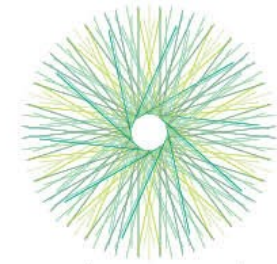


Workshop

EIP-AGRI Networking & Communication

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Day 1: Tuesday 4 October 2016

12:00 – 13:00 Registration and buffet lunch

Introduction – why is networking so important for the EIP-AGRI

13:00 – 13:15 Welcome and opening

- *Anikó Seregélyi, DG Agriculture and Rural Development*
- *Zsolt Feldman, Deputy State Secretary for Agriculture, Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture*

13:15 – 14:00 Setting the scene

- Objectives and flow of the workshop – *Mark Redman, EIP-AGRI SP*
- Introductory presentation and results of the NSU survey – *Sirpa Karjalainen, DG Agriculture and Rural Development*

Existing approaches to the support of EIP-AGRI Operational Groups

14:00 – 14:45 Different models of network support for EIP-AGRI OGs

- Hungary – *Attila Nagy, Prime Minister's Office, EAFRD Strategy Department*
- Sweden – *Inger Pehrson, Innovation Network – Swedish Rural Network*
- Poland – *Iwona Obojska, Agricultural Advisory Center – Brwinow Branch*

14:45 – 15:15 Coffee break and networking

15:15 – 16:00 Different models of network support for EIP-AGRI OGs (cont.)

- Germany – *Natascha Orthen, National Rural Network Unit (DVS)*
- Spain – *Carolina Gutiérrez, Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Environment*
- **Italy – *Riccardo Passero, Italian Rural Network***

Exchange of experiences I: Networking for the EIP-AGRI

16:00 – 17:30 Parallel break-out sessions, followed by feedback

18:30 – 22:30 Networking dinner



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Day 2: Wednesday 5 October 2016

09:00 – 09:05 Brief recap on the results of Day 1

Mark Redman, EIP-AGRI SP

Exchange of experiences II: Communication tools and information flow for the EIP-AGRI

09:05 – 10:00 Fulfilling the EIP-AGRI: communicating and connecting OGs

- Introductory presentation, supported by the introduction and discussion of different approaches and tools from selected MSs highlighting the role of NRNs

Fabio Cossu & Inge Van Oost, DG Agriculture & Rural Development

Johanna Stieblehner, Austrian Rural Network

Pascale Riccoboni, National Support Unit for EIP, France

Natascha Orthen, National Rural Network Unit (DVS), Germany

Strengthening of network support for the EIP-AGRI – key practical issues

10:00 – 10:15 How are we going to work together?

Mark Redman, EIP-AGRI SP

10:15 – 10:45 Coffee break and networking

10:45 – 12:15 Interactive discussions about key practical issues

Feedback from interactive discussions

12:15 – 13:00 Lessons learnt, evaluation and upcoming NRN activities

13:00 Closing of the workshop, light lunch and goodbye





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**Support to EIP-AGRI and innovation
by the Italian National Rural Network**

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Data on EIP implementation in ITALY

Updated data (29th of September 2016)

Emilia Romagna Region 52 DGs (allocated budget 12.631.544; one step call, “global amount”)

Topics :

- Improving the economic performance of farms
- Better management of water resources, fertilizers and pesticides
- Conservation of soils
- Water use efficiency
- Promoting conservation and carbon sequestration

Bolzano Province 2 DGs (allocated budget 509.928; one step call, package of measures)

Business models for sustainable and innovative farming (**Sectors:** Poultry and Beer)

54 Selected DGs active at national level

Regions that opened a call for DGs (expected selection by the end of 2016)

Marche, Piemonte, Puglia, Toscana, Trento, Umbria

Institutional Innovation Brokering in place : Marche

Innovation brokering call (setting up of DGs)

Veneto

The Italian National Rural Network Programme

4 strategic priorities :

- Improving the quality of implementation of RDPs
- Increasing the involvement of stakeholders in the implementation of rural development
- Information /Communication on rural development policies and sharing of experience
- Fostering Innovation

Target : RDPs MAs, PAs. Stakeholders

Priority : Fostering innovation

Supporting the implementation of EIP Operational Groups and the linkage with Horizon 2020 and the national policies for research and innovation

Result : Supporting the effective interaction among EIP Operational Groups

Action 411. Support and networking activities for EIP Operational Groups

Fostering innovation in agriculture, food production, forestry and rural areas.

Result : Encouraging the integration of research with "agriculture, food production and forestry sector"

Action 421. Services for the dissemination of Innovation

Result : Promoting innovative solutions for farms and businesses in rural areas

Fostering Innovation : 2016 Italian NRN activity

Implemented activities in 2016:

Communication activity and divulgation of information/opportunities concerning the EIP and Horizon 2020.

- Innovation and Research section at the website www.reterurale.it/innovazione



- Support for the organisation of the EIP-AGRI event “Operational Groups: first experiences”, Legnaro (Padova), 20th-21st April 2016;
- 28th of June 2016, Catanzaro, Calabria : Seminar with participation of local stakeholders. “Innovation in agriculture, food sector and forestry. The Operational Groups in RDP Calabria”

Fostering Innovation : 2016 Italian NRN activity

Implemented activities in 2016:

Methodology and procedural support for the start of the EIP Operational Groups

April 2016 Call for experts.

227 experts selected covering several agricultural and forestry topics at the disposal of RDPs MAs in case of need

(e.g. : support for the selection process of OGs; technical guidance during the implementation of the project, etc.)

Establishment of a Focus group "Paying Agencies - MAs" for coordination on EIP implementing procedures

(1st meeting 18th April 2016, next meeting 7th October 2016)

Establishment of a Coordination group on EIP with participation of Regional MAs

(6 meetings since 2013)

Fostering Innovation : 2016 Italian NRN activity

Implemented activities in 2016:

Methodology and procedural support for the start-up of the EIP Operational Groups

Tools for the set-up of EIP (“National templates” provided by NRN and to be used by DGs) :

Partnership Agreement

- **Administrative and financial “Commitments” for the partners** :Lead-entity, other partners. (e.g. relations with MA, PA; financial reporting; commitments for application for support and application for payment; info & publicity; commitments in case of audits and controls);
- **What happen in case of “Non-fulfillment of commitments”** Reductions and exclusion;
- **Possibility of withdrawal from agreement OR entry of a new partner.**
- **Commitment for the dissemination of results , etc.**

Rules of procedures for partnership

- **Modality of interaction among the partners**; (Project committee)
- **Regulation of the “decision making process”**; (voting; active interaction)
- **Verification of results during implementation** ; (project performance checks)
- **Communication tools** ; (mandatory participation to networking NRN, EIP-Agri)
- **Handling of conflicts of interests** ;
- **Rules on Intellectual property rights** ;

Fostering Innovation : 2016 Italian NRN activity

Implemented activities in 2016:

Methodology and procedural support for the start-up of the EIP Operational Groups

Tools for the set-up of EIP (“National templates” provided by NRN and to be used by OGs) :

**Template for the
presentation of
the Project**

- **Detailed info on the project;**
- **Composition of the partnership;**
- **Project proposal** (context analysis; innovation to be introduced; classification of the innovation; operative objectives; methodology; project components; divulgation actions, etc);
- **Description of the expected outputs** (classification of expected outputs)
- **Financial info;** - **Timetable;**

**Basic
monitoring info
on OGs**

Indication of basic info useful for AIRs and monitoring / evaluation of OGs
Data on: *project; partnership; the innovation implemented; interaction activity; impacts of the projects; dissemination of results.*

- **Report on the implementation in Italy of Objective 1 of Union priorities for rural development** *“Fostering knowledge transfer and innovation in agriculture, forestry and rural areas”*

RDP measures 1, 2, and 16 (EIP)

Fostering Innovation : 2016 Italian NRN activity

Implemented activities in 2016:

Linkage between Research and “*agriculture, food production and forestry*”.
Animation of innovation system stakeholders.

- **5 Focus group activated** with the participation of stakeholders, farmers and researchers, for the identification of innovative solutions in specific sectors relevant for the Italian primary sector : Extensive livestock systems; Legumes (fabaceae); Quality viticulture; Green chemistry; Durum wheat.
- **Coordination with the activity of the “*National Strategic Plan for Innovation and Research in agriculture, food sector and forestry*”**. Set up of verification models for the identification of innovation needs.

The road ahead

Activities to be implemented in **the last trimester of 2016 / first trimester 2017** :

- **Innovative ideas contest for Southern Italian agriculture** (launch of the call in October 2016, Special event gala award in February 2017).
- **“Local Lab” for promoting interactive innovation model and partnership capacity building**
- **Set up of Innovation/Research data base** (archive for users on national research projects, results of EU projects, RDP 2007-2013 M 124 projects, etc.)
- **Set up of Date base archive of the selected OGs**
- **“Online Web Community for farmers” on innovative best practises in agriculture** (sharing the experiences, reaching the final users, networking support, building an innovative community of practise).



For further information

Italian NRN website

www.reterurale.it

Italian NRN channel on “Innovation, Research and EIP-AGRI”

www.reterurale.it/innovazione