

# EXPERIENCES WITH REPORTING ON OG'S

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# REPORTING ON OPERATIONAL GROUPS IN THE UK

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# Reporting on operational groups

- 1) *OG disseminating research results or information to whole stakeholder community (e.g. Defra's Genetic Improvement Networks)*

*OG includes research, commercial breeders, farmers, advisors...*

- **Project Contract obligations** : Annual scientific reports by researchers on objectives, milestones, meetings, workshops, dissemination. Final report on Defra website
- **By Consortium agreement**: Regular newsletters for stakeholders with project descriptions, updates on results and dissemination events, publications, outcomes/impact; **Project website**, hosted by research Institute, with full public access, also illustrating trials and workshop activities, information database, germplasm available

# Reporting on operational groups

2) OG providing research results or information for consortium partners, in first instance (e.g. LINK collaborative R&D: “Crops clubs”)

OG consists of official consortium partners (researchers and industry funders/in-kind contributors) plus others they invite to join)

- **Government grant obligations:** Consortium agreement (for IP etc);

Six-monthly Project Management meetings – agreed minutes and annual Report to record progress/future plans. Final report to Sponsor (consortium owned and confidential until published by Consortium).

Strongly encouraged to have an agreed Dissemination Plan

Also LINK Completion form, recording experience of all partners

- **Consortium agreement** or often in-kind (levy body) component: Non-technical summary and “topic sheets” for wider knowledge exchange with industry (on suitable website).
- Subsequently, edited final report may also be made available too.

# REPORTING ON OPERATIONAL GROUPS IN IRELAND

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# Reporting on operational groups

Q: Do you have (or plan) such a database (or examples) of reporting on innovation initiatives in your country? What information is in it? What guidance do you give on the useful content to be put in the database

A: Yes, there will be a database that will report on the key aspects of each project but it is not yet designed

# Reporting on operational groups

Q: Would it be useful to have a uniform reporting format in the EU, which sets requirements or gives guidance for minimum reporting?

A: As MS's have differing views on exactly how they plan to organise EIP operational groups, a uniform database although useful may be difficult to design.

However, possible that the key outputs and outcomes could be reported in a uniform way

# Reporting on operational groups

Q: How could such a central database of information be organized?

A: From an EU perspective the EIP Network would play a central role, while nationally DAFM will be looking at various options including the possibility of availing of the National Rural Network.



# REPORTING ON OPERATIONAL GROUPS IN FLANDERS (BELGIUM)

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# Reporting on operational groups

- Database on innovation initiatives
  - Planned within the Flemish EIP network
    - Not started because unclear what will be required
    - Reporting obligation of the OG foreseen in the legislation
  - Existing database for research funded by IWT
    - <http://www.innovatienetwerk.be/projects>
    - Obligatory: title, funding scheme, start and end date, summary, partners, contact, key words
    - Optional: objectives, target group, results
- Uniform reporting format
  - Would be welcome if clear and easy (not too strict)
  - Needed on the short term
- Central database of information: ?



Some examples for databases in France  
containing results of research projects

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# ECOPHYTOPIC

[www.ecophytopic.fr](http://www.ecophytopic.fr)

- A crosscutting platform and several sectoral platforms
- Content: control methods in crop protection, monitoring notions, tools for decision support, training, innovation, research, concept of approach system
- A reference point for the regulation and practice impacts



# ECOPHYTOPIC

## Purposes:

- To educate professionals from the agricultural sector in the IPM
- To change practices in order to reduce the use of plant protection products
- To answer article 14 of the directive 2009/128/CE on the availability of elements about IPM and this way to meet the purposes of the programme « Ecophyto »



# ECOPHYTOPIC

## For whom?

- Farmers, advisors, trainers
- Everyone who is interested in the integrated crop production

## What?

- Practical information
- Tool box
- Training
- What is new?
- Schedule
- Press review
- Experiments and experience from farmers and advisors
- Results from the DEPHY network
- Synthetic sheet with results for research projects (ongoing)



# Website of the MAAF for CASDAR projects

<http://agriculture.gouv.fr/development-agricole-et-rural>

## Content:

- All actions concerning applied research and rural and agricultural development
- Information about orientations of CASDAR programmes
- Legal bases
- The different funded programmes
- Brief information related to the project funded



# Website MAAF/CASDAR

## Objectives:

- To give general information to the public about everything that can be funded by CASDAR funds

## What?

- Annual programmes: orientations, contract of objectives, programme sheets (in future)
- Calls for projects: rules for ongoing projects, funding decisions, project summary sheet while launching the project, link to get access to the results published in the Revue de l'innovation (INRA)
- One sheet for every RMT





# PNDAR

## Project1:

- To define and to implement a strategy in order to capitalise data and results produced within PNDAR fundings (mutualisation of reference data bases, interoperability of information systems in order to facilitate exchange and access)

## Project2:

- To define and to implement a strategy in order to validate the results from projects or experiences on field and their dissemination through existing arrangements (or arrangements to be created)
- 2014: definition of the project specifications



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# REPORTING ON OPERATIONAL GROUPS in The Netherlands

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# Actions on database so far

- Start organizing network
- First operational groups are in place
- No database so far

# Suggestions

- Good experience in other groups with geo-based databank
- Uniform e-information sheet would be very helpful
- Operational groups could download a format. Fill it in and send it to regional or national network. They can put it in a geo databank, supported by service point.

# REPORTING ON OPERATIONAL GROUPS IN ESTONIA

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# Reporting on operational groups

Do you have (or plan) such a database (or examples) of reporting on innovation initiatives in your country? What information is in it? What guidance do you give on the useful content to be put in the database

## **Databases:**

1) European Union Structural Assistance to Estonia

Information: Project name and description, Beneficiary, Funded by who and grant amount, 5 min youtube video about project

2) Enterprise Estonia granted projects (inc innovative)

Information: Project name, Granted amount, The whole amount of the project, Area, Measure or program, date.

3) Estonian Research Portal: a comprehensive database classified according to researchers, publications, projects, etc.

## **Planning database specially for Estonian EIP groups:**

Results should be reported firstly to NRN EIP contact. Estonian EIP operational groups results are available for everyone in the website [www.maainfo.ee](http://www.maainfo.ee)

# Would it be useful to have a uniform reporting format in the EU, which sets requirements or gives guidance for minimum reporting?

- It is necessary, but it is challenge for EU to implement it effectively and in which language?

Minimum information should be:

- 1) Project name
- 2) Project description
- 3) Short youtube video about project (recommended)
- 4) Area
- 5) Website address for more information
- 6) Project initiator's name and contact



# How could such a central database of information be organized?

- It might be linked to an already existing portal or database (CORDIS?) in order to emphasize the nature of the projects as building links between private sector/academia/etc.

# REPORTING ON OPERATIONAL GROUPS IN <<ITALY>>

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# Uniforming Reporting formats

- A European guidance for minimum reporting would worth:
  - Ensuring **homogeneity** and **comparability** of information across the MSs
  - **Aggregating** data for **Monitoring** and **Evaluating** the innovation across EU.
  - **Benchmarking** MSs' experiences
  - Smoothing the **knowledge sharing** and **dissemination**
- Defining a **common classification** (internationally recognized) of: nature, features and results of innovations; types of partnerships and partners; sharing and interacting mechanisms; communication tools and activities; innovators' profiles; ...

# A possible Report: minimal contents

- **Structural information**

- **OGs** features: forms of partnerships; n°, identities, types, roles and functions of partners; sectors & supply chains involved; innovation brokerage;
- **Projects** features: objectives; activities; targets and achievements (socio-economic, environmental ... ); timing.
- **Financial** aspects: global amount and types of costs (brokerage, coordination, investments, dissemination, advisory, training, ...); distribution of the resources (per partner; per innovation; per project; per supply chain; ...).
- **Geographical** coverage per single project.

- **Innovations**

- **Innovations** features: nature, features & types of innovations; trans-sectoriality; interaction mechanisms; activities targeted to tailor innovation to firms.

- **Dissemination**

- **External Communication**: types of tools and activities performed by the OGs.
- **Actors** and their roles.

# Organizing a central database

- **OGs** are responsible for filling the **on-line reports**, through an E-Database
- The E-Database generates reports at **project** and **regional/national level**
- The **E-Database** as a tool for policy decision
  - generating **indicators** and **benchmarks**
  - Feeding the **monitoring** systems
- The national databases should be connected to an **EU level database**.

# An italian experience <sup>(1)</sup>

## The “Information system on the regional agricultural research”

- ❑ Aim: to provide an information tool on research and innovation for **supporting policy decisions**
- ❑ Characteristics:
  - ❑ On-line Access and implementation
  - ❑ Based on common (internationally recognized) classification of researches.
  - ❑ Run at national level
- ❑ Strengthens:
  - ❑ Co-implementation across different levels: regional and national
  - ❑ Facilitates the knowledge sharing on research and innovation projects
  - ❑ Used by 15 Regions
  - ❑ Information of each research project financed by the Regions
  - ❑ About 1.500 research projects registered
  - ❑ Set up since 2003.

# An italian experience<sub>(2)</sub>

## Structural Information

- Typology of actors (funders and researchers)
- Costs (total c., public c.)

## Contents

- N. of researches
- Typology (basic, applied, ...)
- Contents (NABS, CRIS, productive sectors...)

## Innovations

- Type (product, process,...)
- Technical characteristics (agronomic, biochemical,...)
- Economic, productive, environmental and social impacts
- How the products are presented (software, papers, ...)

Methods/instruments to disseminate research results

## Results transfer



# REPORTING ON OPERATIONAL GROUPS IN GERMANY

## Structure of a database First ideas

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# Current situation

- Germany will establish a National Network Unit for EIP – **EIP Cross-linking point**
- This is part of the National Network Unit Rural Development Areas (DVS) at the Federal Office for Agriculture and Food

# Essential tasks

- Support of cooperation and partnering for OGs
- Exchange of information and experience
- Mediator between EIP Agri-Service Point and German OG
- Spending support in arranging feedback between EIP results and innovation requirements in the EIP focus groups

# Implementation of the tasks - Instruments

- Database to existing OG including the results
- Overview of relevant research results in complementarity to other funding programs
- Events / Workshops
- Internet  
(<http://www.netzwerk-laendlicher-raum.de/themen/eip-agri/>)
- Publications

# Structure of database

- Federal state/region (Laenders)
- responsible authority
- contact
- members / lead partner
- Title of the project
- short description / tasks
- project goal
- project status (planned, ongoing, completed)
- additional information (not mandatory)
- final report (mandatory in case of status completed)
- duration

# Requirements for the creation of a database

- One responsible institution per Federal state (Laender)
- Ensuring the actuality and plausibility
- Minimizing the effort for filling
- Dissemination of information at European level must be available via a technical interface algorithm without additional inputs!

# Status Quo in Germany

- The main items are agreed on between the Federal states (Länders, Regions).
- Currently details for implementation are carried out by the German Cross-linking point for Rural development (DVS) in the BLE