

Progress of the EIP IMPLEMENTATION in Germany

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16 Regions – diversity in Germany

National Level

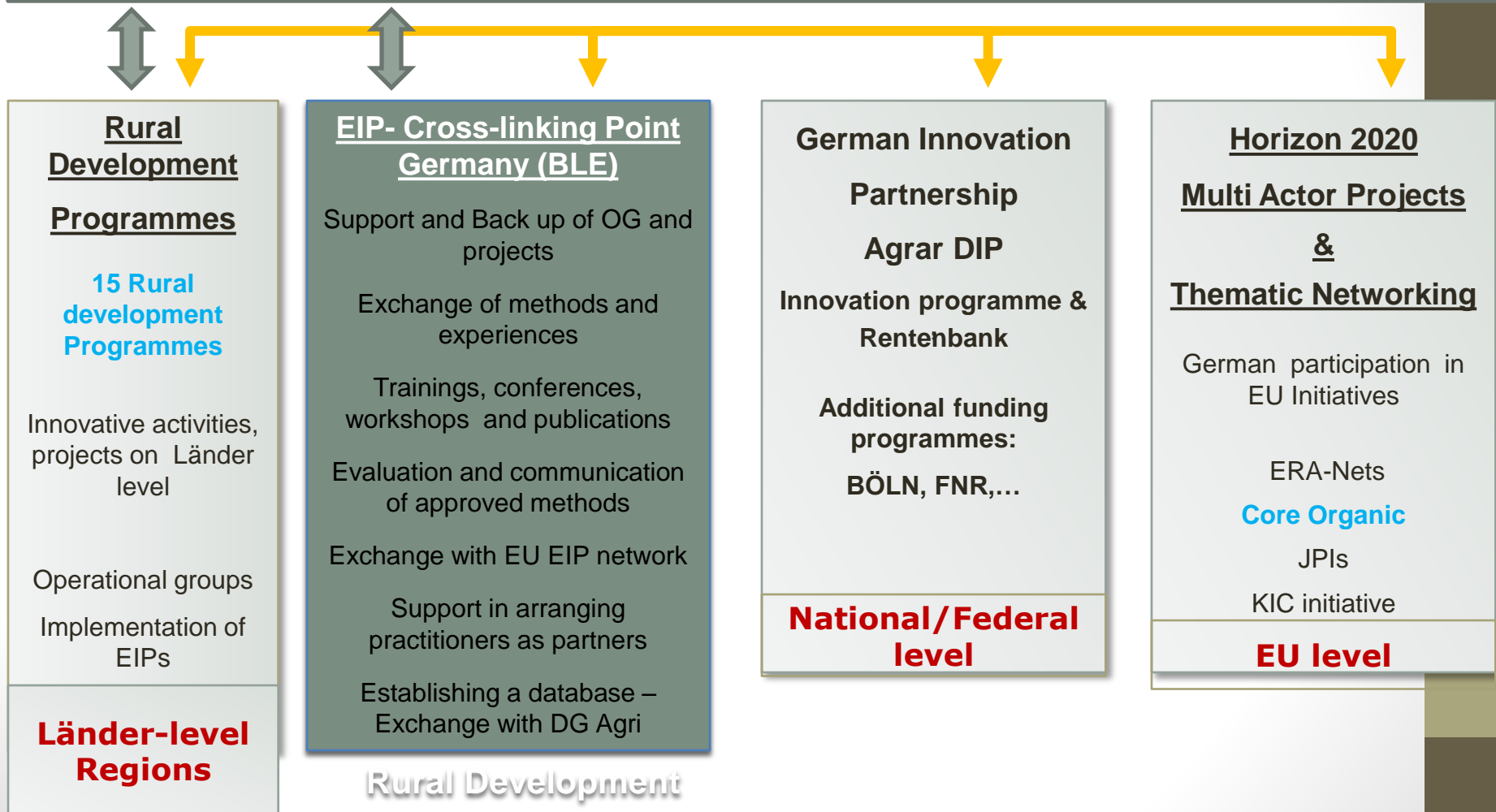




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Perspectives for cross-linking and implementation in Germany

Bund-Länder working group for coordination of EIPs (national /regional)



Progress in EIP implementation

- Since autumn 2014: All 15 German rural development programmes have been approved by the Commission (National Network Programme, National Framework Programme and 13 regional programmes).
- Almost all regional programmes (with the exception of “Saarland”) foresee the implementation of the EIP AGRI.
- There were some difficulties in the interpretation of the concept of operational groups according to the guidelines of the Commission. The clarification in the updated guidelines (December 2014) -> “one operational group = one project” proved to be very helpful.

Call for Operational groups

- In one German Land (Schleswig- Holstein) the selection process for operational groups has already been finished (according to our information this is the first region in the EU having actually started funding operational groups) -> 17 projects have been chosen
<http://www.eip-agrar-sh.de/eip-innovationsprojekte/uebersicht-der-ausgewaehlten-projekte/>
-> The first operational groups already started their project work
- The Land Mecklenburg-Vorpommern applied a two-stage call and already finished the pre-selection of eligible EIP AGRI projects.
- The following regions are in the selection phase after having finished respective calls: Hessen (call ended 2nd October), Niedersachsen, Sachsen, Thüringen (call ended 30 September)
- The following German regions have published calls that are still open: Baden-Württemberg, Berlin/Brandenburg (call ends 15 October), Hessen, Rheinland-Pfalz (call ends 16 October)

Call for Operational groups

- Content of calls:

The approach of the German Laender to the calls for EIP AGRI operational Groups differ: Some choose a more “general” call, providing for a wide range of topics, others made a selection of topics according to regional challenges and needs (e.g. protein crops, moorland).

- Most calls make the participation of a farmer/forester in an operational Group either a condition for operational Groups or foresee a special “bonus” in the selection criteria.

Linking the OG's to the broader EIP framework

- The “German Vernetzungsstelle” (DVS) is currently developing an EIP AGRI Database.
- There has been a close exchange between the DVS and the relevant colleagues of the DG AGRI and the EIP AGRI Service Point in developing the German Database.

Brokering, networking and monitoring

- Many German Laender established an “Innovation Support Service Provider”, either externally or within the administration.
- External “Innovation Support Service Provider” currently operate in Berlin/Brandenburg, Hessen and Schleswig-Holstein.
- A special “Innovation Support Service Provider” function within the administration has been established in Baden-Württemberg, Bayern and Sachsen.