The European Innovation Partnership
"Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability"
National Rural Networks and EIP-AGRIgood practices to foster innovation



# The EIP-AGRI Network: connecting people & sharing knowledge to tackle challenges

OPERATIONAL GROUP

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THEMATIC NETWORK

MULTI -ACTOR PROJECT



#### **Bridging agriculture and research**



- Research needs
- Operational Groups



Farming Forestry Agribusiness

Knowledge and partners



Research

- Ideas to test
- multi-actor projects
- thematic networks

#### The goal



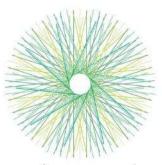
#### NRNs, NSUs and EIP-AGRI



- Who of you has been involved in catalysing innovation in Agriculture and Forestry?
- Who of you has been involved in helping to set up Operational Groups?
- Who of you has been involved in organising events for Operational Groups?
- Who of you has attended an event with Operational Groups?
- Who of you has been involved in exchange visits with Operational Groups?



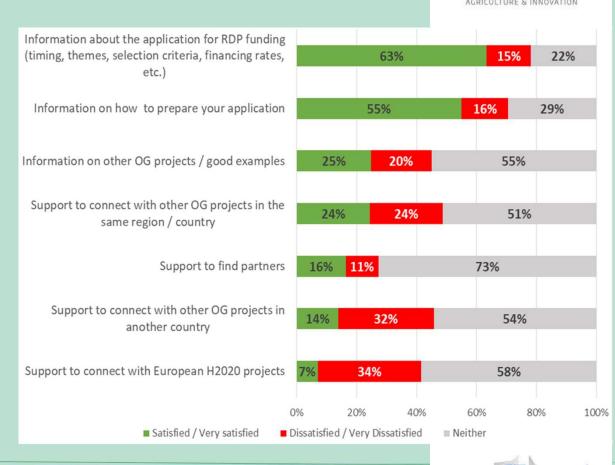
#### **OG Assessment 2018**



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#### Support provided to OGs:

- Majority of OGs (very) satisfied with the information provided during application phase
- Significant dissatisfaction with support to connect to other projects



#### Good practices: setting up and running

- Preparing and connecting potential partners before OG calls: awareness raising and brokering
- Assist in organising exchange visits
- Facilitation
- Legal, fiscal and administrative support (Italian NSU)



Innovation support services (Scotland, Austria, Schleswig Holstein,...)







#### **Good practices: knowledge flows for OGs**



Goal: share experiences among OGs, peer-to-peer learning,

mentoring

When: right after OGs have started

### **Event supporting OGs on methodologies for interaction**

Goal: speed co-innovation process

When: OGs running

### **Event gathering relevant stakeholders from other MS / regions to show-case OGs from the region/country**

Goal: awareness, cross-border networking, collaboration

When: OGs project running / finished







#### **Good practices: knowledge flows for OGs**

### **Event disseminating and supporting OGs that have just started (LV)**

- Goal: create awareness and support OGs
- When: OGs just starting

#### **National Focus Groups (ES, IT)**

Connecting with other funds (other than CAP) to connect actors with a view to solve problems or develop opportunities through OG projects

Recent example of cross-border OG visit to explore opportunity for Interreg project (Lower Saxony and Northern Netherlands)







## **Good practices:** connecting **OGs across borders**

# Thematic event bringing together OGs, H2020 projects and other relevant projects (eg AIS Lisbon and Lisieux)

 Goal: promotion of the OG works, networking, synergies & exchange. Potentially encouraging further cooperation.

### Organised visit of OGs from one country / region to OGs from another country/region

 Goal: awareness, networking, knowledge exchange, cross-border collaboration

**Cross-border Operational Group calls** (Finland and Estonia)







#### **Coordination between CAP and H2020**



**Seeking synergies between EIP OGs and Horizon 2020 projects:** 

**Regular or occasional contact between RDP authority and H2020 NCP;** meetings, co-organization of events, joint agendas, etc. (eg Portugal)

**Thematic OG meetings**, where relevant H2020 projects are invited (Germany)

**Websites** linking to both OGs and H2020 projects



#### **EIP-AGRI:** where are we?

 27 Member States, 98 RDPs implementing the EIP

 Around 3 200 OGs planned in 2014-2020; more than 1000 OGs running / finished

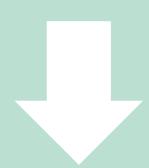
 Around 180 H2020 multi-actor projects, including 29 thematic networks

A growing and thriving network





# An increasing volume of practice-oriented knowledge!



Effective knowledge flows are needed



# CAP post-2020: the European Innovation Partnership for agricultural productivity and sustainability (EIP)



The aim of the EIP shall be to stimulate innovation and improve the exchange of knowledge.

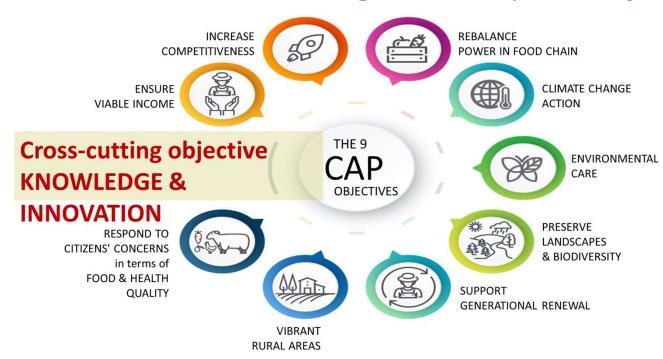
EIP shall support AKIS ... by connecting policies and instruments to speed up innovation.



#### **CAP post-2020: the European Innovation** Partnership for agricultural productivity and sustainability (EIP)

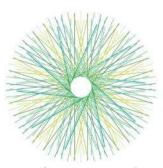


#### EIP shall contribute to achieving all 9 CAP specific objectives.



## **CAP post-2020 – Toolbox for a knowledge-based agriculture**

- Cross-cutting objective on knowledge, innovation and digitalisation (CAP Art. 5)
- Each CAP strategic plan will include a section on how to stimulate the exchange of knowledge and innovation & digital technologies in agriculture (CAP Art. 102), including how CAP networks will work together with advisers and research in the AKIS.
- Strengthening of MSs'/regions' Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS)
- **Support** for advice, training, innovation and knowledge exchange in Rural Development (CAP Art. 71,72,13,...)
- Continuation of the agricultural European
   Innovation Partnership (CAP Art 113, 114)







Specific budget of EUR 10 billion in **Horizon Europe** for food, agriculture, rural development and the bioeconomy.



#### NRNs, NSUs and EIP-AGRI



Who of you is involved in developing the CAP Strategic Plan in your country?

Who is responsible for the CAP Strategic Planning in your country?

Who of you is familiar with the term `AKIS`?



# **Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System - AKIS**

#### What:

AKIS is the organisation and interaction of persons, organisations and institutions who use and produce knowledge and innovation for agriculture and interrelated fields.



# **Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System - AKIS**

#### Why:

The aim is to create a regional/national innovation ecosystem by enhancing knowledge flows between the AKIS players, as well as strengthening links between research and practice.



### **CAP post-2020 Further info and context**



#### Publication 'Preparing for Future AKIS in Europe'

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/food-farming-fisheries/key policies/documents/report-preparing-for-future-akis-in-europe en.pdf

#### **Brief "What is AKIS":**

https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/food-farming-fisheries/key\_policies/documents/building-stronger-akis\_en.pdf

#### **EIP-AGRI** brochure on AKIS:

https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/publications/eip-agri-brochure-agricultural-knowledge-and

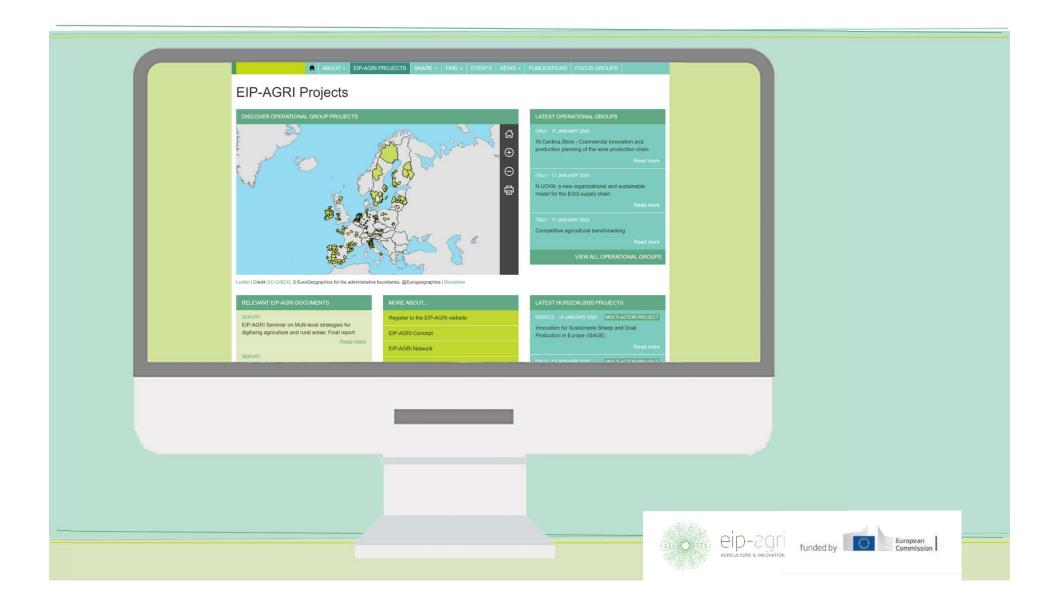
Events: <u>EIP-AGRI Seminar Promoting creativity and learning through agricultural knowledge systems and interactive innovation</u> (2015), <u>EIP-AGRI Workshop: Enabling farmers for the digital age: the role of AKIS</u> (2018), <u>EIP-AGRI seminar 'CAP Strategic Plans: the key role of AKIS in Member States</u> (April 2020)



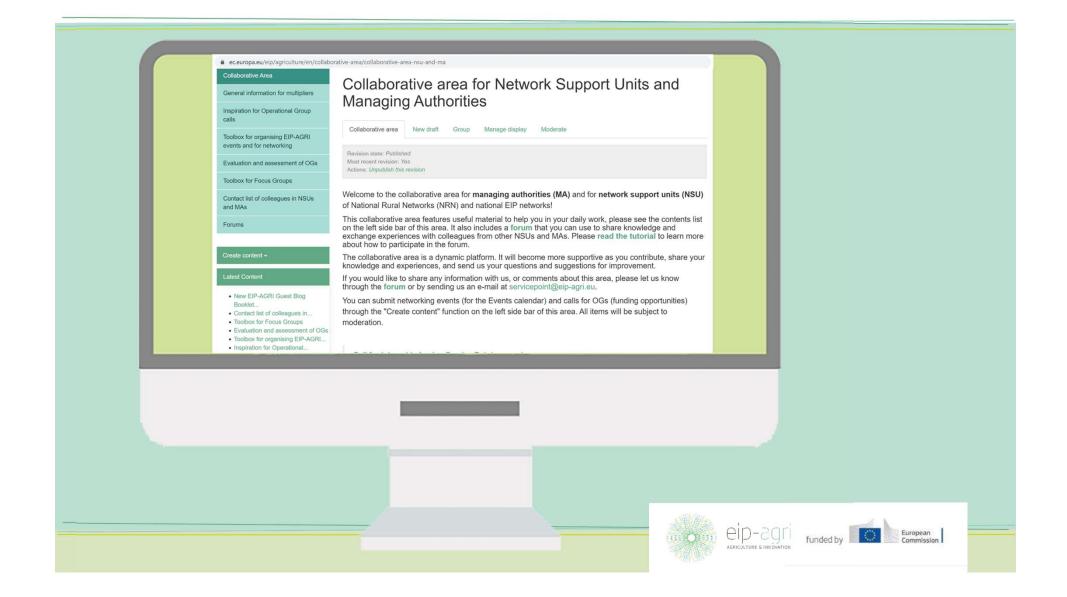
#### **EIP-AGRI** website: www.eip-agri.eu



#### A single database combining Operational Groups and Horizon projects



### Share and discuss with colleagues: collaborative area



## **Good practice: translations, using tools and publications**





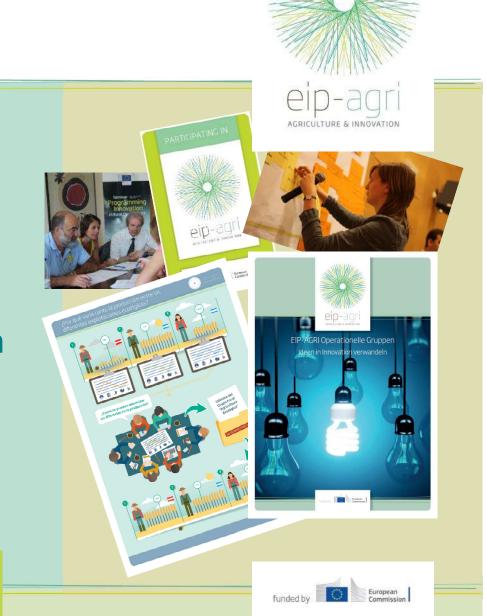






#### **Multiplier tool-kit**

- Ready-to-use articles
- Images, infographics
- Dedicated EIP-AGRI logo
- Comprehensive information
- Stay up-to-date



https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/content/eip-agri-multipliers

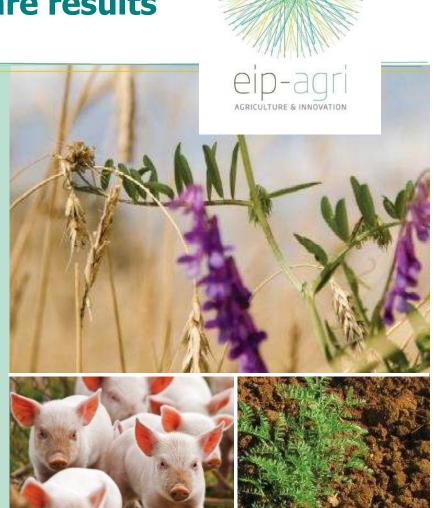
#### **EIP-AGRI Focus Groups**





## **EIP-AGRI Focus Groups – good practices encourage applications and share results**

- Final reports and fact sheets for 29 Focus Groups with ideas for Operational Groups, good practices and research needs
- 5 new Focus Groups call deadline 23 January:
  - Wildlife and agriculture
  - Beef production
  - Reducing plastics
  - Industrial crops
  - Climate-smart (sub) tropical crops



#### Thank you for your attention!

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