



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

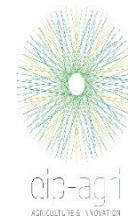
17:00 Closing



Call for OGS and innovation projects in Sweden

18th of February 2016

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- **Managing authority is the Swedish Agricultural Board**

- **National Innovation Network within the Swedish Rural Network**
 - **Coordinator – promotion, marketing, networking and programming**
 - **Innovation support (support service and brokering)**





- **47 mil. € for OGs in the RDP budget**
- **No priority subjects or budget limits for the projects so far (but not forestry)**
- **Two step model:**
 - Setting up funding (lump sum)**
 - and/or funding of an operational group (≤ 100 % of costs)**

- Applications all year round
- Only electronic applications via the Swedish Agricultural Board's website
- Decision meetings at least once a month for setting-up funding
- 2-4 decision meetings per year for project funding
- Advisory selection committee with 7 nominated persons to evaluate applications from OG





Selection criteria

- 1. The intended innovation improve competitiveness**
- 2. The intended innovation contributes to the introduction of new products, services or methods**
- 3. The intended innovation helps to meet environmental and climate targets**
- 4. The operational group has the necessary capacity to carry out the innovation project**
- 5. The project's effectiveness (activities, budget)**
- 6. The use of results (plan for market entry resp. for communication of R & D needs)**



- First call for setting-up funding and project funding opened at the end of August 2015
- Complete applications possible from 22th of October
- Around 70 applications (10th of February), mostly setting-up funding
- Formal assessment and decisions concerning setting-up applications from second half of March
- First meeting with the advisory selection committee 31st of May

Promotion and networking in Sweden

- Information/marketing about EIP-Agri since September 2014 at around 100 different conferences, seminars, meetings and agricultural fairs
- Innovation race
- Homepage belonging to the Rural Network
- Articles in agricultural and horticultural press
- Flyers, newsletter
- “Kick off” for EIP-Agri at Julita, the Swedish Museum of Agriculture the 22th of September with the Minister of Rural Affairs





Thanks for your attention!

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