

PROGRESS OF THE EIP IMPLEMENTATION IN FRANCE

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Bottlenecks and Best Practices

- 27 RD programs – on negotiation with the EC
- Cooperation measure uptaken in the whole regions but with a certain heterogeneity (from 1M€ to More than 20M€)
- No OG funded by FEADER so far
- But a wide range of French projects with the same characteristics than OG:
 - GIEE : “Groups of Economic & Ecologic Interest”
 - CASDAR “Innovation & Partnership projects” – Applied research / development / transfer.
 - FUI projects : PPP in the frame of “competitiveness cluster”
 - ...

Bottlenecks and Best Practices

- *Best practices to share in introducing the Interactive Innovation model and operational groups in the RD Plans*
- Dedicated incentives funds to set up multi-actor partnership from 2006: CASDAR projects / FUI projects / start in ANR projects
- RMT: Joint technological Network” gathering all kind of stakeholders around systemic approaches (22?)
- GIS: Groups of Scientifics Interest: 10 GIS by sector and themes.
- UMT: “Joint technological Units” gathering Oriented and Applied research.

National / regional EIP network

Will there be a national/regional EIP network?

- Specific program National rural network + Regional Rural Networks in most of the regions.
- Dedicated EIP Network within National rural network

Who will manage this network?

- National Management Authorities (i.e. the Ministry of Agriculture)
- Management by the Ministry + French Region Assembly + Governmental entity in charge of territorial equality.

National / regional EIP network

What will be the network's tasks?

- Networking of stakeholders: research, development, innovation, RD and management authorities.
- Set up thematic networks of OGs and foster trans regional and transnational cooperation (Platform)
- Facilitate the involvement of EIP stakeholders to the EIP activities at EU level. (Pillar 2 and H2020)

Are Advisory Services involved in RD to promote innovation?

- Chambers of Agriculture set up their own Innovation network across French regions
- Aim of ACTA & ACTIA networks to promote innovation.

Are research organisations well involved in the rural network / EIP network?

- Research and Innovation Support Services (including training and education) committed in National rural Network and in action plan proposals

Interaction with Research

Has the organisation or programming of research in your country been influenced by the EIP ?

- “National Rural and Agricultural Development program” of the Ministry of Agriculture which frame Technical Institutes and Chambers of Agriculture Activities : Focus on EIP - EU and regional multi-actors cooperation's as axes and interaction with CASDAR funds.
- Same programming period timeline....
- No Impact on Research programs so far but impact on practices and partnership.
- But the National Policy “Produisons Autrement” (2012) of the Ministry of Agriculture in line with EIP thematic

Interaction with Research

Do the Operational Groups have access to the research system in your country?

- Research (oriented or applied) as component/ pillar of OGs.
- But still difficult access to research for farmers/ farmers groups

Are there incentives for researchers to participate in Operational Groups?

- Evolution of Scientist evaluation systems taking into account operational partnerships...
- EIP and OGs not yet running....and not well known in research communities...
- Despite strong communication/information from the Ministries and the several RDI networks.
- Research Institutes have also their own priorities..

Interaction with Research

Were research organisations from your country active in proposals for Thematic Networks and Multi-actor projects in H2020?

- Applied research (ACTA) and Chambers of Agriculture (APCA) very active in Thematic networks (Around 12). But Oriented research not so much involved in TN.
- Oriented and Applied Research very active in Multi-actor project. But Chambers of Agriculture not so much involved in MAP.

Did they experience difficulties due to the character of such projects?

- Such projects totally in line with Applied research institutes skills
- Oriented research not so used to these new projects paradigms and partnerships
- Involvement of farmers, indirectly through cooperatives and chambers of agriculture...
- More difficulties for farmers groups not directly linked to these organisations