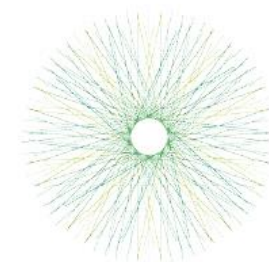


Break-out Group 9:

Innovation brokering and support: what, who, how, when, where...?



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- Are we clear what we mean by “innovation support services (ISS)” and “innovation brokers”?

Still learning about difference between :

- Broker
- Facilitator
- Wider innovation support services

Conclusions / Recommendations

- What is the range of actors that can provide innovation brokering and support? *Examples please!*
Public and private actors, who can gain farmers/local community's trust:
 - *Extension/advisory services*
 - *Expert groups*
 - *Farmers/agricultural associations*
 - *Research centres*
 - *Clusters*
 - *NRN's*
 - *NGOs*
 - *Private consultants*

Conclusions / Recommendations

- Is there a need to “recognise” innovation brokers and support services officially?
 - Both options, but majority will not recognise officially
 - Tools to help actors: list of experts
 - Looking for skills and agricultural expertise
 - Watch out for discrimination!

Conclusions / Recommendations

- How are MS / regions choosing to support / finance innovation brokers and support services? *Examples please!*
 - *Article 35*
 - *Technical assistance*
 - *Other funding (ESF, ...) ?*
 - *Lump sum (need for more information!) vs. actual costs (paying agency & court of auditors!)*
 - *Small and big OG's may need different type of broker: local actors vs. national actors (f.e. soil association UK)*