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EIP-AGRI Seminar 'Launching Operational Groups and EIP Networking in Rural Development Programmes'

Tuesday 18 – Wednesday 19 November 2014
The Square, Rue Mont des Arts, Brussels, Belgium

On 18-19 November 2014, DG AGRI is organising a **two half days seminar dedicated to practical approaches for launching effective EIP-AGRI Operational Groups with RDP 2014 - 2020 funding**.

The seminar will focus upon two key issues:

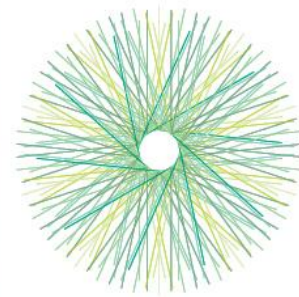
- How to organise an effective call for Operational Group (OG) projects (incl. legal framework and guidelines for OGs and networking).
- How to organise EIP networking at national/regional level with effective links to innovation support services (ISS) and advisory services with a focus on innovation.

The seminar has the following specific objectives:

- To develop a common understanding of the possibilities offered by EU legislation for calls for OG projects and networking / innovation support services.
- To promote the exchange of ideas and initial experiences between the participating Managing Authorities (MAs) regarding calls for OG projects and networking / innovation support services.
- To address specific technical issues that individual MAs may present during the seminar.

As you can see in the draft programme in next page, DG AGRI is offering all participants a networking dinner in the same building as the seminar. The dinner will be held on Tuesday 18 November from 19:00 to 21:30 at The Square, at the upper floor in the Panoramic Hall.

For further information on the venue, you can access their website [here](#).



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Final programme

Interpretation for the plenary sessions will be available from/to English, French and German

Day 1 - Tuesday, 18 November

How to organise an effective call for Operational Group (OG) projects?

11:30 - 13:00 Registration and buffet lunch

13:00 - 13:30 Welcome and introduction *Mihail Dumitru - Deputy-Director General DG Agriculture and Rural Development*

13:30 - 14:00 Legal framework and guidelines for OGs and networking *Inge van Oost - DG Agriculture and Rural Development*

14:00 - 14:45 Examples from Member States/regions on call preparation for EIP OGs:

- The Swedish approach *Inger Pehrson - Coordinator Innovation Network, Swedish Rural Network*
- The Finnish approach *Sirpa Karjalainen - Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry*
- The Austrian approach *Gerhard Pretterhofer - Expert, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management*
- The Catalanian approach *Jaume Sió - Deputy Director Innovation, Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries, Food and Natural Environment*

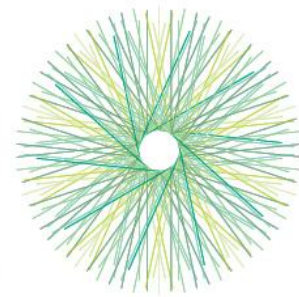
14:45 - 15:00 Introduction to break-out groups *Mark Redman - EIP-AGRI Service Point*

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 - 17:00 Break-out groups
Break-out groups will be guided through a set of questions focusing on how to organise an effective call for OG projects

17:00 - 18:30 Discussion on the break-out group outcomes
Conclusions from the break-out groups with the aim of identifying common key issues, sharing experiences and reinforcing important messages

18:30 – 21:30 Drinks and networking dinner at The Square, Panoramic Hall



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Day 2 - Wednesday, 19 November

How to organise EIP networking at national/regional level – including effective links to Innovation Support Services and advisory services with a focus on innovation?

09:00 – 09:15 The new EIP-AGRI website *Meisoon Nasralla - DG Agriculture and Rural Development*

09:15 – 10:00 Innovation networking examples

- The German EIP network (Deutsche Vernetzungsstelle) *Bettina Rocha - Policy Officer, Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung*
- The Polish EIP network by the Polish Agricultural Advisory Service *Marek Krysztoforski - Msc Ing., Agriculture Advisory Center Branch in Radom*
- The Soil Association - an independent Innovation Support Service *Tom MacMillan - Director of Innovation, Soil Association*

10:00 – 10:15 Introduction to break-out groups *Mark Redman - EIP-AGRI Service Point*

10:15 – 10:45 **Coffee break**

10:45 – 12:15 Break-out groups

Break-out groups will be guided through a set of questions focusing on how to organise EIP networking at national/regional level with effective links to ISS and advisory services

12:15 – 13:30 Discussion on the break-out group outcomes

Conclusions from the break-out groups with the aim of identifying common key issues, sharing experiences and reinforcing important messages

13:30 – 13:45 Closing remarks

Aldo Longo - Director H 'General Aspects of Rural Development and Research'

13:45 **End of the workshop with lunch**