



PROGRESS OF THE EIP IMPLEMENTATION IN SWEDEN

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Bottlenecks

- To find the innovators among the practitioners
- The role of the Innovation support
- Individual Personal Rights in the innovation process

Best Practices

- Experiences from earlier RD work  2 step model at application
- Experiences from participatory research  possible need for process support in OGs

National/regional EIP network

The national EIP-work will be coordinated by the Rural Network and will

- Interact with and inform about EIP-Agri internationally
- Enhance meeting places to identify challenges and innovation ideas from practice
- Enhance exchange of knowledge and experiences between Swedish actors and between Swedish actors and actors in other EU-countries by OGs, thematic networks, focus groups, et al
- Coordination and follow up of innovation support
- Promote and follow up of OGs, disseminate experiences of OG-work
- Advisory Services will be involved in RD to promote innovation. EIP can play an important role in strengthening the innovation systems and establish new networks.
- Research organisations will be involved in the rural network / EIP network, but the role of research needs to be additionally clarified.

Interaction with Research

- Swedish Farmers' Foundation for Agricultural Research (SLF) has changed the application system to a 2 step model. To get an application approved there has to be an advisor and/or a farmer/enterpriser as co-applicants and project owner together with a researcher.
- The Operational Groups will have access to information about the research system and get support if needed to get relevant information
- Yes, but it is dependent on the tasks of the operational groups and the role that can be given to researchers. There, might also be operational groups which has emerged from a problem defined by both farmers and researchers.
- To get paid for the work is a good incentives for researchers as for others to participate in Operational Groups

Interaction with Research

- Yes, there are several project proposals launched for H2020. This include both coordinating large-scale collaborative projects and acting as a partners and cost-actions. Participation in H2020 multi-actor projects can also be connected to operational groups
- The main difficulties are related to developing strong partnerships and succeeding in balancing research objectives with administrative requirements.
- Researchers and organizations in a region are involved in EuroDairy, a Thematic Network about milk production, hopefully partly financed by H2020.
- There are some difficulties to find national funding partly for EuroDairy due to delayed opening of the Rural Development Programme.
- There are no problems to build interactive groups in Sweden in EuroDairy thanks to close relations between farmers, researchers and advisory service in the actual region.