

EIP-AGRI WORKSHOP SMALL IS SMART 29-30 OCTOBER 2019 - BUCHAREST, ROMANIA



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EIP-AGRI Workshop "Small is smart" - Innovative solutions for small agricultural and forestry holdings

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Day 1: Tuesday 29 October 2019

08:15 - 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 10:15 **Welcoming participants and setting the scene**

- Welcome to Bucharest and short introduction about small farms innovation in Romania from the Romanian Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development:
 - **Daniel-Eugeniu Crunțeanu**, State secretary
 - **Dana Rebega**, Deputy General Director
 - **Liviu Popescu**, Counsellor
- Opening words from the European Commission, **Inge Van Oost**, DG AGRI
- Ice-breaker
- Presentations:
 - Small smart farms: how can small farms benefit from digital innovations in agriculture? **Leanne Townsend**, James Hutton Institute, UK
 - An overview of the CUMA: farm machinery cooperatives, **Stephane Diard**, FN Cuma, France
 - Direct selling: an instrument to improve profitability in small-scale farming, **Bavo Verwimp**, Organic farmer, Belgium
 - Combining innovation with tradition for economic viability of Romania's small-scale farms, **Razvan Popa**, Adept Foundation, Romania
 - Small-scale Bioeconomy Opportunities for European Farmers, **James Gaffey**, Biorefinery glass project, Ireland

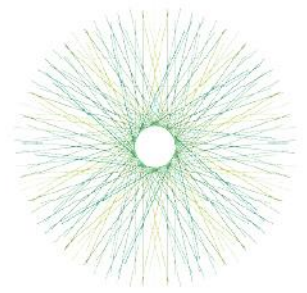
10:15 - 11:00 Breakout session 1: **What actions could a small farmer take to introduce innovation or good practices?**

11:00 - 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 - 13:00 Continuation of breakout session 1

13:00 - 13:50 **Lunch**

14:00 - 18:30 **Field trip to the Romanian Horticultural Institute**



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20:00 - 22:30 **Departure for networking dinner**

Day 2: Wednesday 30 October 2019

08:30 - 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 - 09:45 A **welcome back** to participants

Energiser exercise

What is the EIP-AGRI? The importance of knowledge exchange (and the local AKIS in general) in successful EIP-AGRI implementation, **Inge Van Oost, DG AGRI**

An **introduction** to the rest of the day

09:45 - 10:45 Breakout session 2: **How can best practice sharing, collaboration, digitalisation and knowledge transfer best support innovation in small farms?**

- Which types of collaboration support small farmers to innovate and how?
- How can small farmers be encouraged and supported to utilise digitalisation as a means to innovate?
- Which methods of knowledge sharing work best for small farmers and how can these methods support innovation?

10:45 - 11:15 **Coffee break**

11:15 - 12:30 Breakout session 3: **How could the innovation support environment for small farmers be improved at a regional, national and European level?**

- What type of advisory services best support small farmers?
- What type of innovation support would help best?
- How can networking help small farmers?
- What areas of research are important for small farmers?

12:30 - 13:30 **Bringing participants together** and reflect on the workshop's outcomes

13:30 - 14:30 **Farewell & lunch**