

EIP IMPLEMENTATION IN Ireland

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How is the EIP and issue of innovation taken up in RD-plans?

Proposed Knowledge Transfer and Innovation Package of Measures in RDP

- The proposed structure for the Knowledge Transfer Measures is based on 4 elements – European Innovation Partnerships (EIP), Knowledge Transfer Groups, Continued Professional Development and Targeted Advisory Services.
- DAFM is currently in the process of drafting the RDP 2014-2020. Last iteration of public consultation on outline proposals for a new RDP finished end Feb 2014. Next step is for the draft proposals to undergo an ex-ante evaluation and SEA.
- Notion of EIP - could benefit from some information provision and coordination across the industry as general knowledge of the potential ambition, scope and operation of this initiative is quite limited.
- Teagasc proposed a national “Agri Innovation Workshop / Conference” or a series of regional workshops / conferences could be organised to kick off discussions between various agri-organisations across the industry and would help identify:
 - Possible EIP's and
 - KT Group priority list of production/technical issues in need of support?

How is the EIP and issue of innovation taken up in RD-plans (2)?

Issues and questions raised etc.

- Proposals from farm organisations for a strong environmental scheme
- Need for agreed understanding by participants of the difference between EIP operational groups and KT groups and how they will be initiated and managed

Was there interaction between research and agricultural administrations in the preparation?

- Some interaction through Teagasc REDP and CELUP (includes research) as part of consultation process

Is interaction with other EU policies foreseen?

- Yes, but nothing concrete within RDP related proposal
- Teagasc perspective - there will be input into Focus Groups and H2020 proposals

Is the concept of Operational Group taken up in RD-plans ?

- Concept of OG in the RD plan
- In proposed measures contained in the RDP consultation document, support included for EIP operational groups as part as a suite of knowledge transfer measures.
- The proposal is structured around the possibility of:
 - Support for 2 'flagship' EIPs in the form of continued support for the Burren Farming for Conservation Project and an EIP linked to a proposed new Beef Genomics and Data Programme.
 - In addition, the proposal also includes the possibility of a number of EIP operational groups being established around key policy issues via a competitive fund.
- The difference between OG's and enterprise specific facilitated discussion groups (KT Groups) is unclear. The latter do not have wider stakeholder involvement and their activities will be largely led by the requirements of the schemes.
- It is unclear how these can interact with the EIP

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Themes

- In addition to Flagships, proposed competitive fund for KT Groups and EIP OGs

Priority Bundle 1

- Dairy expanders and new entrants – focused on animal health, financial management, grass management, sustainability (carbon navigator), milk recording, breeding.
- Beef and sheep - focused on animal health, financial and risk management, grass management, sustainability (carbon navigator), breeding.
- Pig / Poultry – focused on animal health and welfare and manure management.
- Water Quality / Biodiversity – similar to the proposed flagship EIP outlined above, the approach here would be to focus on locally led groups (eg by river catchment area) with an output focused approach.

Is the concept of Operational Group taken up in RD-plans (3)?

Priority Bundle 2

- Dairy other - focused on animal health, financial management, grass management, sustainability (carbon navigator)
- Tillage – focused on integrated pest management and profit monitor.
- Equine – focused on breeding and animal health and welfare.

Does this allow for cross-regional collaboration in your country or with other MS?

- Yes but no financial provision is made for this.

Did you take actions to connect operational groups better to your AKIS?

- Yes,
 - **Extension / advisory services**
 - Actions taken: Teagasc and ACA are founder members of the European Forum for Agriculture and Rural Advisers(EUFRAS)
 - **(Applied) research**
 - Actions taken: Teagasc engagement with consultation process and detailed submission on the Draft Consultation document of RDP
 - **Education**
 - Actions taken: Participation of Teagasc in EUROPEA
 - **AKIS in other regions / at EU level:**
 - Actions taken: Attendance of Teagasc KT management at PROAKIS workshops.
 - Seeking participation in consortia proposals under H2020 call

Interlinkages between relevant networks

Is there a view on the relation between the OG and the national EIP network (if existent) / national rural network?

- By their nature, EIP operational groups will involve a wide range of actors and establish links with relevant networks in order to disseminate findings etc. The details of this will be determined as part of the scheme design process.

Is there a view on the relation between the existing AKIS actors and the national EIP network (if existent) / national rural network?

- The NRN has a very wide social remit. The EIP and operational groups are trying to narrow the agricultural innovation gap

Are new or improved links prepared to improve flows within MS AKIS?

- Yes, eg. The Animal Health and CPD measures

Interaction with the European level? With other MS?

- No not in the RDP

How will measures aimed at OG be monitored?

Which indicators and method will be used in the framework of the rural development programme?

- The new RDP, including EIP operational groups, will be subject to a rigorous system of monitoring and evaluation as per the requirements of the Rural Development Regulation etc.
 - The development of intervention logic for all measures showing the interactions between priorities, focus areas and measures
 - The RDP will include a set of common context, result and output indicators, including indicators to be used for the establishment of quantified targets in relation to rural development focus areas and a set of pre-defined indicators for the performance review;
 - Common evaluation set of European level questions will be addressed over the lifetime of the RDP;
 - Regular reporting on monitoring and evaluation activities;
 - The development of an evaluation plan as part of the final RDP
 - Annual progress reporting to the Commission, including enhanced annual implementation reports where progress against result indicators as set out in the indicator plan will be measured
 - An ex post evaluation of the entire RDP

How will measures aimed at OG be monitored (2)?

- **Which indicators and methods will be used to monitor broader innovation measures**
 - Within the rural development programme
 - Participation
 - Other programmes aimed at innovation
 - Participation and involvement of stakeholders

Thanks