

EIP IMPLEMENTATION IN GERMANY

First Experiences

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The two sides of EIP-Agrar

EIP financing options

Controlled by the
Commission:
Call for
proposals

**New EU- research
framework programme
Horizon 2020**

European EIP Service Point

Horizon 2020
**Multi-Actor-
Projects**

Always
partners from
at least 3
member states
required

Horizon 2020
**Thematic
Networks**

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

**2nd pillar
Agricultural support
Rural Development**

Controlled by the
Federal States
(Laender-national):
Foundation of
groups in 2014

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

Rural Development
Operational Groups

Groups act
within one
Federal State

Action plan

Projects

**Start of “Laender
programmes”
from summer 2014**

EIP

Perspectives for cross-linking and implementation in Germany

Bund-Länder working group for coordination of EIPs



Rural Development Programmes

Innovative activities, projects on Länder level

Operational groups
Implementation of EIPs

Consultancy

Länder level

EIP- Cross-linking Point Germany (BLE)

Support and Back up of OGs and projects

Exchange of methods and experiences

Trainings, conferences, workshops and publications

Evaluation and communication of approved methods

Exchange with EU EIP network

Support in arranging practitioners as partners

Rural Development

German Innovation Partnership Agrar DIP

Innovation programme & Rentenbank

Additional funding programmes:
BÖLN, FNR,...

National/Federal level

Horizon 2020 Multi Actor Projects & Thematic Networking

German participation in EU Initiatives

ERA-Nets

JPIs

KIC initiatives

EU level

Operational Groups in the regions (Bundeslaendern)

- **Usually the topics are set** and a call published **by the Laender (regional level)** - OGs apply for implementation (**top down**).
- Some countries offer to OGs the opportunity of proposing topics – participation of partners partially started (**bottom up**).
- Laender / Bund / the EIP-Network organise moderators, facilitators und scouts (Innovation Broker) to bring the actors together in OGs.
- Calls are published once a year or 2 to 3 times during the funding period – BB, SH already called for submission of interest.
- In total, there are 16 Bundesländer in Germany – 13 Bundeslaender develop Länder programmes – duplication of topics are to be avoided. The Länder programmes are expected to start in fall 2014.
- Open questions:
 - Cross-Laender financing is unclear
 - Process for project selection, evaluation and and monitoring is under progress
 - Interlinkage to existing relevant networks is still open
 - Main question: 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)

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 chain – Information & partnering for new Networking under Horizon

Further steps

The bridge between Rural Development and Horizon 2020

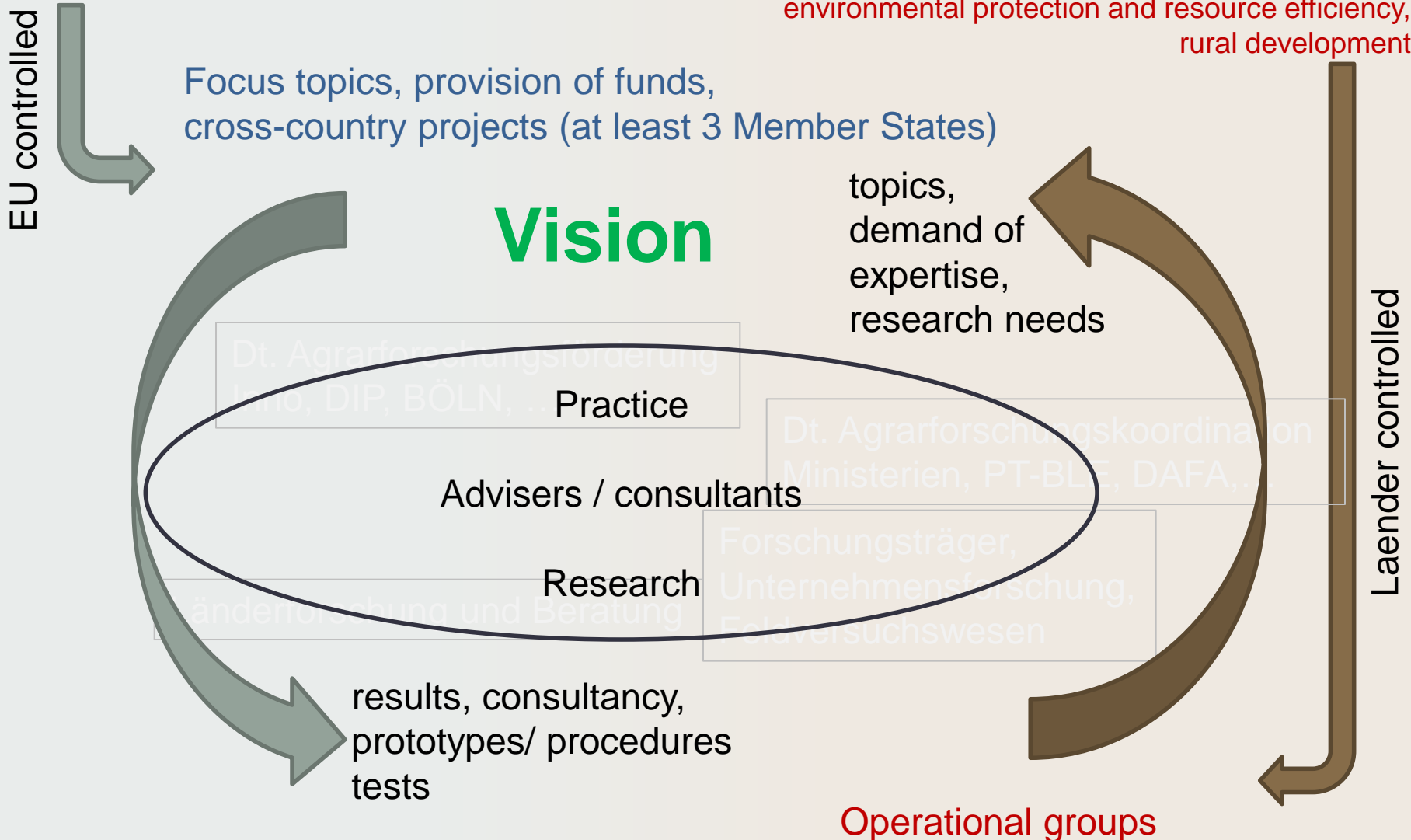
- Two days conference in Berlin on 24./25. June 2014
- 1st day: EIP under Rural development
- 2nd day: EIP under Horizon 2020

Horizon 2020

EU research funding / instruments for EIP –
Multi Actor Projects & Thematic Networking ...

Rural Development

Funding of competitiveness, knowledge transfer
and consultancy, value chains,
environmental protection and resource efficiency,
rural development



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

- Main impression:
 - Innovation is a very important topic in Germany. Innovation is a prerequisite for R&D funding and taken up in plans. However, implementing the concept of EIP takes time. The mutual benefit of cooperation between farmers and researches is often not (yet) seen due to different priorities.
- Structure
 - “Bund” level: coordination function, established at BMEL (-> BLE)
 - “Bundesländer” level: responsibility for the implementation of the EIP-approach; differences in participation of single “Bundesländer”

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

- Challenges/Bottlenecks/Issues/Questions
 - Different actors
 - Different levels of cooperation
 - Different procedures
 - Untuned procedures
 - Too vague /wrong ideas about aims of EIP and structure (individual or country specific definitions of EIP vocabulary)
 - Pre-condition: Willingness/capability of farmers and willingness of scientists (and the players in between) to cooperate (-> recognition of mutual benefit)
 - Important role of brokers (in between players)
 - Handling of IPR issues of innovations? -> consortium agreements

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

- Preparation (interaction between research and agricultural administration)
- Foreseen interaction with other EU policies

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

- Yes, partly.
 - Differences between “Laender”: e.g. Saarland won’t take part, city states will cooperate with area states
 - Topics and procedures are the responsibility of the “Laender”, however, it is still in progress
 - “Laenderprogramme” (Start Sommer 2014)?
- Cross-regional collaboration between DE and other MS
 - Cross-“Laender” financing is in DE unclear
 - Collaboration with other MS?

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

Interlinkages between relevant networks

- Is there a view on the relation between the OG and the national EIP network (if existent) / national rural network?
 - OG are considered to be important partners as a source of innovative ideas and knowledge exchange / transfer
- Is there a view on the relation between the actors and the national EIP network / national rural network?
- Are new or improved measures to improve flows within MS' AKIS?
- Which interaction with the European level? With other MS?

At the moment there are no operational groups under the EIP in DE.

How will measures aimed at OG be monitored?

- Which indicators and method will be used in the framework of the rural development programme?
 - Unclear for now. However, it is likely that this will be in responsibility of the “Laender” which prepare calls for OG and set call conditions.
- Which indicators and method will be used to monitor broader innovation measures
 - Within the rural development programme
 - Other programmes aimed at innovation

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Horizon 2020

EU research funding / instruments for EIP –
Multi Actor Projects & Thematic Networking ...

EU controlled

Focus topics, provision of funds,
cross-Länder projects (at least 3 Member States)

Vision

practitioners

consultants

research

results, consultancy,
prototypes/ procedures
tests

Rural Development

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and consultancy, value chains,
environmental protection and resource efficiency,
rural development

topics,
demand of
expertise,
research needs

Laender controlled

Operational groups

