

PROGRESS OF THE EIP IMPLEMENTATION IN SPAIN

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Bottlenecks and Best Practices

- Main bottlenecks in the uptake of the interactive innovation model with operational groups: the issues and questions raised etc.?
 - How call for OG´s will be managed (number of participants, Schedule, aspects requested, funding,...)
 - Who will be the beneficiaries (Legal status, private organisations, public research institutes, Universities,...)
 - Role of Innovation broker and funding
 - Need for strong dissemination (ownership of foreground)
- Best practices to share in introducing the Interactive Innovation model and operational groups in the RD Plans
 - Implementation of Measure 124 in Catalonia RDP 2007-2013
 - Other interactive projects already mentioned in AKIS II (seedless watermelon, med fruit fly, kakhi, Asturian berries, Fruitnet,...)

National / regional EIP network

- Will there be a national/regional EIP network? Yes
- Who will manage this network? DG Rural Development-Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment and the competent Regional Gov. For regional EIP networks
- What will be the network's tasks?
 - Information
 - Animation
 - Dissemination of results
- Are Advisory Services involved in RD to promote innovation?
 - Actually, Advisory Services are not one single body in Spain, there are different typologies of advisory services depending on the regions.
- Are research organisations well involved in the rural network / EIP network? Yes, both at National (INIA and CSIC) and regional level (Reg. Agric. R+D centers , Higher Education Centers ,Tech Centers,...) . INIA is developing a web platform (AGRIPA) to enhance the relations within for the scientific community that will be linked to the EIP network

Interaction with Research

- Has the organisation or programming of research in your country been influenced by the EIP ?
 - In Spain the State plan for R+D+i 2013-2016 is fully aligned with EU policies and H2020. It can be said that more than influenced the national mechanisms for funding R+D+i have been developed to create synergies with other EU.
 - Public-Private collaborations enhanced since 2012
- Do the Operational Groups have access to the research system in your country?
 - No existing experience for OG, but from other experiences already explained it is considered that the R system is open for collaborations with OG's and other figures.
- Are there incentives for researchers to participate in Operational Groups?
 - Development of their groups
 - Social/sectoral recognition

Interaction with Research

- Were research organisations from your country active in proposals for Thematic Networks and Multi-actor projects in H2020? **Yes**
- If yes: did they experience difficulties due to the character of such projects?
 - Administrative problems to get different partners in a consortium regarding other aspects of balance. It was used the possibility for enlarging the participants by including some as third party and subcontracting as well, but sometimes is not well recognised by coordinators and evaluators??
 - Difficulties for some researchers coming from the Academia to understand and implement correctly the “multiactor” approach. Perhaps it should be useful to give not only the footnote reference at the WP, but also some guidance and examples (after first call it will be easier to do in this way).