EIP-AGRI SeminarMoving EIP-AGRI implementation forward

May 10 – 11, 2017 – Athens, Greece





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Enabling cross-fertilisation and communication – How to facilitate good project applications?

14:20 – 14:30 The Hungarian approach

Timea Reszkető, Head of RDI unit in the Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture

14:30 - 14:40 The Catalan experience

Jaume Sió, Deputy Director Innovation, Department of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Food in Generalitat of Catalonia

14:40 – 14:45 Introduction to the session

Inge Van Oost, DG AGRI

14:45 – 15:50 2nd breakout session – "Application forms and partnership agreements"

Questions for discussion:

1. What should be included in the application form?

2. What do you think a partnership agreement should cover?

15:50 - 16:20 Coffee break and networking

16:20 – 16:25 Harvesting from the breakout session





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EIP Operational Groups in Catalonia

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Context

Regulation (EU) 1305/2013 - Art. 35. Cooperation

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Catalan Rural Development Programme (RDP) 2014-2020

Submeasure 16.01.01

Support for **the establisment** of Operational Groups (project drafting)

Support for **the implementation of innovative projects** by Operational Groups (implementation of pilot innovation projects)

Uptaded Total Budget 2014-2020 : 17,6 M€ (Initial budget : 17 M€)

1st call: Order ARP/258/2015, 17 august 2015 – 3,5 M€ 2nd call: Order ARP/96/2016, 27 april 2016 – 3,5 M€ 3rd call: (publication pending) – 4 M€



Cooperation for innovation: Operational groups

1st call assessment:

78 applications submitted:

•21 applications for the <u>establisment</u> of operational groups

19 approved

 57 applications for the <u>implementation</u>
 <u>of innovative projects</u> by Operational Groups

23 approved (*)

2nd call assessment:

82 applications submitted:

• 17 applications for the <u>establisment</u> of operational groups

14 approved

• **65** applications for the <u>implementation</u> <u>of innovative projects</u> by Operational Groups

23 approved (*)

(*) Due to budget limitations



A good ecosystem to generate good OG projects

INSTITUTIONAL FRAME

 Strategic Plan for Agri-food Research, Innovation, and Knowledge Transfer (PRITAC)

Framework aligning stakeholders: research, training, transfer, internationalization and business sector.

POLITICAL AGENDA (ADMINISTRATION AND SECTOR)

Sectorial Committee meetings

Promotion and dissemination of EIP opportunities through the official communication channels with stakeholders.

INFORMAL/FLEXIBLE TOOL

Annual Technology Transfer Plan (PATT)

15 years implementing activities (a total of 6.132 workshops, seminars and field visits) with the objective of transferring technological and management knowledge to the agri-food sector of Catalonia



Bottom-up

OG propose projects according to their needs (Bottom-up).

Calls do not include indications, suggestions, limits, restrictions, constraints,... concerning the object of the project.

As a result we received a wide variety of themes. For example:

- Production of organic yeast for sparkling wine elaboration
- Testing dry sowing techniques in rice
- Improving calf transport to maximize animal welfare, health and production

Our experience:

- OG projects address real problems, that in the end match with the strategic lines of action of the Government.
- Results are naturally and easily endorsed by the sector.
- Public funds are used efficiently.

Support by the Department of Agriculture

- INFORMATION DAYS: General call information addressed at:
 - Farmers and companies
 - Universities and research centers
 - Administration (internal dissemination)

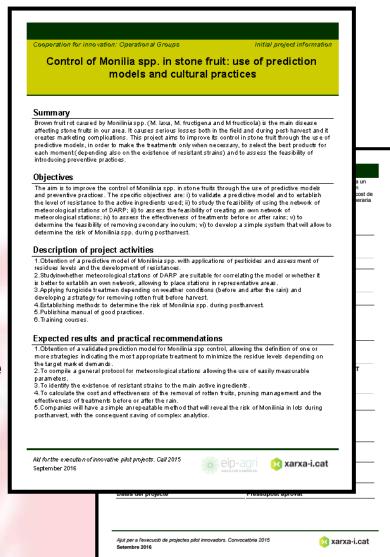


- DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WEBSITE: OG Call information available.
- TELEPHONE SUPPORT: Clarification of doubts concerning Administrative and Financial requirements.
- INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS: At request.
- Regular WORKING MEETINGS with OG-coordinators once the project has started.



Dissemination of results

- OG applications include a Dissemination Plan, which is avaluated in the selection phase
- Each OG prepares mid-term and final divulgation sheets that are published on the RURALCAT website (copies available for participants to take away)
- Dedicated Knowledge Transfer activities for OG results are organised
- Specific Knowledge Transfer activities are organised for strategic sectors
- Thematic Seminars will be organised for OG of different calls (different years)



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OBJECTIVES

- Display current projects, actions,...
- Identify and recognise active stakeholders
- Encourage involvement of new stakeholders
- Capitalize results to the final user
- Strengthen the position of the sector vis-a-vis other sectors and/or stakeholders

HOSTED BY RURALCAT consolidated virtual platform of the Catalan agricultural, food-industry and rural world

Number of RuralCat users: 35.891





SUMMARY

- A good Ecosystem produces good OG projects
- Bottom-up facilitates sector involvement and empowerment (every stakeholder becomes an innovation broker)
- Support both during the preparation and during the execution of projects is needed/effective/of utmost importance
- Dissemination aiming at the capitalisation of results
- Network and mix potential actors for OGs in events as much as possible





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