Enabling cross-fertilisation and communication – How to facilitate good project applications?

14:20 – 14:30 The Hungarian approach
*Timea Reszkető, Head of RDI unit in the Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture*

14:30 – 14:40 The Catalan experience
*Jaume Sió, Deputy Director Innovation, Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food in Generalitat of Catalonia*

**14:40 – 14:45 Introduction to the session**
*Inge Van Oost, DG AGRI*

14:45 – 15:50 2nd breakout session – “Application forms and partnership agreements”
Questions for discussion:
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**15:50 – 16:20 Coffee break and networking**

16:20 – 16:25 Harvesting from the breakout session
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Inge Van Oost – DG Agriculture and Rural Development
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We were allowed to use some documents from MS, many thanks to those MS for their kind cooperation and translation! – Please be aware that these documents are not Commission guidance documents: they will help us to kick-off the exchange of experiences.
Break-out 2 *(idea put into practice with success)*

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To make this seminar as practical as possible, we used some *"real life" documents*, as many of you asked us already.

Why these? To **illustrate a number of useful elements** which can support you when making documents in your MS/region (list for facilitators who will help you in the debate) – **Brainstorming + collection of questions** - Motto = make docs + procedure as simple as possible.
**BO 2 - Information supporting the discussion**

**Main documents from MS**

1. Application forms from IE and RO (step 1), BE (step 2) – collecting also EIP common format info
2. Cooperation agreement templates from RO and BE

**Extra info**

1. Lifecycle of an OG project from idea to dissemination (HU, ES and RO presentations) – actions accompanying application
2. Guidance doc for application IE
3. Innovation KE Hub supporting applicants (UK-W, page 2-3)

Support for preparing OG’s project (“setting up”) complements the funding for the OG’s project (“operation”).

EIP guidelines 6.2 3rd para

Double sub-heading 16.1 + 16.x
Preparation of the project ⇔ OG project funding

• "The EIP aims at a flexible and open system for the creation of a multiplicity of operational groups" :

• Differentiate step 1 and step 2 (separate operations, no retro-active funding). To avoid problems with Art 60(2), setting-up funding (step 1) will require a separate application and selection as it takes place before the OG project is selected. Art. 60(2) – EIP guidelines 4.3

• Application for step 1 may be relatively simple (simple application form, paying with lump sums), e.g. only focus on project objectives and complementarity of partnership

• Note: an OG only becomes an OG after selection of its project (= step 2)
Content of application forms

OG project application content for step 2 = output of the setting-up operation:

- project **objectives** supporting practical needs/opportunities of farmers/foresters
- planned **activities**, coherent with objectives (**consistency**)
- attribution of **roles/responsibilities** in the project
- illustration why this mix of actors is the most **targeted** (**not** the most diverse or best representation)
- Including **multipliers** (advisors, farmers' org, etc which can capture needs, have practical knowledge, help communication)
- details on the **budget**
- **dissemination** plan (minimum = fulfilling call requirements)
- ....
Cooperation agreement

- As for any other co-operation operation under M16, at the start of a project a cooperation agreement needs to set out internal work procedures and management of the tasks – Art. 56

- Either the OG, the lead-partner or the constituent entities can be the "final beneficiary", but the structure should be clear and funding to be traced. No need for an OG to be legal entity – EIP guidelines 4.2

- A possible "lead-partner" may deal with administrative issues, but any payment to this partner should be merited by corresponding work, not through global overheads (except if SCO are used) – EIP guidelines 4.2 + Art 67 & 68
Effective communication (= promote and network the project) + dissemination of (intermediate) results

- Operational groups have a dissemination obligation which relates to "substantial material of potential use to others".
- MS can provide additional obligations in the calls for dissemination at local/regional level through call conditions, e.g. frequency, use of existing channels.
- The emphasis of Art. 35/measure 16 is on creating "knowledge which is freely available for the use of all," also in the case private funding would be used – Art.35 guidance 4.3 & EIP guidelines 4.6.
- Communicate on the activities of OGs as from the start of their project, for raising awareness and opening up contact possibilities. - EIP guidelines 4.6 +Annex on EIP Common format.
Mise au point et adaptation d’itinéraires techniques innovants en filières végétales: Innoveg.

**Geographical location**: Franche-Comté

**Main geographical location**: Mayotte

**Keywords**: Agricultural production system

**Main funding source**: Rural development 2014-2020 for Operational Groups (in the sense of Art. 58 of Reg.1305/2013)

**Project type**: Operational group

**Starting date**: 2015

**End date**: 2017

**Project status**: ongoing

**Title (in English)**: Development and adaptation of innovative technological itinerary in vegetal sectors: Innoveg

**Objective of the project (native language)**:

Le projet s’intègre dans le processus de la 1ère phase du projet RTA (2012-2013) il vise à structurer et développer de manière durable les filières végétales mahoraises en intervenant aux divers étapes du processus de production jusqu’au récolte et la transformation des produits. Les activités de recherches développement-transformation ont été déclenchées après un long processus de réflexion et concertation avec l’ensemble des parties prenantes des filières végétales sur Mayotte, ainsi que par la volonté de répondre aux besoins exprimés par les agriculteurs et aux enjeux de l’agro-écologie.

**Objective of the project (in English)**:

The project is implemented in the context of the first phase of RTA (2012-2013). Its aim is to structure and develop a sustainable market for mahorais vegetable sectors by intervening at different stages of the production process from the harvest to the transformation of products. The activities of research-development-transformation have been triggered after a long process of reflection and consultation with the full range of stakeholders in the vegetable sectors on Mayotte, as well as by the desire to respond to the needs expressed by the farmers and the agro-ecology issues.

**Description of activities (native language)**:

Les activités du projet se regroupent en 5 thèmes (ou WP): 1- Système d’information sur la performance agronomique et environnementale des systèmes de cultures maraîchères. 2- Santé végétale à Mayotte: gestion agro-écologique des bioagresseurs. 3- Amélioration des itinéraires techniques des filières maraîchères, fruitière et viti-vinicole et diversification variétale. 4- Mise au point de nouveau processus de transformation apportant de la valeur ajoutée aux productions typiques de Mayotte. 5- Traitement des résultats et diffusion en milieu paysan.

**Description of activities (in English)**:

The project activities are grouped under 5 themes (or WP): 1- Information System on agronomic and environmental performance of mixed crops. 2- Plant health in Mayotte: agro-ecological management of bio-aggressors. 3- Improvement of technological itineraries in market gardening, fruit production and subsistence crop and varietal diversification. 4- Creation of new transformation processes bringing added value to typical Mayotte products. 5- Treatment and dissemination results in farming areas.

**Total budget**: 26533€

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- **Project partners**

- **Short summary for practitioners**

- **Practice abstract 1**

**Short summary for practitioners (in English)**:

The project will allow for the field of Research, the publication of different types of documents: technical datasheets, reports, articles. In the area of relationship with the main actors, the dissemination of Research results in form areas of communication through implementation of new网点, meetings in convened. Economically, the project will allow to improve Mayotte and its vegetables, in connection with the territory, the development of new practices and techniques. The project is in line with the priorities of the Operational Group: the economic development of the Mayotte region, the development of its production, the promotion of its products. The project will allow for the training of young professionals (students, farmers, technical operators) in the field of vegetable production, the strengthening of the agricultural community (extension, associations, universities) and the strengthening of the link with the territory.
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