

European Rural Networks Assembly

Subgroup on Innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability 1st Meeting #RNSubInnovation internet access: Thon Hotels – conference login wifi code: INNO 10 March 2015

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09:00 – 9:15 Opening – Aldo Longo, Director DG Agriculture and Rural Development

09:15 – 9:30 Who is who? – Margarida Ambar – Sergiu Didicescu, EIP-AGRI Service Point

09:30 - 10:00 Subgroup on Innovation - Iman Boot, DG AGRI.H.5

10:00 – 10:10 Introduction to interactive session 1 "Priorities for innovation" Margarida Ambar, EIP-AGRI Service Point

10:10 – 10:40 Coffee break

10:40 – 11:40 Interactive session 1 "Priorities for innovation"

- 11:40 12:10 Reporting back from interactive session 1
- 12:10 12:15 Practical announcements

12:15 – 13:30 Lunch break

- 13:30 13:50 The EIP-AGRI networking tools Willemine Brinkman, EIP-AGRI Service Point
- 13:50 14:00 Introduction to interactive session 2 "Networking tools"

Sergiu Didicescu, EIP-AGRI Service Point

- 14:00 15:00 Interactive session 2 "Networking tools"
- 15:00 15:30 Coffee break
- 15:30 16:00 Reporting back from interactive session 2

16:00 – 16:30 Matching priorities and tools: EIP-AGRI work plan 2015

16:30 – 17:00 Wrap up – next steps

17:00 Closing











Interactive session 1 priorities for innovation

Objectives

- Further develop the themes proposed by the Assembly, breaking them down into more specific topics
- Discuss about the relevance of the themes for the innovation actors and their perspective on them
- Brainstorm about how can networking support the work on those themes



Interactive session 1 List of 12 themes most voted in the Assembly

- 1. Sustainable and efficient input use
- 2. Knowledge transfer
- 3. Circular economy
- 4. Farming methods and systems
- 5. Bottom up innovation in the knowledge system
- 6. Market innovation
- 7. Knowledge systems
- 8. Short supply chains and rural-urban partnerships
- 9. Waste management
- 10. Social innovation (improving farmers' marketing skills etc.)
- 11. Climate change (adaptation and mitigation)
- 12. Soil quality



Interactive session 1 Process

- 12 themes most voted in the Assembly's first meeting
- Themes clustered: two themes per break-out group
- Participants choose the break-out group
- Every group answers two questions
- 1 rapporteur per group
- 60 minutes in total to work in groups
- Results presented in next block



Interactive session 1 Questions for groups

- What are the challenges for innovation in each theme?
- What does each theme mean for you as different innovation actors? What relevant networking activities can be developed?