



EIP IMPLEMENTATION IN FLANDERS (BELGIUM)

EIP and innovation in the Flemish RD programme

- Strategic objectives of the programme
 - Support to young farmers, in order to guarantee the future of the Flemish agricultural sector
 - Invest in innovation and training, aimed at a future-oriented approach to realize business-oriented and societal goals
 - Focus on increasing resilience and sustainability of the agricultural sector in all its facets
 - Strengthen the quality and vitality of rural areas, by addressing the changes these areas are faced with
- Several measures are aimed at or related to innovation and EIP
 - Project support for innovations in agriculture and agri-food
 - Advice by farm advisory services
 - Demonstration projects
 - Support to operational groups in the framework of EIP
 - Training in agriculture
 - LEADER

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- EIP measures were developed in interactive process with the stakeholders through the Platform for agricultural research
 - Researchers (both basis and applied research)
 - Farmers' organizations (incl. innovation support centre)
 - Civil servants and minister's cabinets
- Interaction with EU policies
 - Collaboration under the umbrella of the partnership agreement
 - Based upon the specific characteristics of the instruments of each of the funds

Presence of Operational Groups in the RD programme

- YES
 - Specific measure aimed at operational groups
 - Regional RD programme
- Characteristics of the measure
 - Support to the establishment and functioning of operational groups (no overhead and investments)
 - One call a year, open to all interested actors and all themes that contribute to the objectives
 - Option to specify elements in the call
 - Subsidy: 90% of the acceptable costs
- Cross-regional collaboration
 - RDP-measure aimed at Flemish beneficiaries
 - Collaboration with other countries is not excluded

Specific actions to connect operational groups to the AKIS

- NO
 - Expectation that AKIS-actors will
 - Guide operational groups
 - Be involved in operational groups
 - Actors like experimental stations or innovation support centre
 - Are active in the field and will be contacted by interested actors
 - Were involved in the process to develop the measure
- Possibility to correct for other interested actors through the Flemish EIP network

Interlinkages between relevant networks

- Flemish EIP network will be a collaboration between:
 - Flemish Rural Network
 - Managing authority of the EIP measure
 - Platform for agricultural research
- Tasks of the Flemish EIP network
 - Daily management of the network
 - Detecting good practices, making them available and communication
 - Interaction with the European level (EIP Service Point, other countries)
 - Organise activities aimed at exchanging experiences and knowhow

Indicators and monitoring

- Rural development programme
 - EIP Measure
 - Obligatory indicators
 - Number of operational groups and number of actions
 - Number of partners in operational groups (per category)
 - Public expenditures
 - Monitoring: end reports of the operational groups
 - Evaluation: method to be determined
 - Other RDP measures (demonstration projects, investment support, training)
 - Obligatory indicators: number of projects, number of companies, public expenditures, total investment volume, number of trainings, number of participants, number of training days
 - Additional indicators: themes of demonstration projects and trainings, number of participants in demonstration activities
 - Evaluation: method to be determined

- Other programmes: LA-trajectories (applied research)
 - Applicants identify critical performance indicators themselves (after 2 years and at the end of the project)
 - Innovativeness
 - Companies reached
 - Implementation
 - Survey of the members of the steering committee