities between OGs to communicate on the activities of operational groups **as from the start of their project.**"*

# The Common format for the output of EIP projects

**Guidelines** on Programming for Innovation and the Implementation of the EIP-AGRI (Feb 2016 update to version of Dec 2014)

Section 4.6 Dissemination of the results of operational groups: "**A common format, incl "practice abstract(s)"**, to communicate on operational groups during their activities and to disseminate their results ..."

refers to the content of the common format in the **updated Annex**: Common elements for project information to be disseminated to practitioners

## ***Common format for practitioners ('practice abstracts'):*** info shared through the EIP network

- Short and easily understandable **title** (one key sentence, max 150 char.)
- Short **summary/ies = "practice abstract(s)"** in easily understandable language (max 1500 char.):
  - What problem will the knowledge generated solve for the end-user? What will be the main benefits to the practitioner?
  - Main outcome/recommendation (2-3 main results)
- **Contact data:** Project coordinator (+ address, e-mail, telephone), text editor, project partners (+ address, e-mail, telephone), geographical location, project period, funding source & budget, link to project website and to a website where info stays long-term available



***Having potential innovative knowledge is one thing,  
turning it into reality is another.***

**"The value of an  
idea lies in the  
using of it."**

**Thomas Alva Edison –  
inventor of the light bulb**

# The Common format template in SFC

***N.B.** The (temporary) Excel template will be fully integrated in the SFC interface by the second half of 2016*

***Worth noting:*** the Excel template can be used as a support to help RD managing authorities to collect the required information from Operational Groups to facilitate transmission into SFC

# Common format template in SFC

## ***WHAT:***

- All fixed elements as requested in the "Common format" linked to the project + a number of "**Practice abstract(s)**" reflecting the evolving content/output of the project.
- Final report to be annexed to the Common format at the end of the project

## *Important:*

Unique project identifier (key for further updates)

# Common format template in SFC

	A	B	C	D	E	G	H
1	<b>Project Information</b>						
2							
3	Project Unique ID (see INSTRUCTIONS)		Mandatory				
4							
5	<b>Title of the project in native language:</b> short and easily understandable (one key sentence on the project; max 150 characters, word count – no spaces)		Mandatory	0 character(s) / 150			
6							
7	<b>Title of the project in English:</b> short and easily understandable (one key sentence on the project; max 150 characters, word count – no spaces)		Mandatory	0 character(s) / 150			
8							
9	<b>Geographical location</b>						
10	Country		Mandatory				
11	Rural Development Programme		Mandatory				
12	Main geographical location (NUTS3)		Mandatory				
13	Other geographical location		Optional				
14	Other geographical location		Optional				
15							
16	<b>Editor of the text:</b> person/organisation responsible for delivering the text		Mandatory	0 character(s) / 150			
17							
18	<b>Project coordinator (lead-partner) according to the cooperation/consortium agreement:</b>						
19	Name		Mandatory	0 character(s) / 150			
20	Address		Mandatory	0 character(s) / 150			
21	E-mail		Mandatory	0 character(s) / 150			
22	Telephone		Mandatory	0 character(s) / 150			
23							
24	<b>Project period:</b>						
25	starting date (YYYY)		Mandatory				
26	end date (YYYY)		Mandatory				
27							
28	<b>Project status:</b> ongoing (after selection of the project) or completed (after final payment)		Mandatory				
29							
30	<b>Main funding source</b> (Rural development programme, H2020, or other EU, national/regional or private funds)		Mandatory				
31							
32	<b>Total budget</b> of the project (in euros)		Mandatory				
33							
	<b>Objective of the project in English:</b>		Mandatory	0 character(s) / 600			

# Common format template in SFC

## **WHEN:**

- **at any moment** when useful, **all along the life-cycle** of the project, at least at the beginning and the end (= results) of the project

## **WHY:**

*(1) to enable contacting partners and incentivise efficient knowledge exchange, and*

*(2) to disseminate output and results of the project "ready and relevant for practice", in a concise and easy understandable way to practitioners.*

<https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/content/eip-agri-common-format>

# Common format template in SFC

## ***By WHO:***

**Operational Groups:** expected to provide main information to managing authorities through the template

- At the beginning (in principle through the ***application form***)
- For following updates
- At the end (+ final report)

**RD managing authorities:** transmission of information to the EC through SFC

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Strategic planning **Programming** Monitoring Execution Audit Closure Anti-fraud Utilities

- ▼ This module has no sub-items
- Operational programme (IGJ)
  - Cooperation programme (ETC)
  - Operational programme (FEAD)
  - Rural development programme (EAFRD)
  - Operational programme (EMFF)
  - Cooperation programme (IPA-CB)
  - National programme (AMIF,ISF)
  - Commission decision
  - Designation of authorities (IGJ,ETC,EMFF,IPA-CB,FEAD)
  - Designation of authorities (AMIF,ISF)
  - Transitory major project
  - Major project notification (Art.102(1) and 103)
  - Major project submission (Art. 102(2))
  - Other communications
  - Communication strategy
  - Ex-ante conditionality fulfilment report
  - Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance in Rural Development (IPA-RD)
  - Transnational cooperation project (EAFRD)
  - European innovation partnership (EAFRD)**

***Submitting the  
template in SFC:***

New menu item available



# WHERE TO FIND IT:

SFC2014 > *Support Portal* > Support Materials MS > Programming > EIP

The screenshot shows the SFC Support Portal website. The header includes the European Commission logo and the text 'SFC SUPPORT PORTAL System for Fund Management in the European Union'. A search bar is located in the top right corner. The navigation menu includes 'SFC2014', 'SFC2007', and 'MySFC'. Below the navigation menu, there are links for 'About SFC2014', 'News', 'Support Materials MS', 'Support Materials EC', 'Support Contact', and 'Anti-Fraud'. The main content area features a search bar for 'Support Materials MS' and a list of documents. The first document, 'Template EIP', is circled in red, and a red arrow points to it from the top right. The second document is 'Quick Guide'. Below the documents section, there is a 'Related videos' section with a video titled 'Standalone & Referring Documents Videoguide'.

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### Documents

	<b>Template EIP</b>	Excel template to use for the submission of an EIP project in SFC2014	29 - Feb - 2016
	<b>Quick Guide</b>	This document describes the specifications and details related to the management of Standalone and Referring documents.	09 - Mar - 2016

### Related videos

	<b>Standalone &amp; Referring Documents</b>	SFC2014: How to upload and send Standalone & Referring Documents Videoguide	07 - Mar - 2016
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<https://ec.europa.eu/sfc/en/2014/support-ms/eip>

## To sum up...

### ***Transmission of the EIP common format in SFC:***

- *New menu item under **Programming** > EIP*
- *Create "new document"*
- *Attach Excel file(s) / common format*
- *Send*

**The Excel file / common format is ready-to-use and print (PDF):** easier for contacting OGs, H2020 consortia partners, collecting and sharing information.

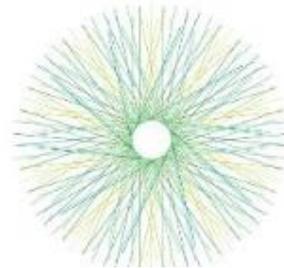
## Context for reporting/informing on OGs:

- Key in exchanging knowledge **within the framework of the EIP network**: raising awareness and encourage contacts (e.g. link with EIP SP events and EIP Focus Groups).
- As of H2020 call 2016, all **multi-actor projects and thematic networks** are obliged to produce practice abstracts and use the EIP "Common format"
- All other projects from whatever funding source are also welcomed to use the same format.
- All this will form a **unique practice-oriented interoperable repository** at EU level, rewarding researchers for impact.
- **Partner search**: the common format enables OGs to be quickly **visible** for other partners and innovation actors, H2020 consortia and national projects

## European Innovation Partnership **EIP-AGRI**

### Rural Development

- **Funding for setting up of an "Operational Group"**: farmers, advisors, agribusiness, researchers, NGOs, etc) planning an innovation project (Art 35)
- **Project funding** for the Operational Group's project (Art 35). This co-operation could be combined with other RD measures (e.g. investment, knowledge transfer, advice)
- Supporting **innovation support services**



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**EIP  
networks  
in  
MS/regions**

### Horizon 2020

- **Research projects**, to provide the knowledge base for innovative actions
- **Interactive** innovation formats such as **multi-actor projects and thematic networks** genuinely involving farmers, advisors, enterprises, etc.... **"all along the project"**

**Involvement of OGs is strongly recommended**

# An EU wide EIP network, supported under Rural development policy



Linking with H2020

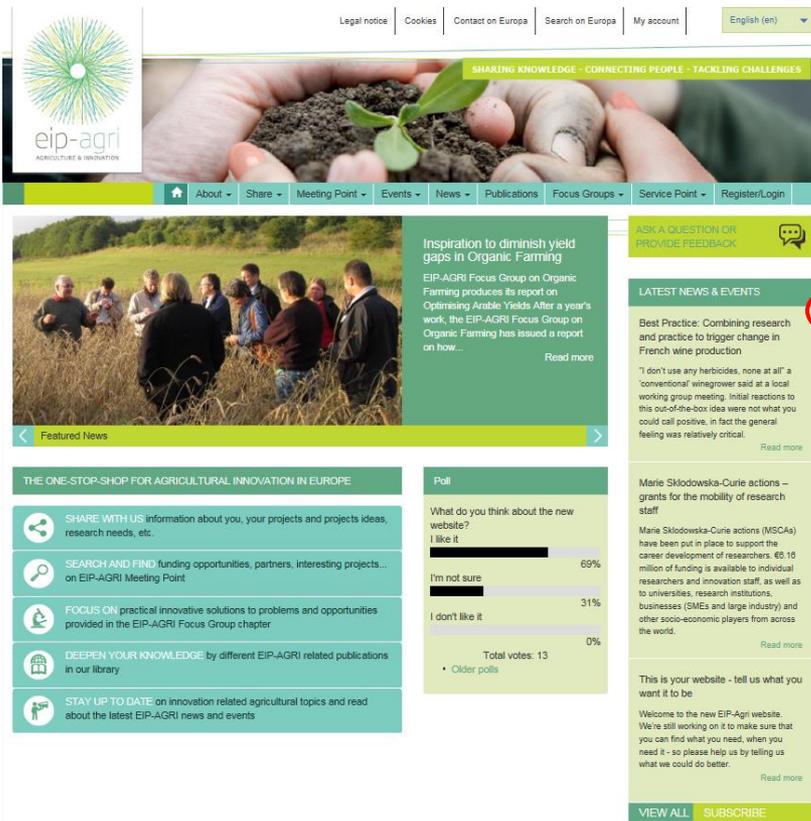


## ***Focus on the role of EIP networking at national/regional level by NRNs:***

Connecting actors and animating innovative actions (Art.54):

- The **action plan of the National Rural Network (NRN)** should foster innovation and cover at least
  - the **search of partners** for Operational Groups
  - provide networking for advisors and **innovation support services**
- So, the NRN activities should connect within the region/country to existing networks and experience, and link to advisors and other actors to incentivise innovation projects and sharing needs from practice and information
- NRNs will make use of the info in the EIP common format for connecting partners and projects (=> **reflect on OG info exchange mode between NRN/Man. Auth.**)

# The EIP-AGRI website



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<http://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture>

# Learn about Horizon 2020 multi-actor projects

**Workshop "Interactive innovation in motion: multi-actor projects and thematic networks under Horizon 2020" 24/11/2015:**

Event page:

<https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020/en/news/interactive-innovation-motion-multi-actor-projects-and-thematic-networks-under-horizon-2020>



**Multi-actor approach and thematic networks in call 2016: videostreamed presentation** (from 0:53:00 till 01:47:00)  
<https://scic.ec.europa.eu/streaming/workshop-on-multi-actor-approach-and-thematic-networks-under-horizon-2020>

**+ Questions & answers, including examples from call 2014**

***Innovation is: an idea put into  
practice with success !***



***Thank you for your attention***

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