

Progress of the EIP IMPLEMENTATION in FRANCE

Progress in EIP implementation

- Autumn 2014 : First version of RDP's submitted in April 2014 and first negotiation with the EC (including National Framework and National Rural Network program)
- 16 (of 27) adopted RDP's on September 22th
- Specific program of the National Rural Network adopted in February 2015
- EIP National Unit Support launched in February (1,5 FTE)
- 6 EIP OGs call for project among French regions (Rhône-Alpes; Languedoc-Roussillon ; Midi-Pyrénées ; Bretagne -Pays de la Loire ; Bourgogne).
- Tools pooling (Partnership contract)
- Good H2020 results for French Development and Innovation organisation (Chambers of Agriculture, Technical Institutes,....)
- New dynamics improving broad stakeholders partnerships (i.e. forestry sector).
- Difficulties in harvesting information and identifying Regional EIP OGs Calls for projects
- Difficult learning process about National State fundings framework for Regions (EC notification).
- Adoption of the whole RDP's
- Planning of EIP OGs Regional call for projects
- Completion of EIP Implementation tools (i.e. financial management ; data processing)
- EIP national action plan 2016- 2020 (December 201

Call for Operational groups

- If already organised:
 - OGs Thematic among 6 calls : Agroécologie, Pesticide use, Climate Change, Farms Competitiveness, Protein autonomy, diversification, short supply chain, Bioéconomie
 - (+) Innovation Support Services (INRA) in Region Rhone-Alpes for the EIPS calls.
 - (-) Administrative complexity for new managing authorities
 - (-) The major R&I organisations are successful (and not small actors and SME's > lack of communication and information for small actors).
 - Wide range of experts (Evaluation Committee + Steering Committee / Regional Committee + National Committee). Diversity of evaluation criteria among regions in line with regional objectives.
 - Sometimes conflict of interest in the evaluation process.
- If there was no call yet:
 - Future calls once the RDPs will be validated by the EC > 2016.
 - Difficult learning process about National State fundings framework for Regions (EC notification).
 - Administrative complexity and pooling of tools.

Linking the OG's to the broader EIP framework

- National Platform for collecting OG's initiative and outcomes in line with the architecture of the EIP AGRI Service Point Platform (on progress).
 - Including Forum to foster exchanges among OGs
- Call for project for National thematic Networks to link *National* and *Regional* initiatives and actors around a several thematics (Agroécologie - Organic agriculture – Outermost Regions – Circular economy – Agroforestry – Short supply chain)
- Links among the whole OGs among regions and by thematics: National EIP action plan 2016.
- Common format to spread and disseminate project outcomes (among OG's, ERA-NET, H2020).
- Communication and training of National and Regional actors about H2020 and EIP interactions during the H2020 NCP regionals infodays and national meeting
- Individual advices towards R&I actors

Brokering, networking and monitoring

- Consulting Agencies / regional Innovation agencies / R&I actors / Regional Rural Network
- Networking
 - Network of EIP Programming Authorities animated by the 2 regions (ARF) (pooling, communication, Information)
 - > Linked to the National EIP Unit + National Rural Network (27 Regional Rural Network).
- Monitoring
 - Implementation just started > no monitoring scheme in place.