

PROGRESS OF THE EIP IMPLEMENTATION IN GERMANY

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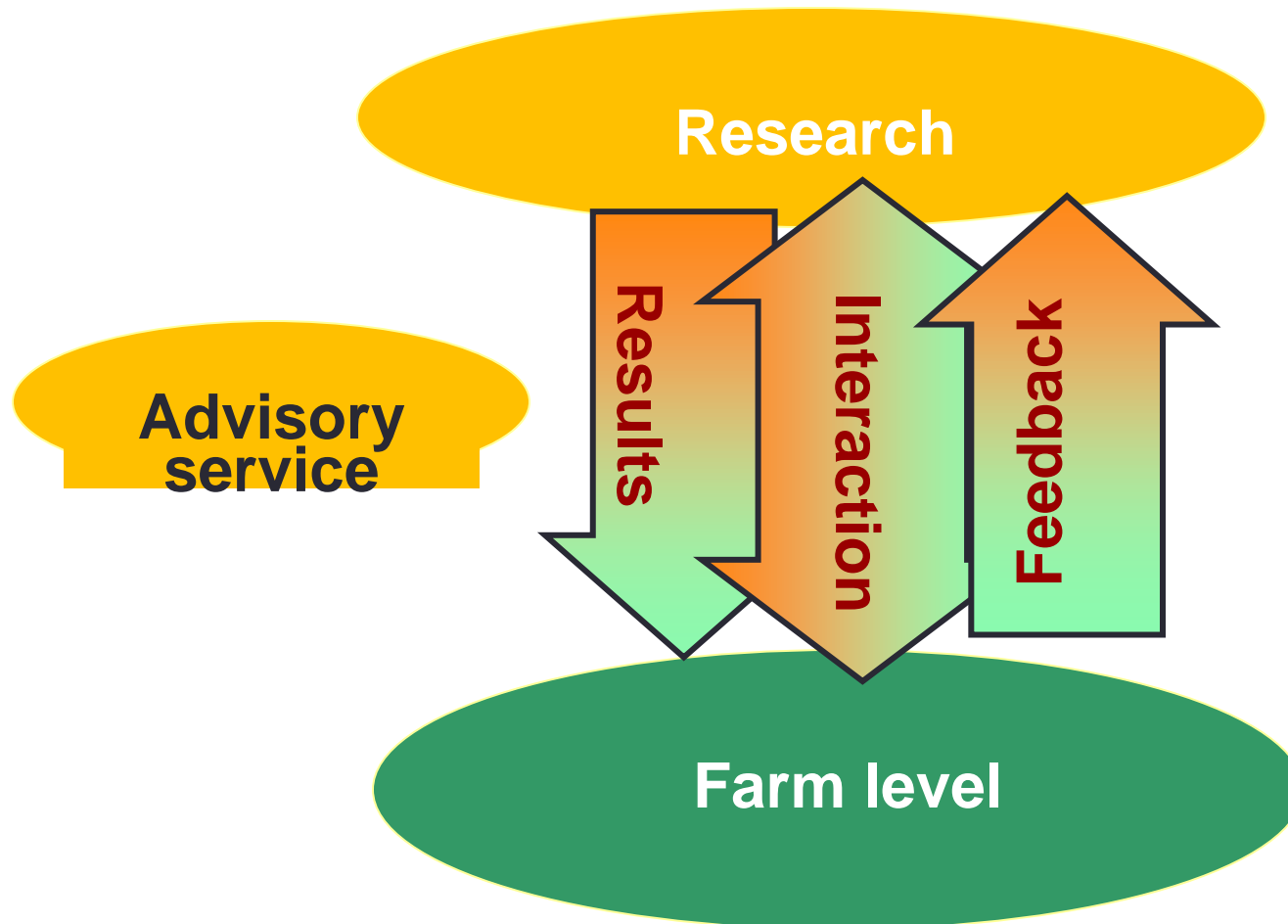


The European Innovation Partnership for Agriculture (EIP-AGRI) aims to bring rural development, farming and the research together

How will this new policy instrument be implemented in Germany?
State of the play



Implementation of EIP – A new Challenge for all Actors in the Agricultural domain Same challenge RD & Multi actor projects





The two sides of EIP-Agrar EIP financing options

Controlled by the
Commission:
Call for
proposals

Always
partners from
at least 3
member states
required

New EU- research
framework programme
Horizon 2020

European EIP Service Point

Horizon 2020
**Multi-Actor-
Projects**

Horizon 2020
**Thematic
Networks**

**Start Horizon 2020
(1st WP)
1 January 2014**

2nd pillar
Agricultural support
Rural Development

nat. EIP Cross-linking Point
„EIP-Vernetzungsstelle“

Rural Development
Operational Groups

Action plan

Projects

**Start of “Laender
programmes”
2015**

Controlled by the
Federal States
(Laender-
national)

Groups act
within one
Federal State



16 Regions – diversity in Germany

National Level

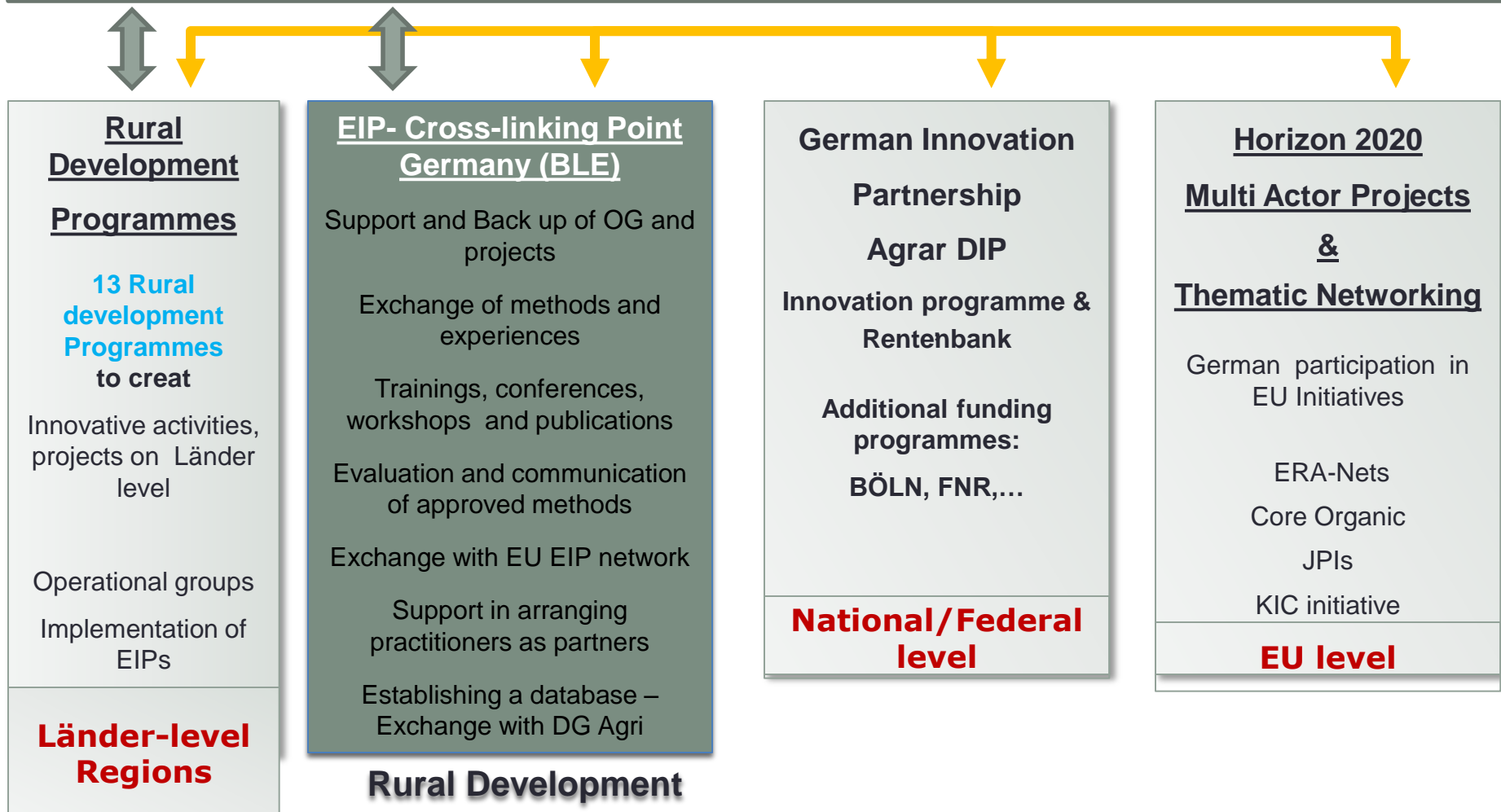




EIP

Perspectives for cross-linking and implementation in Germany

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





Operational Groups in the Regions (Bundeslaendern)

- In total, there are 16 Bundesländer in Germany – 13 Bundesländer are developing Länder programmes – duplication of topics are to be avoided. The Länder programmes are expected to start in 2015 – projects will follow 2015 (Evaluation COM)
- **In some Länder will set up topics (topic list)** for publishing calls (**regional level** - OG apply for implementation (**top down**)).
- Some Länder offer to OG the opportunity of proposing topics –(**bottom up**), some of them have an informal call.
- Länder / Bund / the EIP-Network organise moderators, facilitators and scouts (Innovation Broker) to bring the actors together in OG.
- Calls should be published once a year or 2 to 3 times during the funding period – BB, SH already have informal calls.
- **Main questions within the process:**
 - Cross-Länder financing
 - Process for project selection, evaluation and monitoring
 - Interlinkage to existing relevant networks
 - How to bridge Horizon 2020 and Rural Development



EIP Implementation in Germany - Further Steps

Rural Development:

- National Level – „Bund“: Establishment of a national facility at BLE (national coordination support)
- Regional Level – „Länder“: Establishment of regional programmes – responsibility for the implementation of EIP-approach (pillar 2) Länder Programmes are written – COM for evaluation / notification – 2015

Horizon 2020

- 2014: Direct involvement of existing Network e.g. ERA-Net-Projects. Building „Light house projects“ (Multi-actor projects, Thematic Networking)
- 2015: Workshops with relevant actors along the whole value added chain – Information & partnering for new Networking under Horizon to prepare Multi Actor Projects and Thematic Networking (ERA-Nets: ICT-Agri, SUSFOOD, Core Organic)

Conferences in 2013/2014

The bridge between Rural Development and Horizon 2020

- Two days conference in Berlin on 24./25. June 2014
- 1st day: EIP under Rural development
- 2nd day: EIP under Horizon 2020

Main questions of interest

Bottlenecks and Best Practices

- Main bottlenecks in the uptake of the interactive innovation model with operational groups

Lack in information and motivation / different actors

How to start knowledge exchange between the actors?

- Best practices to share in introducing the Interactive Innovation model and operational groups in the RD Plans

Use of Advisory Services to promote innovation / to support “bottom up” process and interaction between research and farm level - how to convince farmers and researcher?

Main questions of interest

National / regional EIP network

- Will there be a national/regional EIP network? - yes
- Who will manage this network?

Regions (Länder) & National facility at BLE

- What will be the network's tasks?

Support and back up of OG, Training & Partnering,
Establishing of database, Exchange DG Agri and EIP
Service point

- Are Advisory Services involved in RD to promote innovation? Question for Chambers
- Are research organisations well involved in the rural network / EIP network?

Practice organisation of chambers and regions
(Landesanstalten, Versuchsanstalten), Universities less

Main questions of interest

Interaction with Research

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

The EIP was influenced by national research programs
e.g. Federal Organic Farming Scheme

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

Database is under progress – Set up 2015

- Are there incentives for researchers to participate in Operational Groups? –

No evidence on national level, asking the Regions

Main questions of interest

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? – **Feedback from researchers**
 - **New structures of consortia – difficulties to find new partners**
 - **Non support from institutions – no interest on “Applied research” – low scientific impact factor for publications, “Multi actor projects = 60plus projects”**
 - **Success-rate for proposals to low – easier to get a project on national level**