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Programming Innovation in Rural Development – Linking Science and Practice

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Workshop 4: How to encourage and manage cross regional/border co-operation?

Kick-off intervention

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Regione Toscana





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Region	Status	Adhesion letter
1. Tuscany	Member	Proponent
2. Andalusia	Member	No
3. Aquitaine	Member	No
4. Aragon	Member	Yes
5. Bavaria	Member	Yes
6. Bretagne	Member	Yes
7. Catalunya	Member	Yes
8. Castilla y Leon	Member	Yes
9. Centre	Member	No
10. Dubrovnik-Neretva	Member	Yes
11. Emilia-Romagna	Member	Yes
12. Euskadi	Member	No
13. Flevoland	Member	No
14. Istria	Member	Yes
15. Liguria	Member	No
16. Limbourg	Member	No
17. Marche	Member	No
18. North Karelia	Member	Yes
19. PACA	Member	No
20. Pays de la Loire	Member	Yes
21. Picardie	Member	Yes
22. South Ostrobothnia	Member	Yes
23. Satakunta	Member	Yes
24. Umbria	Member	Yes
25. Veneto	Member	No
26. Wales	Member	No

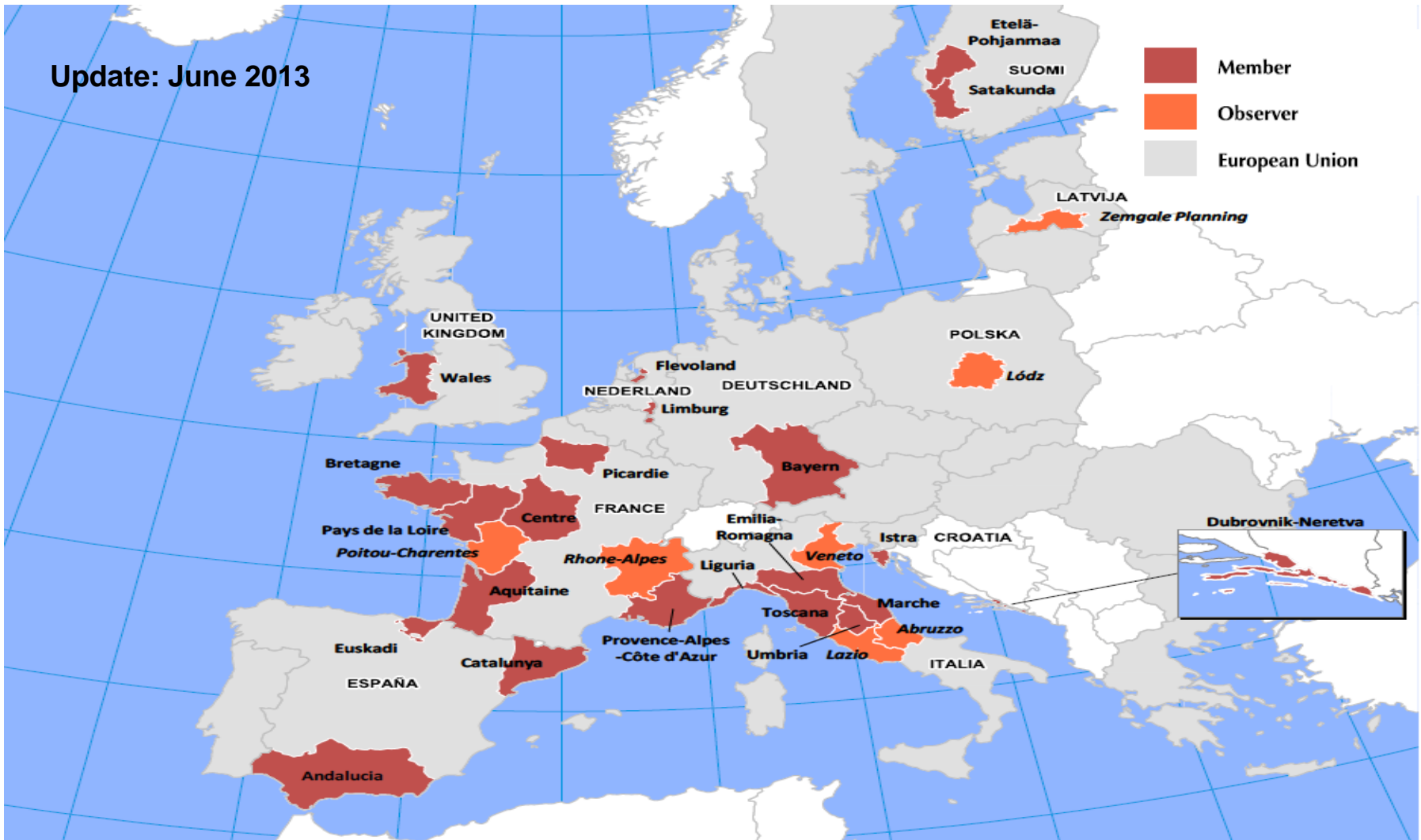
Region	Status	Adhesion letter
1. Abruzzo	Observer	
2. Auvergne	Observer	
3. Guadeloupe	Observer	
4. Lazio	Observer	
5. Lodzkye	Observer	
6. Lombardia	Observer	
7. Martinique	Observer	
8. Nord pas de Calais	Observer	
9. Piemonte	Observer	
10. Poitou-Charentes	Observer	
11. Puglia	Observer	
12. Rhone-Alpes	Observer	
13. Zemgale Planning	Observer	
14. Norther Ireland	Observer	
15. Região do Alto Tâmega	Observer	

26 members + 15 observers from 11 Member States (BG, DE, ES, FI, FR, HR, IT, LV, NL, PL, UK)

Collaboration with other Networks:
AREPO, AREFLH, ERRIN, EUROMONTANA, NEREUS



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The ERIAFF Network

ERIAFF Network is a platform to support EU Regions. It's based on voluntary contribution by adherent Regions. It's free of charge and without any statutory arrangement.

ERIAFF Partners are committed to:

Select common innovation priorities and act as promoters of close collaborations among their Operational Groups and other Regional Stakeholders

Develop a joint activity programme to support, maximize and add value to ERIAFF partners individual regional strategies in the field of rural research, development and innovation

Develop cross-border collaboration among Operational Groups



Questions to be addressed

How to identify common interest?

Which communication mechanisms?

Which administrative arrangements?



How to identify common interest?

Step 1 – Identify interests and priorities (innovative ideas)

Which is the right scale?

Regional/Local → Good operational scale (bottom-up approach)
(local strategies/needs) → Managing Authorities/Clusters

MS → National priorities (convergences on wider strategies) →
Managing Authority/NRDNs

European → EU priorities (top-down approach) → SCAR AKIS
CWG, EIP Focus Groups, Other EU Networks and Platforms)

Level of detail: - At least clear objectives/targets
- A local leader (possibly)



How to identify common interest?

Step 2 – Matching priorities

Tools: EIP Network, ERDN, NRDNs,
EU Networks (e.g. ERIAFF), Innovation Brokers

Step 3 – Prioritizing and clustering

Step 4 – Creating Operational Groups

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Step 5 – Connecting Operational Groups

**Communication
mechanisms**

**Administrative
arrangements**



Which communication mechanisms?

Main Challenges:

- Common format for communicating needs/offers
- Reaching the right subjects (farmers)
- Linguistic barriers

European tools

- EIP Network: database, website, workshops and seminars
- European Rural Development Network
- EU Technology Platforms, EU projects, EU Networks

National/Regional tools

- Managing Authorities
- National Rural Development Networks
- Advisory/Extension Services
- Innovation brokers
- Agrifood/Bioeconomy clusters
- Universities/Research Centres (?)



Which administrative arrangements?

Main challenges

- Actual/Effective cross-border cooperation among OGs (not just research!)
- Synchronism
- Avoiding overlappings

Limiting factors

- Expenditure outside administrative borders
- Different administrative arrangements
- Linguistic barriers

Tools

- Political commitment
- Rural Development EC Regulation (Measures)
- EIP Network (A dedicated focus group?)



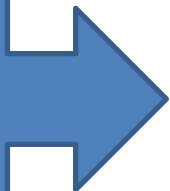
Which administrative arrangements?

A possible ways forward

Topics

Calls for Operative Groups

Common
interest



- Synchronised calls
- Mandatory budget allocation for cross border cooperation (e.g. Min %)
- Higher priority
- Mandatory brokerage support

Local
interest



- Facultative budget allocation for cross border cooperation
- Lower priority
- Non mandatory brokerage support



The ERIAFF Network

ERIAFF Network as a tool for testing administrative and innovative solutions and helping implementing EIP AGRI

- ERIAFF is a Platform EU Regions offer to improve the EIP efficiency
- ERIAFF Network can help create synergies among EU territories and Institutional Organisms/Bodies which operate on RD
- ERIAFF Regions can become a EU demonstrator for matching priorities and testing administrative arrangements for Operational Groups (among Regions which act as RD OP Managing Authorities).



Thanks for listening!

**And now...
...let's debate!**

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