



Subgroup on Innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability 4th Meeting

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08:30 - 09:00 Registration & welcome coffee

09:00 - 09:10 Welcome & introduction – *Rob Peters, Head of Unit AGRI H.5*

09:10 - 10:10 Session I “Rural Networking in 2016

Presentation by DG AGRI & discussion in groups

10:10 – 10:30 Session II “Supporting Operational Groups”

EIP-AGRI implementation in RDPs: first elements from the 94 RDPs supporting OGs through Measure 16 – *Presentations by DG AGRI & EIP-AGRI Service Point*

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 13:00 Session II “Supporting Operational Groups” (continued) – *Discussion in groups*

Support for Operational Groups – DG AGRI & MAs from Austria, Spain, Sweden, England

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 15:00 Session III “EIP-AGRI Focus Groups”

State of play – *EIP-AGRI Service Point & DG AGRI*

Making best use of Focus Groups’ outcomes – *Presentations by Portugal, Hungary & Spain / Presentation by Mark Redman*

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:40 Making best use of Focus Groups’ outcomes – *Discussion in groups*

16:40 – 17:00 Wrap up / next steps

17:00 Closing





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Calls For Operational Groups in Spain

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National Rural Development Program

N COOPERATION MEASURE, total budget 2014-2020: 65 M€

N EIP within coop. total budget : 47 M€ (73% share of coop)

2 separated calls:

- **1st call establishment of Operational Groups**

Launched at **1st quarter 2016**

Budget for 2016: 2 M€

- **1st call Projects of OG**

Launched at **2nd-3th quarter 2016**

Budget for 2016: 2 M€



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N COOPERATION MEASURE: total budget 2014-2020: 17 M€

1st call budget (AUGUST 2015, not yet solved): 3,5 M€

Applications for ESTABLISHMENT OR OPERATION

(0.5 M€)

(3M€)



Planning and drafting of
innovation projects

Innovative pilot projects

- 1 Lead-partner: must be from practice (not researcher)
- Maximum aid amount 20.000€
- Maximum aid intensity 70 %

- From 2 to 6 members:
 - 1 coordinator/ innovation broker(optinal)
- Maximum aid amount 200.000 €
- Two-year projects
- Maximum aid intensity 70 %
- Coordination max. 10% of total aid
- Contracting cost for research: min.20% of total aid



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First call assesment:

N 78 applications submitted, of which:

21 applications for the ESTABLISHMENT of operational groups
(Planning and drafting of innovation projects)

57 applications for the OPERATION of operational groups (innovative pilot projects)

- ✓ A few of these applications come from groups that were already active in MEASURE 124 RDP 2007-2013 “*co-operation for the development of new products, processes and technologies in the agriculture, food and the forestry sectors*”, which offered support for cooperation projects



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Operational Groups created...

44 Operational Groups in this 1st call:

- **19 OG from 21 applications** for establishment support

(100% applications selected)

They only have a draft

- **23 OG from 57 applications** for operation support

(40% applications selected)

They have a draft and they are running a project

Not all eligible applications could be supported due to lack of available budget.

Projects scoring above 70 out of 100 have been selected



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Up to now, some conclusions...

- **OG call has received a “warm welcome” by farmers, researchers...**
- **Approval process takes time (6-7 months).**
- **3 years projects instead of 2 years projects.**
- **More applications than available budget for the call.**
- **Frequently, projects with lower score due to overvalued budgets.**
- **Coexisting OG with only a draft and OG running a project.**
- **Must we understand OG with only a draft as a real OG?**
 - **Clear success of the EIP approach**
 - **¿Future EIP reprogramming?**





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Thanks for your attention