

EIP Preparations / French Regions

Context

- Regions = new managing authorities
- 27 RDP => 27 ways of tackling the EIP
- EAFRD measures :
 - ➔ 15, 16: knowledge transfer, advisory services
 - ➔ 18: innovative investments / tests
 - ➔ 27: forestry technologies and processing
 - ➔ 36: operational groups

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- **EIP = an opportunity**
 - ➔ **At the regional level**, to allow more consistency for experimentation projects and more communication between the different actors involved in the innovation process
 - ➔ **At the national/european level**: to facilitate the sharing and diffusion of innovation, both through focus groups on the specific themes selected at the european level and through wider and more informal networks
- **EIP = an interesting tool, relevant regarding our local strategies for innovation. But: a need of further clarifications to set the EIP in each RDP**

Governance model: regional level

Example: project of a regional partnership for research, innovation and development in agriculture and agri-food business: research and universities bodies, farmer professional organisations, administration...

- Setting of relevant themes
- Selection of the most relevant operational groups

OG's setting up

- **Selection**
 - ➔ Innovative project
 - ➔ Depending on the regional needs, a call for proposal already focusing on specific themes
- **But**
 - ➔ Among Regions, no identification of optimal OG structures or size
- **Bottom-up approach**

Key themes - examples

Basse-Normandie

- Protein crop production for the feed sector
- Organic farming
- Soil life

Aquitaine

- Protein crop production
- Organic farming, organic wine
- Agrobiodiversity - seed genetic resources

Key themes - examples

Midi-Pyrénées

- Natural and farming land
- Adapting to climate change
- New products for the food industry
- Protein autonomy
- Bioeconomy and carbon industry

Rhône-Alpes

- Relocalisation and territorialisation of the regional economy (agri, food and wood production)
- Sustainable farming, soil and water management...
- Adapting to climate change
- Foster territory and business vitality

Key themes - examples

Languedoc-Roussillon

- Improving quality of products
- Adapting to climate change in the mediterranean area
- Sustainable water and inputs management
- Short food supply chains (logistical and cooperation aspects)
- New agricultural production sectors

Brittany, Pays de la Loire and Poitou-Charentes Regions – Western France

- Protein crop production for the feed sector
- Innovation in organic farming
- Agro-ecology
- Adding value in the agro-food chain
- Managing the water resource (in quality and quantity)