



REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

European Innovation Partnerships programming in Estonia

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Ministry of Agriculture instruments for research and knowledge transfer (1)

- National programme “Applied Research and Development in Agriculture“, incl.
 - ERA-NET
 - FACCE JPI
- Programme Collection and Conservation of Plant Genetic Resources
- National programme for plant breeding

Basic research and education policy is coordinated by the Ministry of Education and Research

Ministry of Agriculture instruments for research and knowledge transfer (2)

- **RDP:** The development of new products, practices, processes and technologies in the agriculture, food and forestry sectors;
- **RDP:** European Innovation Partnership;
- **RDP:** Knowledge transfer and information actions
 - national level;
 - county level
 - long-term programmes
- **RDP:** Advisory services

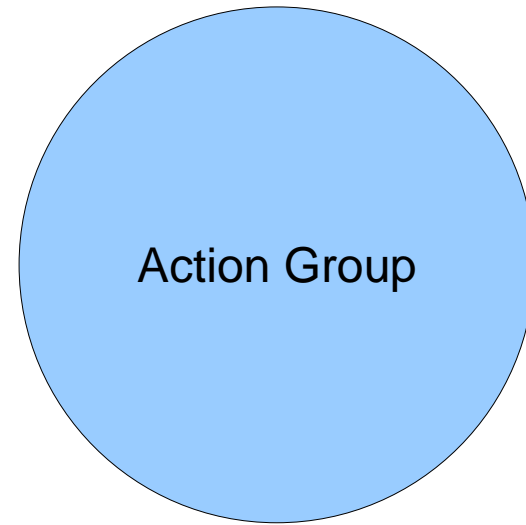
EIP animation actions so far

- Started early 2012
- Discussions in different working groups about knowledge transfer and information actions, advisory services and co-operation
- Briefing Rural Development Steering Committee about EIP
- Effective co-operations with Rural Economy Research Centre:
 - General EIP seminar 11 July 2013
 - Continuous EIP seminar 15 October 2013
 - Thematic workshops:
 - 06.12.2013 – Innovation in organic agriculture
 - 29.01.2014 – Innovation in livestock farming
 - 05.02.2014 – Innovation in dairy production
 - 14.02.2014 – Innovation in plant production
 - 28.02.2014 – Innovation in bio-economy
- EIP Service Point on national level (gathering EIP initiators contacts)

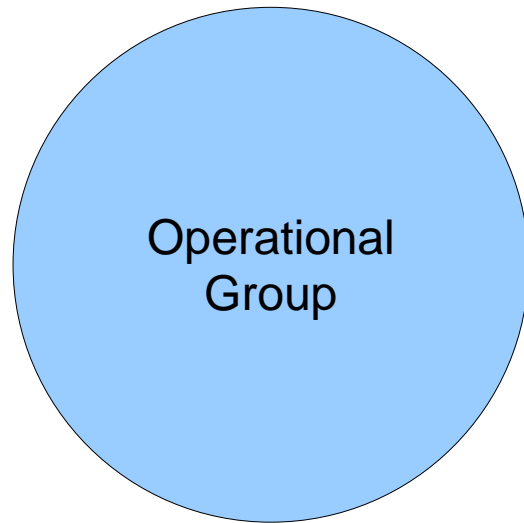
Operational versus Action Group



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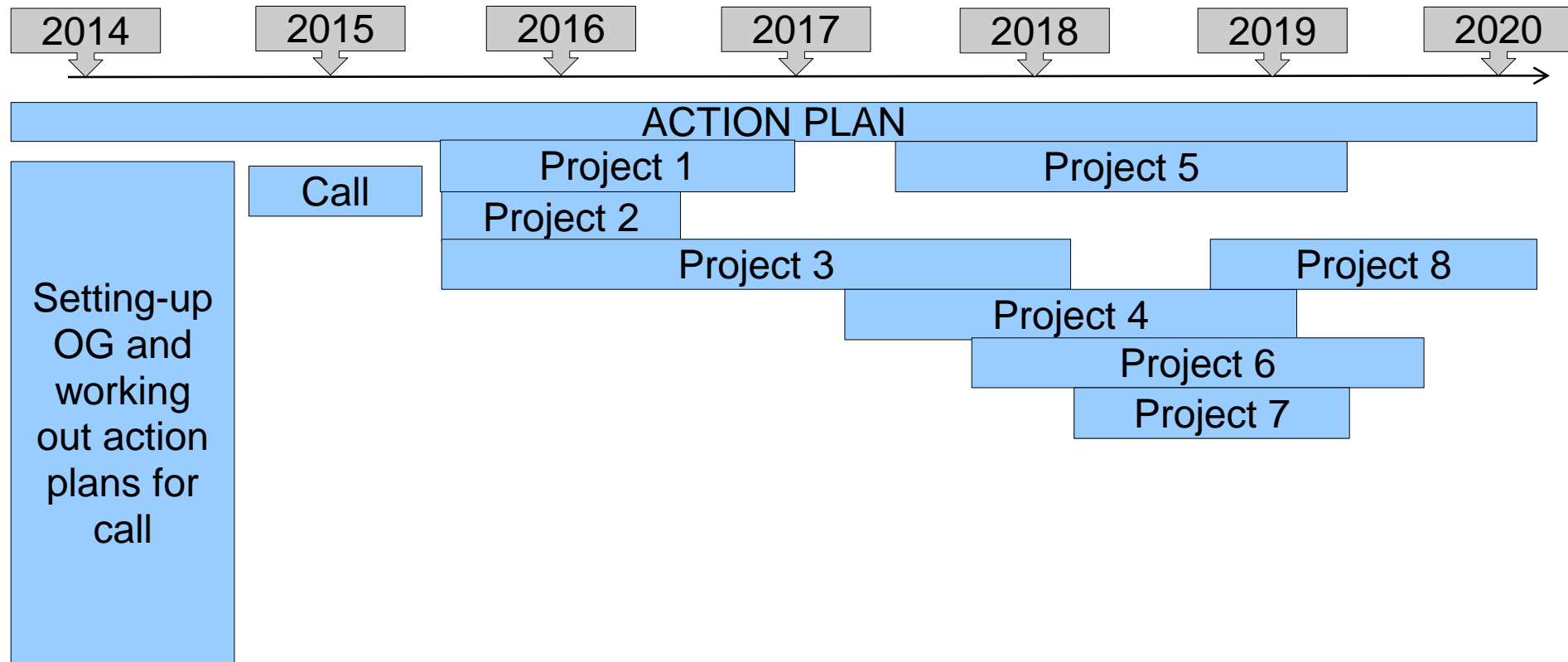
- Primary producers and processors
- Contract between members
- Compose internal regulations
- Avoid conflict of interest
- Compose ACTION PLAN
- Prioritizing projects (effectiveness, reasonability)
- Keep it open for other interested stakeholders

Operational versus Action Group (2)



- All relevant members, e.g. research institutions, advisors, experts, MSc, PhD students
- Carrying out projects according to OG decisions
- Reporting about their results to OG and financial management institution

EIP Implementation



Some questions to think of

- The main challenge is how to promote bottom-up initiative top-down so that there will be still real bottom-up initiative remained?
- How to ensure that EIP group is and will remain open to ensure that all reasonable innovative ideas will be treated equally?
- How to ensure balanced approach to ideas, from one side reality needs for innovative solutions and from the other side research community interest for getting funding for interesting, but not always innovative projects by definition?