



EIP IMPLEMENTATION IN FRANCE:

first experiences

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How the EIP is taken up in Rural Development Plans:

Main impressions:

- EIP = a way to come up to the double performance in France (agro-ecological project)
- A little advanced thinking on EIP issue in many regions
- No EIP referent in some regions
- Leading regions have high expectations.
- Need for national EIP animation among French stakeholders
- New managing authorities in France: the regions
- 27 Rural Development Plans in France



How the EIP is taken up in Rural Development Plans:

Bottlenecks:

- No obligation to take EIP AGRI into account in the RDP
- Some priorities are more important for some regions.
- Overall limited view on links between H2020 and EAFRD related to EIP
- Confusion between thematic networks in H2020 and thematic networks for OG in EAFRD



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Bottlenecks:

- To ensure the link between transnational research projects in H2020 and OGs selected and supported at regional level
- Conditions to be a OG to be specified
- Validation of results before disseminating?
- What is an « innovation broker »?
- Articulation with national funding from CASDAR to be specified
- Regions must make a choice between priorities



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Some examples (regions):

- Ile-de-France: EIP not taken into account in the RDP
- Nord Pas-de-Calais: no identified referent for EIP
- Languedoc/Roussillon: Agriculture integrated in S3
Launch of calls to set up OGs
Theme selected
- Auvergne: themes identified to set up OGs
call for proposals?
- Pays de Loire: interregional approach enhanced



Interaction between research and agricultural administrations in the preparation:

- National Programme for Agricultural and Rural Development (PNDAR)
- Special allocation account for agricultural and rural development (CASDAR)
- Synergies between CASDAR grants and European funds (particularly EAFRD) should be sought.
- Synergies should be sought with orientations and fundraising of local authorities, especially the regions.
- To provide consistency of the programme supported by CASDAR with EAFRD actions, particularly with those related to EIP AGRI



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Some priorities for CASDAR-projects:

- Innovation and partnership
- Finalised research and innovation
- Technological mixed networks (RMT)
- Technological mixed units (UMT)

CASDAR-programmes integrate rural development and research (public, applied research, agricultural development, chambers of agriculture, training)



Interactions with other European policies

- H2020: providing help to submit proposals for H2020 calls (multi-actor approach, thematic networks ISIB2)
- S3: Smart Specialisation

Agriculture is registered as priority in the S3 of some regions (Languedoc-Roussillon for example)

Possibility to combine grants with ERDF funds.



Interlinkages between relevant networks

- Development of links between EIP and several existing networks: for example scientific interest groups for agricultural relaunching, fruit, vegetable
- Aim: to use efficient existing networks to network OGs
- To provide results in **one** format in order to share the knowledge
- Some RMTs intend to network with other EU partners.



Thank you for your attention!
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