



## Thematic networks - Closing the research and innovation divide

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**Thematic networks are multi-actor projects which collect existing knowledge and best practices on a given theme to make it available in easily understandable formats for end users such as farmers, foresters, advisers and others.**

**34 thematic networks are already ongoing.**

**Visit their websites, subscribe to their news, socialise through their social media accounts.**

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Take a look at the thematic networks that have been established so far [in this overview \(update September 2020\)](#) [1].

[Browse the EIP-AGRI database](#) [2] for multi-actor projects, including thematic networks.

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### Soils

- **BEST4SOIL** - Boosting 4 BEST practices for SOIL health in Europe: [website](#) [3] - [CORDIS](#) [4] (10/2018-09/2021)

### Water, nutrients and waste

- **FERTINNOWA** - Transfer of INNOvative techniques for sustainable WATER use in FERTigated crops: [website](#) [5] - [CORDIS](#) [6] (01/2016-12/2018)
- **AGRIFORVALOR** - Bringing added value to agriculture and forest sectors by closing the research and innovation divide to valorize and exploit sidestream biomass resources from agriculture and forestry: [website](#) [7] - [CORDIS](#) [8] (03/2016-08/2018)
- **NUTRIMAN** - Nutrient Management and Nutrient Recovery Thematic Network: [website](#) [9] - [CORDIS](#) [10] (10/2018-03/2021)
- **SuWaNu Europe** - Network for effective knowledge transfer on safe and economic

wastewater reuse in agriculture in Europe: [website](#) [11] - [CORDIS](#) [12] (01/2019-06/2021)

### **Sustainable cropping systems**

- **EUFRUIT** - EU Fruit Network: [website](#) [13] - [CORDIS](#) [14] (03/2016-02/2019)
- **PANACEA** - A thematic network to design the penetration PATH of Non-food Agricultural Crops into European Agriculture - [website](#) [15] - [CORDIS](#) [16] (11/2017-10/2020)
- **BIOFRUITNET** - Boosting Innovation in Organic FRUIT production through strong knowledge NETworks: [website](#) [17] - [CORDIS](#) [18] (11/2019 - 10/2022)

### **Animal production systems**

- **HENNOVATION** - Practice-led innovation supported by science and market-driven actors in the laying hen and other livestock sectors: [website](#) [19] - [CORDIS](#) [20] (01/2015-08/2017)
- **EuroDairy** - A Europe-wide thematic network supporting a sustainable future for EU dairy farmers: [website](#) [21] - [CORDIS](#) [22] - [video](#) [23] (02/2016-01/2019)
- **4D4F** - Data Driven Dairy Decisions 4 Farmers: [website](#) [24] - [CORDIS](#) [25] (03/2016-02/2019)
- **SheepNet** - Sharing Expertise and Experience towards sheep Productivity through NETworking: [website](#) [26] - [CORDIS](#) [27] (11/2016-10/2019)
- **EU PiG** - EU Pig Innovation Group: [website](#) [28] - [CORDIS](#) [29] (11/2016-10/2020)
- **Inno4Grass** - Shared Innovation Space for Sustainable Productivity of Grasslands in Europe: [website](#) [30] - [CORDIS](#) [31] (01/2017-12/2019)
- **OK-Net Ecofeed** - Organic Knowledge Network on Monogastric Animal Feed: [website](#) [32] - [CORDIS](#) [33] (01/2018-12/2020)
- **BovINE** - BovINE Beef Innovation Network Europe: [website](#) [34] - [CORDIS](#) [35] (01/2020-12/2022)
- **EuroSheep** - European Network for interactive and innovative knowledge exchange on animal health and nutrition between the sheep industry actors and stakeholders: [CORDIS](#) [36] (01/2020-12/2022)

### **Animals and health**

- **DISARM** - Disseminating Innovative Solutions for Antibiotic Resistance Management: [website](#) [37] - [CORDIS](#) [38] (01/2019-12/2021)
- **EuroSheep** - European Network for interactive and innovative knowledge exchange on animal health and nutrition between the sheep industry actors and stakeholders: [CORDIS](#) [36] (01/2020-12/2022)

## Plant health

- **WINETWORK** - Network for the exchange and transfer of innovative knowledge between European wine-growing regions to increase the productivity and sustainability of the sector: [website](#) [39] - [CORDIS](#) [40] (04/2015-09/2017)
- **INNOSETA** - Accelerating Innovative practices for Spraying Equipment, Training and Advising in European agriculture through the mobilization of Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems: [website](#) [41] - [CORDIS](#) [42] (05/2018-04/2021)
- **SMARTPROTECT** - SMART agriculture for innovative vegetable crop PROTECTioN: harnessing advanced methodologies and technologies: [website](#) [43] - [CORDIS](#) [44] (01/2020 - 12/2022)

## Ecological approaches & organic

- **OK-Net-Arable** - Organic Knowledge Network Arable: [website](#) [45] - [CORDIS](#) [46] (03/2015-02/2018)
- **HNV-link** - High Nature Value Farming: Learning, Innovation and Knowledge: [website](#) [47] - [CORDIS](#) [48] (04/2016-03/2019)
- **CERERE** - CEreal REnaissance in Rural Europe: embedding diversity in organic and low-input food systems: [website](#) [49] - [CORDIS](#) [50] (11/2016-10/2019)
- **AFINET** - Agroforestry Innovation Networks: [website](#) [51] - [CORDIS](#) [52] (01/2017-12/2019)
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- **OK-Net Ecofeed** - Organic Knowledge Network on Monogastric Animal Feed: [website](#) [32] - [CORDIS](#) [33] (01/2018-12/2020)
- **Legumes Translated** - Translating knowledge for legume-based farming for feed and food systems: [website](#) [53] - [CORDIS](#) [54] (11/2018-10/2021)
- **BIOFRUITNET** - Boosting Innovation in Organic FRUIT production through strong knowledge NETworks: [website](#) [17] - [CORDIS](#) [18] (11/2019 - 10/2022)

## Rural dynamics and policies

- **NEWBIE** - New Entrant netWork: Business models for Innovation, entrepreneurship and resilience in European agriculture: [website](#) [55] - [CORDIS](#) [56] (01/2018-12/2021)

## Public goods

- **HNV-link** - High Nature Value Farming: Learning, Innovation and Knowledge: [website](#) [47] - [CORDIS](#) [48] (04/2016-03/2019)

## Value chains

- **AGRIFORVALOR** - Bringing added value to agriculture and forest sectors by closing the research and innovation divide to valorize and exploit sidestream biomass resources from agriculture and forestry: [website](#) [7] - [CORDIS](#) [8] (03/2016-08/2018)
- **SKIN** - Short supply chain Knowledge and Innovation Network: [website](#) [57] - [CORDIS](#) [58] (11/2016-10/2019)
- **INCREDIBLE** - Innovation Networks of Cork, Resins and Edibles in the Mediterranean basin: [website](#) [59] - [CORDIS](#) [60] (11/2017-10/2020)
- **ENABLING** - Enhance New Approaches in BioBased Local Innovation Networks for Growth - [website](#) [61] - [CORDIS](#) [62] (12/2017-11/2020)
- **ROSEWOOD4.0** - EU Network of Regions on sustainable wood mobilisation ready for digitalisation: [website](#) [63] - [CORDIS](#) [64] (01/2020-12/2021)

## Digital transformation

- **SMART-AKIS** - European Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS) towards innovation-driven research in Smart Farming Technology: [website](#) [65] - [CORDIS](#) [66] (03/2016-08/2018)
- **4D4F** - Data Driven Dairy Decisions 4 Farmers: [website](#) [24] - [CORDIS](#) [25] (03/2016-02/2019)

## Knowledge and innovation systems

- **AgriSpin** - Space for Agricultural Innovation: [website](#) [67] - [CORDIS](#) [68] (03/2015-08/2017)
- **EURAKNOS** - Connecting Thematic Networks as Knowledge Reservoirs: towards a European Agricultural Knowledge Innovation Open Source System: [website](#) [69] - [CORDIS](#) [70] (01/2019-12/2020)

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## How to apply for funding for a thematic network?

- Read more about the latest Horizon 2020 calls (2020) in the [EIP-AGRI Brochure 'Funding opportunities under Horizon 2020 - calls 2020](#) [71]
- The [official website of the H2020 Societal Challenge 2 infoweek](#) [72] gives you all information on funding opportunities under Horizon 2020 Societal Challenge 2 'Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the Bioeconomy' for 2018-2020
- The [EU AgriResearch conference](#) [73] (Brussels, May 2018) discussed EU agriculture and rural research and innovation activities now and in the future. The [factsheets from this conference \(see bottom of the page\)](#) [73] give a summary of Research and Innovation activities for specific sectors. They list relevant H2020 projects and EIP-AGRI activities.

## Looking for inspiration and advice on how to build a thematic network?

- Read the [EIP-AGRI brochure on Thematic Networks under Horizon 2020](#) [74]
  - Watch the videos and presentations from the seminar "[Interactive innovation in motion: multi-actor projects and thematic networks under Horizon 2020](#) [75]".
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### Further reading:

[Horizon 2020: creating knowledge to boost agricultural innovation](#) [76]

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### Links

- [1] [https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/sites/default/files/eip-agri\\_h2020\\_thematic\\_networks\\_overview\\_september\\_2020.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/sites/default/files/eip-agri_h2020_thematic_networks_overview_september_2020.pdf)
- [2] [https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/find-connect/projects?search\\_api\\_views\\_fulltext=&field\\_proj\\_funding\\_source\\_list=4](https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/find-connect/projects?search_api_views_fulltext=&field_proj_funding_source_list=4)
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