



PROGRESS OF THE EIP IMPLEMENTATION IN FLANDERS - BELGIUM

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- WE ARE INTERESTED IN:
 - BOTTLENECKS EXPERIENCED / BEST PRACTICES TO SHARE IN THE UPTAKE OF THE INTERACTIVE INNOVATION APPROACH IN THE RD PLANS
 - THE ORGANISATION OF THE EIP IN YOUR COUNTRY, INCLUDING THE ROLE OF ADVISORY SERVICES AND RESEARCH IN RD
 - EXPERIENCES IN PROPOSING MULTI-ACTOR PROJECTS AND THEMATIC NETWORKS
 - THE EFFECTS OF THE EIP ON THE PROGRAMMING / ORGANISATION OF RESEARCH IN YOUR COUNTRY

Bottlenecks and Best Practices

- Main bottlenecks in the uptake of the interactive innovation model with operational groups: the issues and questions raised etc.?
 - Advice by the Strategic Advisory Board
 - Payment in advance (instead of halfway and at the end)
 - Selection criteria (expected output)
 - Low administrative burden
 - 2 stage procedure
 - Increased budget
 - Link results – other funding instruments
 - Clarify the communication requirement
 - Representation in and interaction with EU EIP network
- Best practices to share in introducing the Interactive Innovation model and operational groups in the RD Plans

National / regional EIP network

- Will there be a national/regional EIP network?
 - Yes
- Who will manage this network?
 - Flemish Rural Network
 - Managing authority for the EIP measure
 - Platform for Agricultural Research
- What will be the network's tasks?
 - Management of the EIP network
 - Identify good practices, make them available and communication
 - Collaboration at the EU level
 - Organisation of activities aimed at knowledge transfer and innovation

National / regional EIP network

- Are Advisory Services involved in RD to promote innovation?
 - Private advisory services: no
 - Public advisory services (experimental stations, governmental advisory services): yes
- Are research organisations well involved in the rural network / EIP network?
 - Research organisations are not a traditional target group of the rural network
 - Therefore the choice for an EIP network involving two extra actors

Interaction with research

- Has the organisation or programming of research in your country been influenced by the EIP ?
 - Flanders has no research programs: bottom-up approach
 - Interaction with OG's could support the demand-driven character of research proposals
- Do the Operational Groups have access to the research system in your country?
 - Clear choice for an open research system
 - Overlap in actors
- Are there incentives for researchers to participate in Operational Groups?
 - Direct: No
 - Indirect: OG could be the preparatory phase for submitting a research proposal or proposal for other types of funding

- 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?
 - e.g. involving other types of actors as a partner or subcontractor?
 - e.g. difficulties to find operational / interactive groups?
 - Not evident to design an adequate organisational structure
 - Very different approaches between consortia
 - Choice of partners within Flanders / Belgium