Workshop Networking for Innovation under measure 16 in Rural Development Programmes

27-28 October 2015 – Tallinn, Estonia
Workshop ‘Networking for innovation under measure 16 in Rural Development Programmes’
Tuesday 27 October 2015 - Tallinn, Estonia

13:00 – 14:00 Registration and welcome coffee

14:00 – 14:20 Setting the scene
Presentation “Implementing the EIP-AGRI – state of play”
Aniko Seregelyi, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Networking at national / regional level
14:20 – 15:00 Interactive session 1
Getting to know and mapping the EIP-AGRI support in Member States
Moderated by Margarida Ambar, EIP-AGRI Service Point

15:00 – 15:45 Examples from Member States / regions on how EIP-AGRI support units integrate activities related to Operational Groups in their action plans:
• The Austrian case – Mirjam Linninger, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment an Water Management
• The Veneto Region case – Monica Vianello, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development from the Veneto Region
• The Finnish case – Joel Karlsson, Network Support Unit in the National Rural Network
• The Portuguese case – Maria São Luis Centeno, General Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Development / Network Support Unit of the National Rural Network

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:15 Interactive session 2
Sharing experiences in supporting EIP-AGRI implementation
Moderated by Margarida Ambar, EIP-AGRI Service Point

17:15 – 17:50 Discussion on the interactive session 2 outcomes

17:50 – 18:00 Closing first day and announcing practicalities

19:00 – 21:00 Networking dinner
Implementing and networking for the EIP-AGRI - State of play

Innovation

Anikó Seregélyi - European Commission DG AGRI
Tallinn 27-28 October 2015
Content

1. State of play RDPs approval, state of play EIP-AGRI programming
2. Networking at EU level
   • Governance, Subgroup Innovation
   • EIP network & networking activities
3. Networking at national & regional level
   • Tasks of NRNs related to EIP-AGRI implementation
   • EU-National networks interaction
4. Programme of the Workshop – main blocks
State of play RDP approval and EIP-AGRI programming
State of play (as of 30/09/2015)

- **87 out of 118 Programmes approved** (81.8% of the RD budget, approved in 25 MSs, completed in 22 MSs)
- The sub-measure "establishment and operation of operational groups of the EIP" is foreseen in about **90 National and Regional RDPs (in 23 MS)** out of a total number of 118 RDPs.
- **First OG projects have been selected** and some started in June (in Schleswig Holstein – Germany).
Number of EIP planned Operational Groups in the approved RDPs (2014-2020)

* Sum of single RDPs approved as of 30 September 2015

source: European Commission - update 30 September 2015
Share of the cooperation measure in the total RDP EAFRD budget (approved RDPs 2014 - 2020)

* Average of single RDPs approved as of 30 September 2015

source: European Commission - update 30 September 2015
EIP-AGRI Networking at EU level
Subgroup on Innovation
Composition per category of representative

- Managing Authorities
  - 13 members (24%)

- EU-wide Organisations
  - 13 members (24%)

- National Rural Networks
  - 8 members (15%)

- Advisory Services
  - 13 members (23%)

- Research Institutes
  - 9 members (16%)
Mandate Subgroup on Innovation for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability

Support achieving the aims of the EIP network
- facilitating the exchange of expertise and good practice
- establishing a dialogue between farmers and research community
- facilitating the inclusion of all stakeholders in the knowledge exchange process
EIP-AGRI networking activities

Facilitated by the EIP-AGRI Service Point

Themes of activities discussed and narrowed down in the Subgroup on Innovation
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 actors relevant for the project, working together in an innovation project and producing concrete results
EIP-AGRI events 2015

- **Biosecurity in the EU**
  - 22-23 January 2015 - Brussels

- **1st meeting**
  - 10 March 2015 - Brussels

- **Building new biomass supply chains for the bio-based economy**
  - 27-28 May 2015 - Italy

- **2nd meeting**
  - 23 June 2015 - Brussels

- **Circular Economy**
  - 28-29 October 2015 - Finland

- **3rd meeting**
  - 17 November 2015 - Brussels

- **Knowledge Systems**
  - 3-4 December 2015 - Dublin
Focus Groups 2015

Mixed Farming Systems

Water & agriculture

Benchmarking of Farm Productivity and Sustainability Performance

New entrants into farming

Reducing emissions from cattle farming
EIP networking at national / regional level
Main objectives for NRNs 2014-2020

• *Increase the involvement of stakeholders in the implementation of rural development*

• *Improve the quality of implementation of RDPs*

• *Inform the broader public and potential beneficiaries on rural development policy and funding opportunities*

• *Foster innovation in agriculture, food production, forestry and rural areas*
NRN Action Plan

- Art 54(3) of RDR 1305/2013 sets out as a strategic task for NRNs to envisage
- networking for advisors and innovation support services
- and the search of partners
- The action plan of NRN should cover at least
  - the search of partners for the cooperation measure (Art.35)
  - provide networking for advisors and innovation support services. Article 54(2)(d) and Article 54(3)(b)(iii) and (iv)
Contribution of NRNs to the implementation of EIP-AGRI and its network

- **Awareness raising**: organising meetings, WSs, acting as *multipliers*
- **Networking** at national / regional level of rural development innovation actors – *Operational Groups*
- **Provision of information about**
  - RDP measures and actions targeting innovation and knowledge transfer
  - Examples of projects and good practices
Contribution of NRNs to the implementation of EIP-AGRI and its network (cont.)

• **Cross-border exchange of information** about projects, research initiatives, Thematic Networks, funding possibilities e.g. H2020

• **Acting as or supporting Innovation Support Services (ISS)** for animating innovative actions and establishing OGs at the national level

• NRNs **active role in setting up OGs** by
  • collecting information,
  • animating bottom-up initiatives,
  • helping to refine innovative ideas
  • providing support for finding partners and funding
• **No obligation** for the MS to create a specialised innovation network or Support Unit, the role can be assumed by the NRN

→ *situation in MSs and regions? – Mapping exercise in the WS*

• **NSUs should foresee capacity to work with all innovation actors and networks**
Programme of the Workshop (main blocks)
Day 1

- **Mapping EIP-AGRI Support Units**
  - How they are organised?
  - What is their role?

- **EIP-AGRI related activities in the Action Plans**
  - Exchange of experiences & discussion
Day 2

• **Linking** European and National / Regional networking activities
• **Other innovative cooperation actions** under measure 16
• **Tools for networking** – **EIP-AGRI website & collaborative area**
Thank you for your attention!