



## WORKSHOP CONNECTING INNOVATIVE PROJECTS: WATER & AGRICULTURE

**30-31 MAY 2018 - ALMERÍA, SPAIN**



### EIP-AGRI Workshop

## 'Connecting innovative projects: Water & Agriculture'

Wednesday 30 May – Thursday 31 May 2018, Almería, Spain

*"Water scarcity and climate change are serious challenges for agriculture worldwide. A wide range of multidisciplinary strategies need to be adopted, from breeding to soil and crop management, to secure the sustainability of EU yields and quality of production"*

- Brunella MORANDI (Italy), expert from the EIP-AGRI [Focus Group on Water and Agriculture](#) -

Building up on the work done in the Focus Group on Water and Agriculture, the EIP-AGRI network is hosting a two-day thematic workshop on water and agriculture. The workshop is dedicated to Operational Groups, research and other type of projects who are working on water-related innovation in agriculture.

More than 65 Operational Group projects, supported by the Rural Development programmes, are currently dealing with questions around water and agriculture. Most focus on irrigation (precision irrigation or fertigation) or on the protection of groundwater or surface water by testing / developing good agricultural practices. Some projects are also looking at water reuse, water treatment or purification.

The EIP-AGRI network aims to promote cross-border knowledge exchange, networking and continuous cooperation between Operational Groups. This workshop is aiming to bring these Operational Groups together, give the possibility to exchange views, experiences and establish new partnerships among them and with research and other type of projects working on water-related innovation in agriculture.

The workshop is organised by the European Commission Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development and the EIP-AGRI Service Point with support of the Andalusian Regional Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Rural Development and the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food and Environment.

### Workshop objectives

- Connect Operational Groups with each other and to relevant research/innovation activities
- Exchange good practices
- Identify common challenges and explore potential solutions
- Promote continuous cooperation beyond the workshop

*We have included a short questionnaire in the registration form asking you which topics you would like to discuss at this event. We will take your answers into account when developing the detailed programme.*

### Other thematic EIP-AGRI workshops for Operational Groups

Over 500 Operational Groups have now started, supported by the Rural Development Programmes. This workshop is the third thematic EIP-AGRI workshop for Operational Groups. The first, called [Organic is Operational](#) (Hamburg, June 2017) offered an opportunity for improved networking amongst the first Operational Groups working in organic farming or on closely related subjects across Europe. The second was held in Lyon, France: [Innovation in the supply chain, creating value together](#). It brought together Operational Groups and other innovative projects working on supply chains in agriculture.



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## Draft programme

**Participation at the workshop is by invitation only**

**Please note that this workshop will be held in English only**

### Day 1 – Wednesday, 30 May 2018

8:15 – 9:00	<b>Registration</b>
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome and introduction
9:30 – 10:30	Plenary session: Setting the scene
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:00 – 12:30	Interactive exhibition of projects <i>Meet and learn about Operational Groups, research and other type of innovative projects</i>
12:30-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>
13:30	Departure for field visits
14:00 – 17:00	Field visits to Operational Groups and innovative projects around Almeria
18:00	Return from field visits
19:00	<b>Networking dinner</b>

### Day 2 – Thursday, 31 May 2018

8:15 – 9:00	<b>Registration</b>
9:00 – 9:30	Interactive plenary feedback on day 1 morning session and field visits
9:30 – 11:00	Breakout groups
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Coffee break</b>
11:30 – 12:30	Discussions in Open space <i>Working in groups on the conversations of your choice, to innovate, explore common issues, share expertise and solve problems</i>
12:30 – 13:00	Plenary wrap up
13:00 – 14:00	<b>Lunch and goodbye</b>