



# Subgroup on Innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting

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*18 February 2016*

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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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## *EIP-Agri and Operational Groups in the UK*

Presented by: Fay Collington  
Date: 18<sup>th</sup> February 2016

# *About this presentation*

- Provide an update on EIP-Agri in the UK
- Outline the progress in each Country and the chosen delivery models for EIP-Agri
- Current status of Operational Groups (OGs), the application process and EIP-Agri projects
- Lessons learned



# Scotland

- In Scotland funding for Operational Groups involved in the implementation of innovative projects is funded through the Knowledge Transfer and Innovation Fund (KTIF) which Opened in May 2015
- KTIF has a budget of £10m (circa €13m) over the Programme period.
- Applications for funding are assessed by a Project Assessment Committee (PAC) that meets around 3-4 times each year.
- 4 Operational Groups have been funded to date and further PAC meetings will take place in 2016 to consider further project proposals.
- Support is available for Operational Groups through the MA and NRN

# Scotland – Approved KTIF Projects

## Approved KTIF Projects

### **Live Lambs Project - Scotland's Rural Collage (SRUC)**

Improving lamb survival and farm profitability. Operational groups of sheep farmers; advisers; researchers and commercial companies identifying main barriers to achieving an increase in the average number of lambs they rear per ewe. Costing **£81K** over 3 years.

### **Monitor Farm Programme - Quality Meat Scotland (QMS)**

This is a joint project by QMS & Agriculture and Horticulture Development Board (AHDB) - to establish 9 innovative Monitor Farms across Scotland (Highland & Islands; Lowlands & Eastern Regions) targeted at farm businesses typical to those areas. Costing **£1.25 million** over 3.5 years.

### **Skinny Milk Project - Scottish Agricultural Organisation Society Ltd (SAOS)**

SAOS will focus on the lean management approach to be delivered on a one to one basis. It will be specifically targeted at individual Milk Supply Association members and their dairy farms supplying Lactalis (Multi-national Corporation). Costing **£143K** over 3 years.

### **Pig Production Efficiency - Wholesome Pigs Scotland Ltd**

The Operational Group (OG) will use emerging technology to build a new innovative system to improve the efficiency of Scottish pig production. The OG includes SRUC; Scottish Pig Producers; British Veterinary Assoc; QMS. Costing **£384K** over 3-years.

# Wales

- European Innovation Partnership- Supporting innovation in agriculture and forestry Wales was launched on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016
- Innovation brokers are available to provide support setting up Operational Groups. Brokerage is fully funded through the Farming Connect service (It is not compulsory)
- Knowledge Exchange Hub is operational
- June 2016 first application window opens, focused on the following themes;
  - Technical solutions to increase productivity and resource efficiency
  - Ecosystem services
  - Soil functionality
  - Water management
  - Integrated supply chain solutions
  - Benchmarking and managerial innovation for producers
  - Development of new food quality and livestock health care schemes
- Maximum of £40,000 is available per OG up to 100%



# Northern Ireland

- The Rural Development Programme has now been approved by the commissions
- NSU contract is out to tender at the moment
- MA are working with policy to develop the EIP offer in Northern Ireland

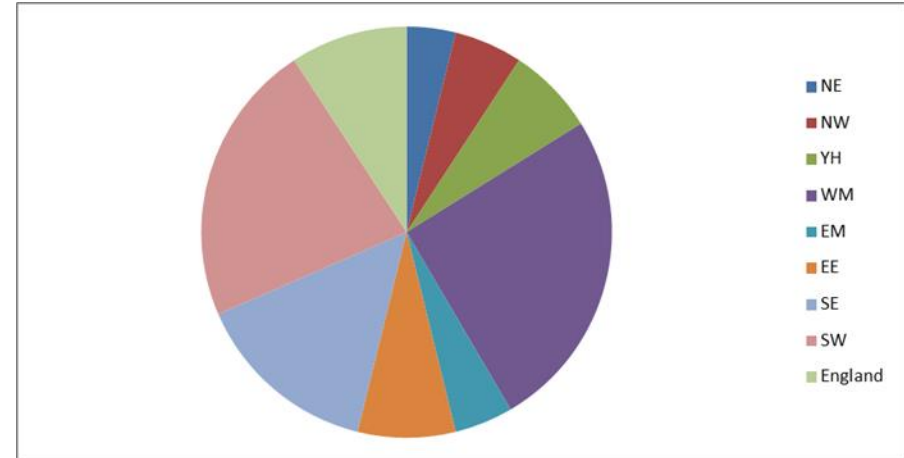
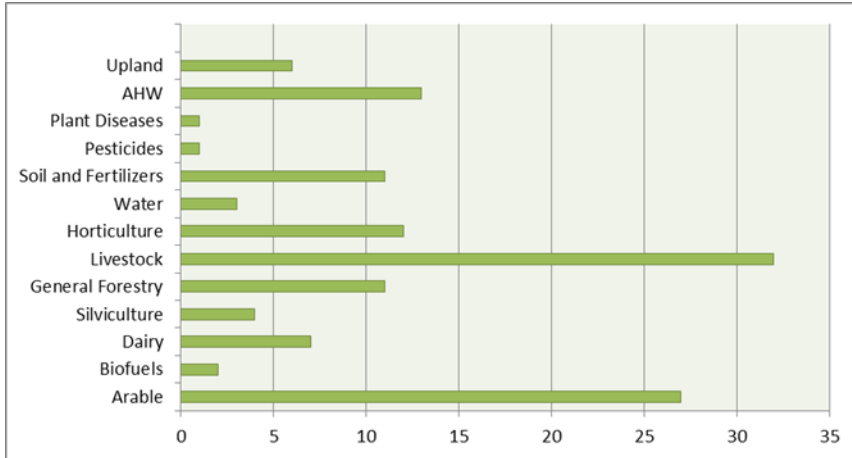




# England

- £5m available for EIP-Agri England
- Target to support at least 30 Operational Groups
- Grant available between £50,000 and £150,000
- Scheme launched 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 open for Notifications of Idea (NoI) and then 9<sup>th</sup> September Full Applications
- 31<sup>st</sup> March 1<sup>st</sup> round closes for full applications
- No innovation brokers – We ran a series of themed workshops to outline aims and objectives of EIP, Network and share ideas, directed people to register on EIP-Agri service point
- NRN worked with MA and Paying Agency to develop and set up EIP-Agri England
- No applications submitted so far, first projects expected to be approved in July 2016

# England – Nol's Submitted



Workshop Themes	NE	NW	YH	WM	EM	EE	SE	SW	England	Total
<b>Arable and Livestock</b>	2	3	7	27	5	7	12	22	8	<b>93</b>
<b>Horticulture and Water</b>	1	0	0	3	1	2	7	1	0	<b>15</b>
<b>Upland</b>	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>7</b>
<b>Forestry</b>	0	2	0	3	0	1	2	4	3	<b>15</b>
	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>130</b>

# Summary

- No right or wrong approach
- Service should meet user needs
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Any questions?

