

EIP-AGRI Workshop **'Connecting innovative projects:** **Water & Agriculture'**

30 – 31 May 2018
Almeria, Spain

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'Connecting innovative projects: Water & Agriculture'

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY, 30 MAY 2018

9:00 – 9:30

Welcome and introduction

- Concepcion Cobos, General Secretary of European Agrarian Funds, *Andalusia Regional Ministry of Agriculture*
- Anikó Seregélyi, *European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development*

9:30 – 10:45

Setting the scene

Part 1: The Framework

Policy background and European Innovation Partnerships

- Gerard Shortle, *European Commission DG Environment*
- Anikó Seregélyi, *European Commission, DG Agriculture and Rural Development*
- **Carlos Mario Gomez, representative of EIP Water**

Part 2: The Projects

Interviews with EIP-AGRI Operational Groups, H2020 research, EIP-Water Action Group, LIFE and INTERREG project representatives

Part 3: The Discussions

Main outcomes of Focus Groups at European and National level

- Helena Gomez Macpherson, coordinating expert of *EIP-AGRI Focus Group: Water & agriculture: adaptive strategies at farm level*
- Raquel Bravo Rubio, coordinator of *Spanish Focus Group on Water management, energy and environment*

10:45 – 11:15

Coffee break

11:15 – 13:00

Interactive exhibition of projects

Meet and learn about Operational Groups, H2020 research, EIP-Water, LIFE and INTERREG innovative projects

13:00-14:00

Lunch

14:00

Departure for field visits

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EIP Water

European **Innovation**
Partnership on Water

Boosting opportunities
Innovating water



EIP Water - **Headline target**

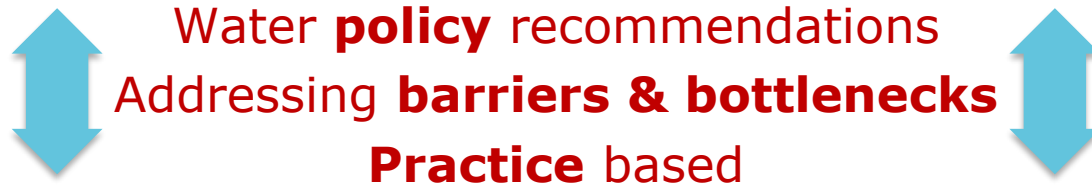
... to identify, test, scale up, disseminate and stimulate the uptake of innovative solutions by the market and society for eight major water related challenges by 2020.

EIP Water - Priorities

- 1. Water reuse and recycling**
- 2. Water and wastewater treatment**
- 3. Water-Energy Nexus**
- 4. Flood and drought risk management of water related extreme events**
- 5. Ecosystem services**
- 6. Water governance**
- 7. Decision support systems and monitoring**
- 8. Financing for innovation**

Organization and focus

Steering Group – (Expert Groups) – Action Groups



5 Key barriers & bottlenecks

Access to **funding** + adequate financial instruments

Overcoming **regulatory barriers**

Promoting best practices in **public procurement**

Identifying the role of Public-Public/Public-Private **Partnerships**

Promoting testing facilities and **dissemination of showcases**

Key results of the EIP Water

Successes

- Bringing together actors from across the water sector
- Increasing the visibility of the water sector amongst EU policy-makers
- Facilitating networking amongst water sector stakeholders

Concerns

- Mission focus - too many topics
- Water is not high enough on the European (EU) public policy agenda
- Lack of financing for projects in the water sector

Questions and Answers



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29 Action Groups

Aim for

- Development of **innovative solutions** (value chain)
- Application, **implementation, commercialization** and dissemination
- **Identification of barriers** to innovation (practise based) translated into policy recommendations
- Support **implementation of water policy** (e.g. water reuse)

Get from EIP Water

- Support in building **business development strategies**
- Support in **dissemination** (e.g. case studies, events)
- **Connect** with relevant/adjacent initiatives (e.g. India-EU Water Partnership, China-Europe Water Platform)
- **No financing** – often wider network around existing projects