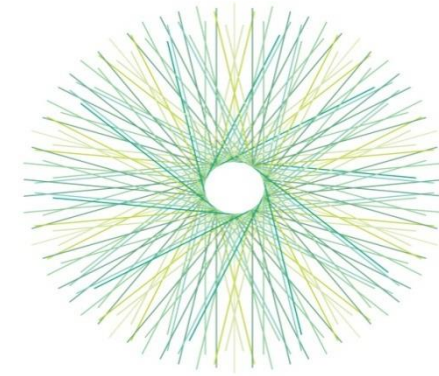


The European Innovation Partnership „Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability“



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EIP – AGRI in short

- Commission Communication (COM (2012) 79)
- **Aim:** To foster a competitive and sustainable agriculture and forestry sector that "achieves more from less"
- **Approach:** "Closing the innovation gap" between research and practice by using the **interactive innovation model**
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Link actors via an EIP Network
- **Funding:** Existing Union policies
-> "Rural development regulation" and interaction with "Horizon 2020"

Means for Implementing the EIP - AGRI

Rural Development Policy:

- Setting up "operational groups" (key actors of the EIP AGRI)
- Combining the setting up of operational groups with project funding (investment, knowledge transfer, advisory services)
- Establishing "innovation support services", e.g. to facilitate the formation of operational groups

European Union Research Policy (Horizon 2020)

- Funding research projects, also involving on-farm experiments, to enhance the knowledge base for innovation
- Interactive formats such as multi-actor projects and thematic networks

- > The specific decision about the implementation of the EIP depends on the priorities set out by the Member State/region in their **Rural Development programmes**

State of play of rural development programmes 2014-2020

- **For EU-28:** We expect the submission of at least 114 rural Development programmes
- The submission of draft programmes has started.
- The majority of drafts is expected to arrive in spring 2014 (**informal phase**)

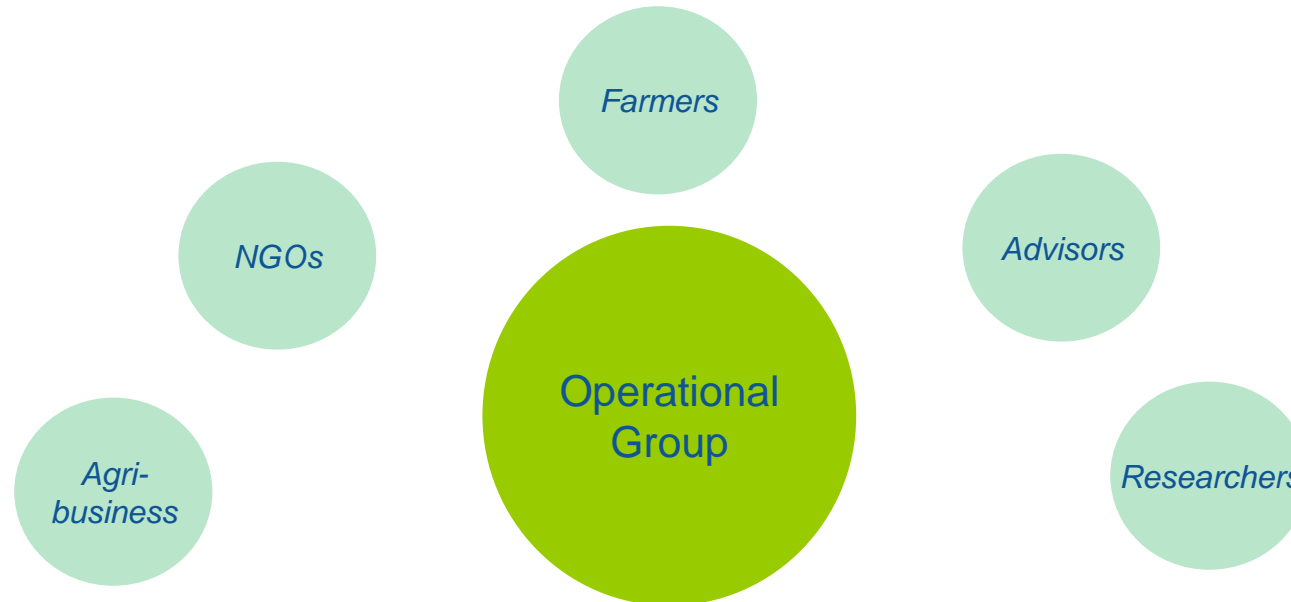
State of play of EIP programming

- **Denmark:** No EIP measures planned
- **Finland:** Art 35, details not yet clear
- **Latvia:** Art 35, concentration on certain themes
- **Lithuania:** Art 35, Art 15 (training), Art 19 (farm and business development)
- **Poland:** EIP included, details and budget not yet clear
- **Sweden:** EIP included, details and budget not yet clear

Setting up an Operational Group



Key Acting Entities Within the EIP - Operational Groups -



- *"Operational Groups" are no stakeholder networks, no stakeholder boards, no thematic coordination groups, nor discussion groups*
- *"Operational Group" = a team composed of those stakeholders relevant for the project, working together in an innovation project and producing concrete results*

What kind of projects can OGs work with?

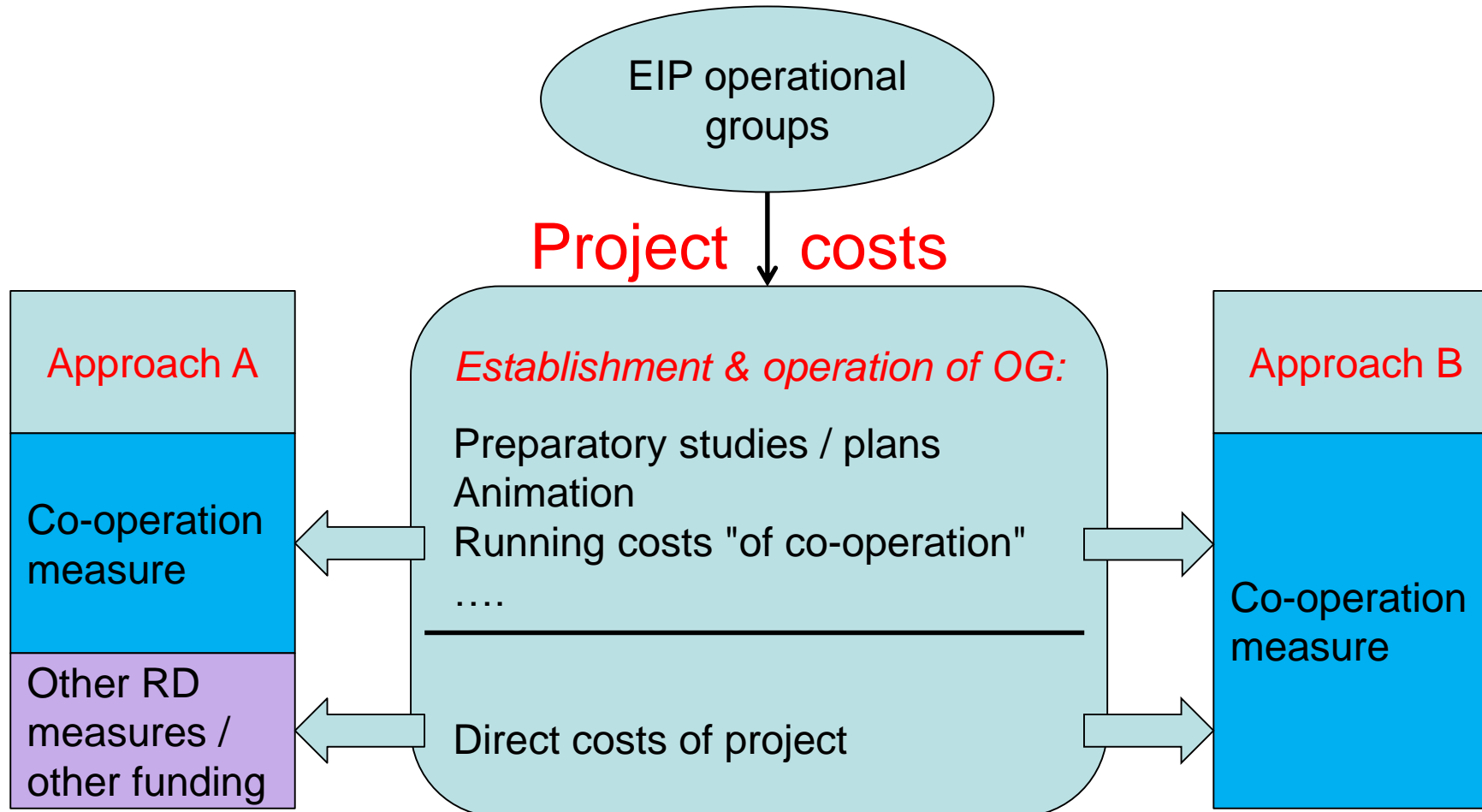
*New grouping, **new project** ✓*

*Existing grouping, **new project** ✓*

*Existing grouping, **existing project** X*

*The OG must **demonstrably have an active project** which will contribute to RD priorities*

What can be funded?



Getting started







- *Wrapping up* - Operational Groups:

- Are built around concrete innovation projects targeted towards finding innovative solutions for a specific challenges or new opportunities
- Require combination of different competencies (practical and scientific)
- Are "hands-on" groups and are composed by those innovation players relevant for the project
- Benefit from the interactions between the participants of the group and the sharing of the respective expertise

Obligations from EU side

- *Establish internal procedures*
- *Describe the project*
- *Describe the expected results*
- *Disseminate the results*





More information:

<http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/eip/>

Thank you for your attention!