

EIP IMPLEMENTATION IN The Netherlands

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

- RD is in the competence of 4 regions (landsdelen)
- National Government and regions are convinced that innovation and EIP is important part of RD plans
- In SWOT, Strategy and fiche for 36 , innovation and EIP is special mentioned.
- Farmers union and ' topsectors' expressed will to join and strengthen this.
- Funding is not yet very large.
- Ad hoc implementation group with government, farmers union, topsectors and researchers.

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

- Yes
- Does this allow for cross-regional collaboration in your country or with other MS?
- Cross-regional should not be a problem: 1 office to apply, help from EIP/ RD network.
- High interest to connect OP with other MS : preferably by thematic network

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

- YES
 - Extension / advisory services
 - Actions taken: Explain concept of EIP, asked advice for implementation
 - (Applied) research
 - Actions taken: Direct and with topsectors, part of implementation group
 - Education
 - Actions taken: Direct by Government, regional activities
 - Innovation brokers
 - Actions taken: communication, advice asked
 - AKIS in other regions / at EU level:
 - Actions taken: ERA-net meeting

Interlinkages between relevant networks

- Is there a view on the relation between the OG and the national EIP network (if existent) / national rural network?
 - Yes, EIP/ NRN should be supportive and communicate, close to Government
- Is there a view on the relation between the existing AKIS actors and the national EIP network (if existent) / national rural network?
 - No, probably by implementation group and topsectors.
- Are new or improved links prepared to improve flows within MS' AKIS?
 - more coherence in networks
- Which interaction with the European level? With other MS?
 - With workshops, AKIS, focusgroups etc.

How will measures aimed at OG be monitored?

- Which indicators and method will be used in the framework of the rural development programme?
 - I don' t know yet, probably close to the one of innovation and cooperation
- Which indicators and method will be used to monitor broader innovation measures
 - Within the rural development programme, ????
 - Other programmes aimed at innovation, Topsectors,