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Day 2: Thursday 17 September 2020

Part III: Main building blocks of AKIS

14:00 - 15:00

Integrating advisors in the AKIS to foster the sharing of knowledge and innovation for agriculture and rural areas

- **Introduction** to the topic – Inge Van Oost, DG AGRI
- **Inspirational speakers:**
 - Integration of Slovenian advisors in the AKIS – Anton Jagodic, Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry of Slovenia, SI
 - Experience from an NGO delivering advice and much more – Razvan Popa, Adept Foundation, RO
 - Develop innovation support services including innovation brokering, facilitation and innovation tools and much more - Marleen Gysen, Innovatiesteunpunt, BE
- **Inputs to the topic from participants:** highlights from the **Google Document B** – Mark Gibson, EIP-AGRI Service Point
- **Group discussion** in plenary

15:00 - 15:20

Coffee break

15:20 - 16:15

Preparing the role of CAP networks in strengthening the AKIS by promoting innovation and knowledge flows within the country and across the EU

- **Introduction** to the topic – Inge Van Oost, DG AGRI
- **Inspirational speakers:**
 - The Polish advisory service and EIP network – Krzysztof Janiak, Agricultural Advisory Centre in Brwinów, PL
 - Networking meetings with Operational Groups – Erika Frankhuizen, National Rural Network Unit, NL
- **Inputs to the topic from participants:** highlights from the **Google Document C** – Mark Gibson, EIP-AGRI Service Point
- **Group discussion** in plenary

16:15 - 16:30

Closing of the day

- Interaction and highlights



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How can CAP networks boost knowledge exchange and connect actors?



CAP networks creating an innovation enabling environment

- Enable existing networks that were created during project lifetime. Such networks that are based on farms/advisers` needs should be financed after the project ends.
- Separate operational functions (including support functions) from control functions in public bodies involved in the CAP process to improve relations with AKIS actors and create innovation enabling environment.
- Have good running AKIS facilitator service or innovation brokers.
- The CAP network shall include at least aspects focus on strengthening AKIS' governance, exchange of knowledge (cross visits, multi-actor focus, OG's projects), strengthening innovation and dissemination of the results of it, boosting of digitalization and improving advisory system.
- There is a need for a digital networking platform.

CAP Networks support knowledge flows across borders

- Language can be a barrier.
- CAP Networks should promote the use and test of these automatic translation technologies even if they are not perfect.
- Connect existing networks
- Human interaction and discussion is very important to understand and motivate people to use that knowledge.
- We find useful to organize study trips abroad.
- Role in disseminating research outcomes from H2020
- Support new thematic networks and reinforce cooperation actions in all EU member states RDP.
- Thematic events organized by EIP AGRI are very useful.

CAP Network supporting farmers and advisors to engage with innovation and available knowledge

- Public Research Organizations and private farmers and advisors could work together to improve testing systems and other ways to validate available knowledge.
- Establish a subgroup on innovation at national level
- Dissemination and creation of connections between OGs and innovation projects.
- Dissemination of Horizon Europe Project and creation of connections of actors participating in them.
- Stronger connection between H2020 national contact points and NRNs.
- Field trips in other MS
- Working on joint research projects (farm associations/ advisors and researchers
- Introduce criteria linked with innovation engagement when selecting the projects financed in the national RDP

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