

EIP IMPLEMENTATION IN SPAIN

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- Inertial issues. RD programs at regional level have been developed for almost 25 years. Even they have evolved there are many inertial actions that should be overcome
- **Was there an interaction between research and agricultural administrations in the preparation?**
- Since the very beginning R+D and RD administrations have been working together for instance:
 - MAGRAMA, INIA and a Key Region (Gov. Catalonia) are participating in the SCAR AKIS WG 2 and 3
 - Both administrations have developed documents and ideas for the implementation of the EIP in SPAIN (OG's selection criteria, Innovation Brokers,..)
 - Both admin have promoted WG to prepare the EIP issues with the Regional RD authorities and R+D authorities
 - Bilateral meetings between MAGRAMA and INIA with each sectorial Tech Platform (Food for Life, Animal Health, Sustainable Agriculture, Water). Also with each Farmers organisation (UPA, ASAJA and COAG) and with Agro-food Cooperatives

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General objectives of the Plan

- 1 Identify **key future challenges** for generating knowledge and promoting innovation.
- 2 **Align all stakeholders** (research, training, transfer, internationalization and business sector) towards identified objectives.
- 3 Define the **R+D+I strategy** of the Catalan agri-food sector for **2020**.
- 4 Attract **more resources** for agri-food R+D+I.

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- Is an interaction with other EU policies foreseen?
- RIS3 and H2020
- In Spain we are promoting the participation of different interested actors in the Thematic Networks (TN) and also in those projects with a “multiactor” approach.
- We are preparing initiatives for the 2014 and 2015 TN call in the H2020-SC2
- Shall we within this group try to promote and support the development of different initiatives for these calls? We consider that SCAR-SWG AKIS3 is a good platform also for this, even we can do it in an informal way.

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- Support to EIP network:
 - Research and agricultural stakeholders' meetings on specific issues, sectorial and/or horizontal (knowledge supply and demand)
 - Disseminate all EIP actions
 - Connect all innovation boost stakeholders

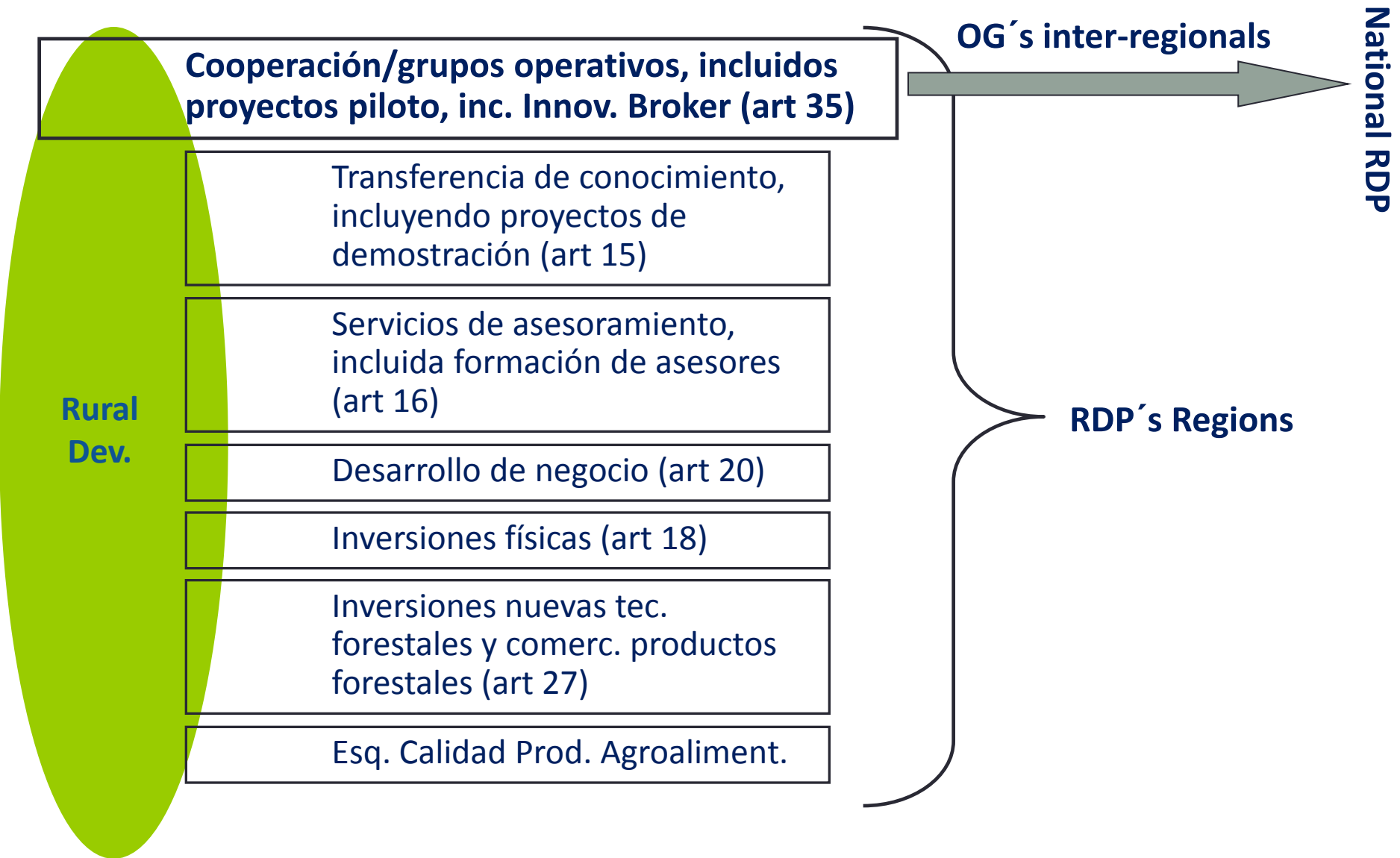
Interaction is foreseen with other national and european financing instruments for innovation projects:

- Complementarity with RIS3, ERDF, ESF,...

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National RD for inter-regional OG's and RDP Reg. Will fund the other including the Art. 35



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- Mainly Yes but it will differ between regions
- If (partly) yes: limited to certain topics or beneficiaries?
Mention a few.
 - Different degree of development in the regions
- Does this allow for cross-regional collaboration in your country or with other MS?
 - Yes because it is foreseen a National RD Program that will allow the development of cross-regional OG's
 - It is also envisaged the coordination/ harmonization of the RDP's of regions and National with those from other countries with common interests
 - After the Workshop in Lisbon we are looking for this cross-regional OG's with Portugal and with other countries like Italy, France, Greece with former regional cross-border cooperation experiences within different programs.

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Our principles:

- Private companies leadership
- Private companies to cooperate with research institutes or Universities
- Bottom-up approach
- Complementarity of different Rural Development Measures
- Complementarity of different funds
- Financing projects, not the creation or support of structures
- Efficient management of innovation measures

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Measures within RD-plan: Article 35: Co-operation:

- Pilot projects:
 - Cooperative project proposals from private companies in cooperation with research institutions
 - Continuation of measure 124 of RD-plan 2007-2013
- Operational Groups (OG):
 - Establishment of an OG with a specific working plan
 - Possibility to finance “Innovation brokers” coordinating OG

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Outstanding issues

- Financing Operational Groups: Finance every member of the group separately or Finance the coordinator only?.
- How to demonstrate expenses of the members of an Operational Group if only the coordinator is financed?
- Hz 2020 calls favors Operational Groups: how can you prove being one when National Rural Development Plans are not yet approved?
- Operational Groups not financed by Rural Development Plans (due to lack of budget) can still be considered as Operational Groups for Hz 2020 calls?
- What kind of check is done on Operational Groups and by who?

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

- YES
- For instance we have had already different meetings with the different interest actors representative organizations (Farmers, Coop, Industries, Platforms,..).
- We have made different presentations of the EIP issues in different workshops, meetings, congress with a multiactor targeted auditory. I.e. We have participated in 12 workshops organized by Food for life Spain in the different regions of Spain.

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Strategic objectives

OE1. Promote **training** and **professionalization** of **R+D+I** by fostering **innovation culture**

OE2. Facilitate **knowledge exchange** and **collaboration** between **agri-food R+D+I stakeholders**

OE3. Increase **the use of research results, technology transfer** and **knowledge dissemination** in the agri-food sector

OE4. Increase **fundraising** for agri-food R+D+I

OE5. Increase **food producers and agribusiness investment** in R+D+I

OE6. Increase **international recognition** and **significance** of the **catalan agri-food R+D+I**

Interlinkages between relevant networks

- **Is there a view on the relation between the OG and the national EIP network (if existent) / national rural network?**
- THE EIP network will be within the National Rural Network, with its autonomy and interdependencies.
- **Is there a view on the relation between the existing AKIS actors and the national EIP network (if existent) / national rural network?**
- It is foreseen to include AKIS actors in the EIP Network and also in the National Rural Network, but it is also envisaged a more effective and efficient mechanism for the decision making process and for the consultation as well within these networks.
- Launch of FG's at national level funded by the NRN
- **Are new or improved links prepared to improve flows within MS' AKIS?**
- Not yet
- **Which interaction with the European level? With other MS?**
- Not yet prepared but it is foreseen

Interlinkages between relevant networks in Catalonia

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How will measures aimed at OG be monitored?

- Indicators used in the framework of the rural development programme:
 - Number of Operational Groups
 - Number of beneficiaries
 - Number of research centres involved
 - Typology of the participants
 - number of training and dissemination sessions,
 - Number of attendees to these meetings
 - Adoption of the tech/non tech innovation/improvements
- Indicators to monitor broader innovation measures:

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