



# M16 Co-operation measure & EIP – AGRI Operational Groups

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# Measure 16: Overview

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Rural Development policy 2007 – 2013 offered support **only for** cooperation for the development of new products, processes and technologies in the **agri-food /forestry sector**

*\*Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005, art. 29*

Rural Development policy 2014 – 2020 **widens the forms of co-operation, the range of beneficiaries and the type of activities** (Art. 35(2) (a) to (k)) the development of new products or practices, for **pilot** projects, for supply chain cooperation, for joint environmental project approaches or climate change actions, for cooperation in biomass provision or renewable energy, for forest management , operational groups and much more.

*\*Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013, art.35 and 56 -57*

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# Measure 16: Who is funded?

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Forms of co-operation involving **at least two entities**

- **Co-operation approaches** that contribute to achieving the objectives and priorities of rural development policy
- Creation of **clusters and networks**
- establishment and operation of **operational groups of the EIP**

**Beneficiaries:** a cluster of... a **very wide range of operators!**

.....But: rural actors always involved and benefiting of the co-operation.

Need of **support for bringing operators together** :

- **Innovation brokers and/or facilitators:** to build and/or support the individual group and project: e.g. by the advisory services measure or partner search (technical assistance or NRN)
  - **Networking** at the group level, e.g. Art. 35 networks or the National & Regional Rural or EIP Networks
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# Measure 16: What is funded?

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- **Studies** of the area concerned, business plans (e.g. in the preparatory phase of the OG project "setting up")
- **Cost of animation** of the EIP OG project or other cooperation forms
- In the case of clusters, also training, networking between members and the recruitment of new members;
- **Running costs** of the co-operation
- **Direct costs** of the projects
- Cross-borders action inside EU

Main aims:

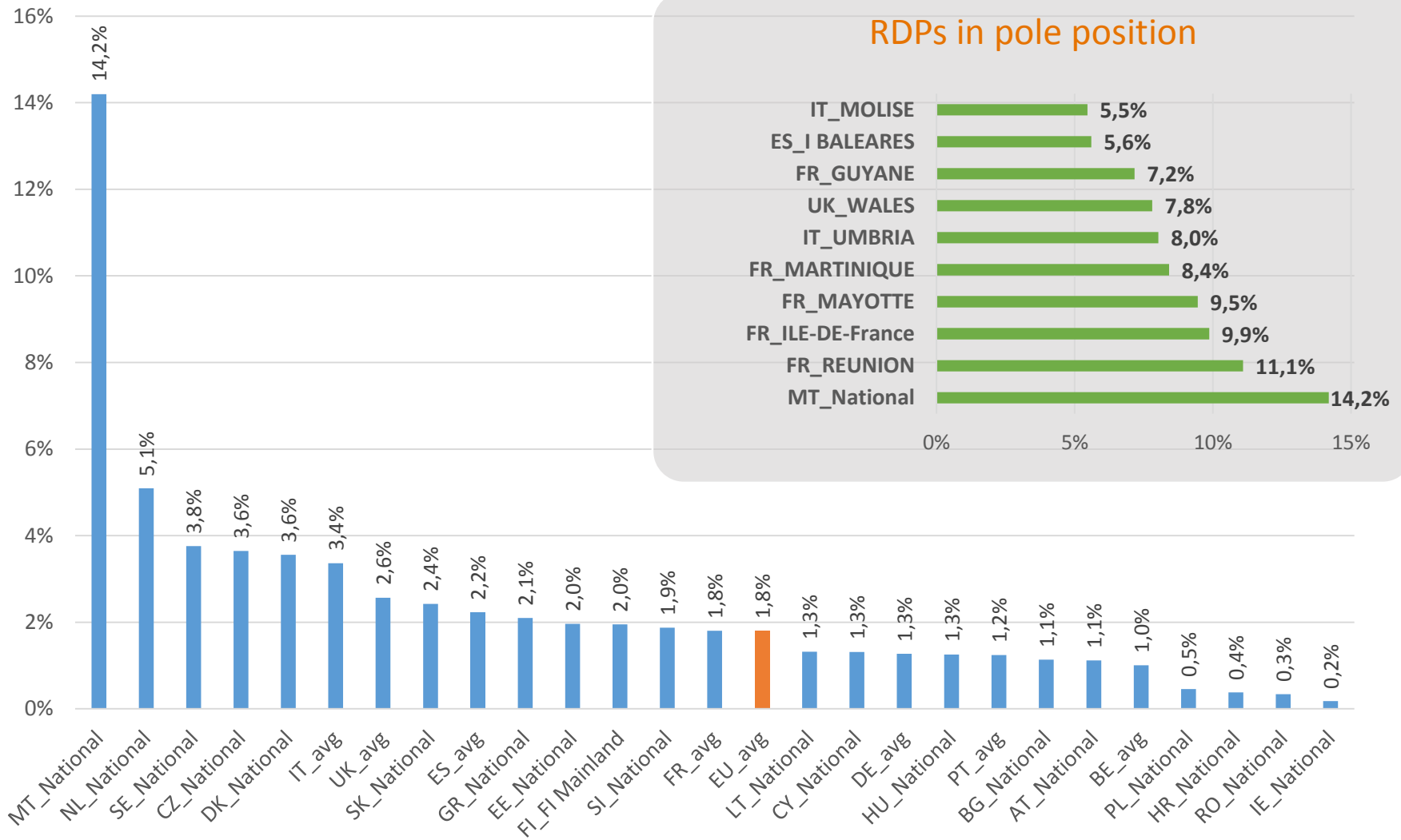
- **Make new things happen** (projects, practices, networks...)
  - **Make knowledge flow** by sharing the results of the projects with others ...dissemination through e.g. networks?
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# Measure 16: many element to define in the RDPs

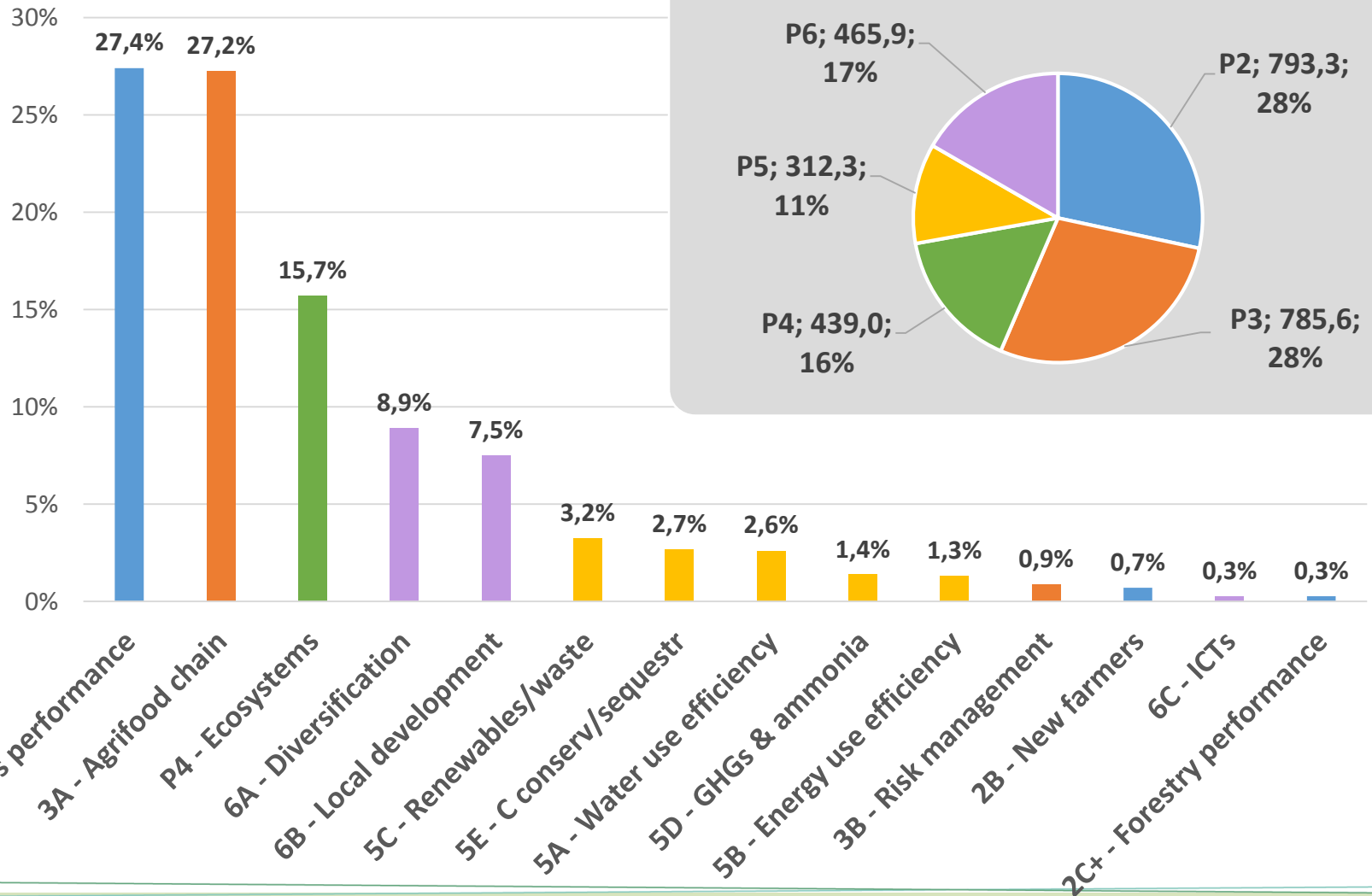
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- 16.1 **Establishment & operation** of the OGs of the EIP
  - 16.2 **Pilot projects**, new products, practices, processes & technologies
  - 16.3 **Small** operators sharing facilities, developing & marketing tourism
  - 16.4 horizontal & vertical cooperation for and promotion linked to **short supply chains & local markets**
  - 16.5 **Joint actions** for... climate change & environmental projects
  - 16.6 co-operation among actors for sustainable provision of biomass
  - 16.7 Local but **non-CLLD strategies**
  - 16.8 Forest management **plans**
  - 16.9 Diversification into... **social agriculture**
  - 16.0 **Others**
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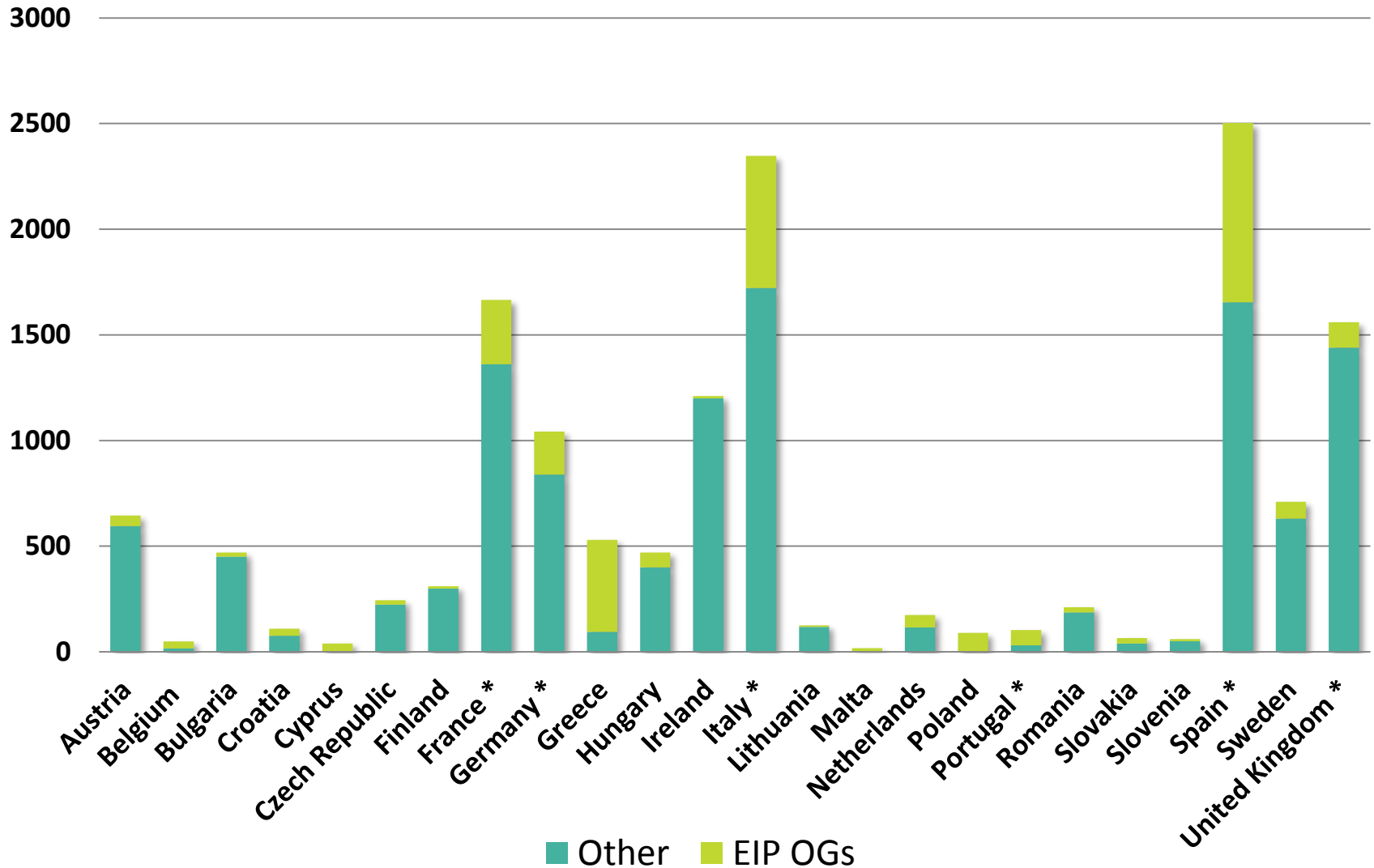
# M16 budget allocation - %of total MS budget



# M16 budget allocation per FA - % of total EU28 M16 budget

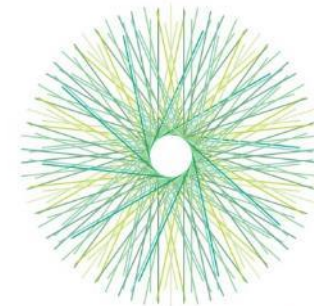


# No. of planned M16 cooperation projects – RDPs 2014-2020





# The EIP-AGRI Network key building blocks



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# RDP support to EIP Operational Groups - Update

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## *All 118 Rural Development Programmes 2014-2020 have now been approved*

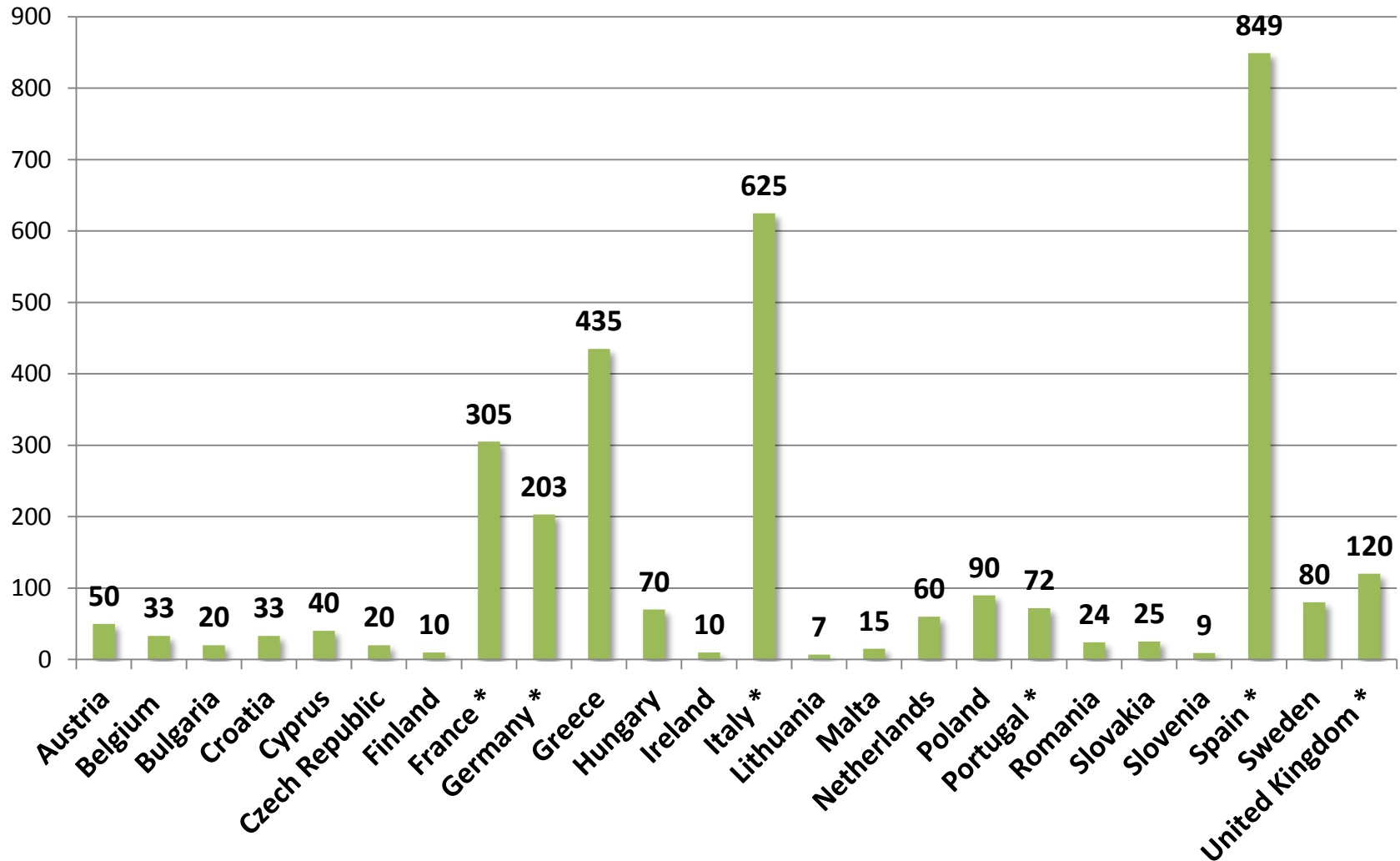
- 106 RDPs implement co-operation through M16
- **94 MS/regions (...+ LV)** will be implementing the EIP in their 2014-2020 Rural Development programmes
- **3.205 planned OGs in 2014-2020** (~ 20% of total n. of co-operation projects) , varying project size and number of partners
- On average: **1,8% of the total RDP budget** (total public expenditure) will be spent on cooperation / M16 (or **2,8 billion EUR → 587 million EUR for OG projects – underestimated!**)
- Average size of coop project: ~183.000 EUR

Situation in your MS/region: see

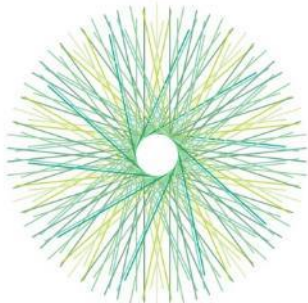
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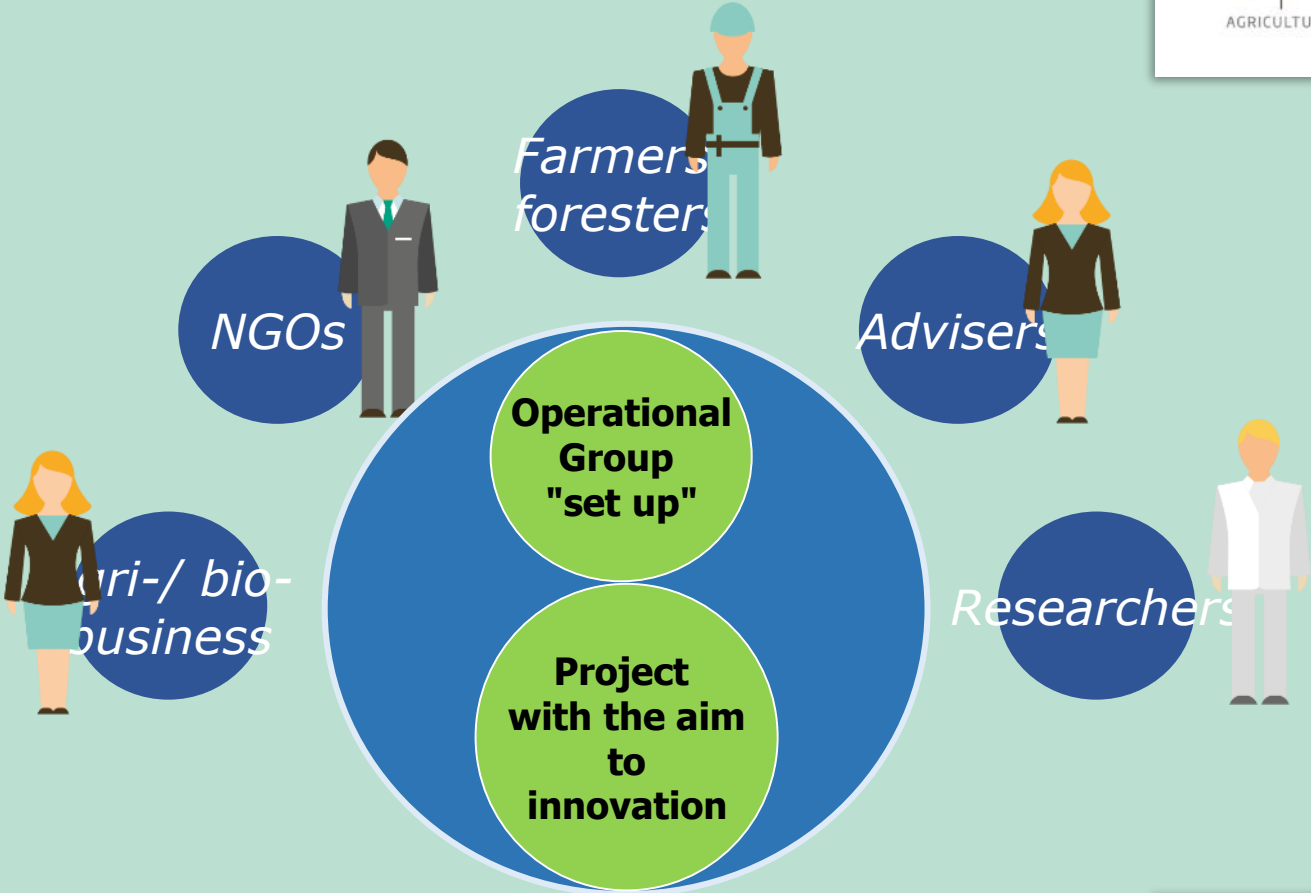
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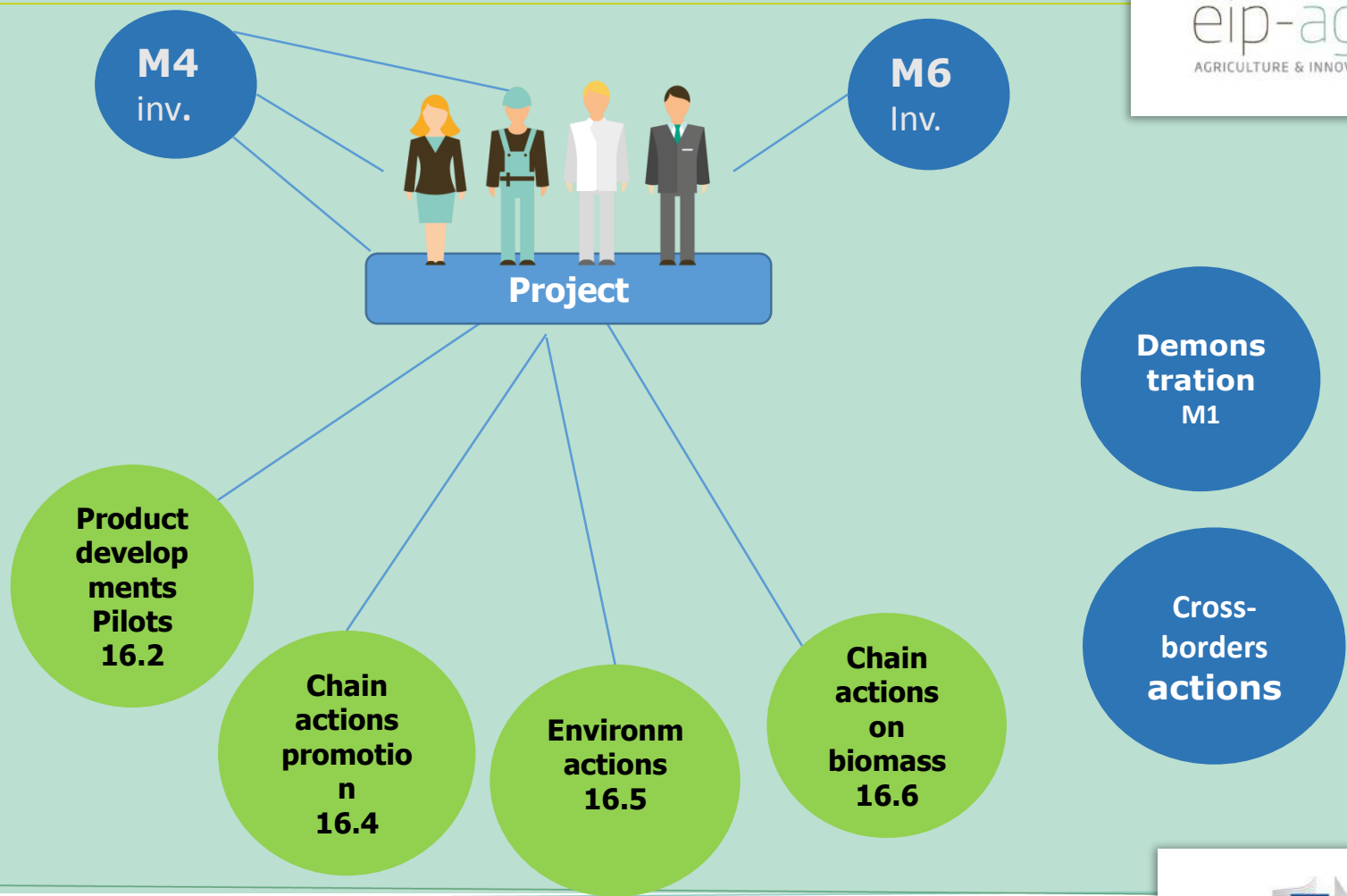
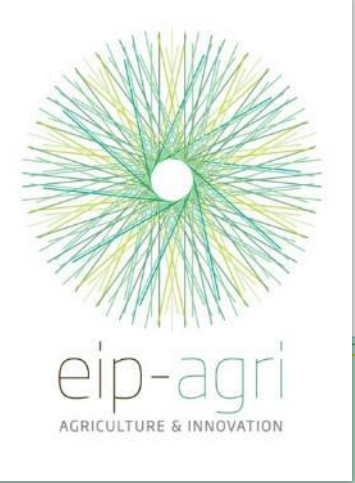
# Setting up an Operational Group



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# Connection to other sub measures / other measures



# *EIP networking at national/regional level by NRNs*

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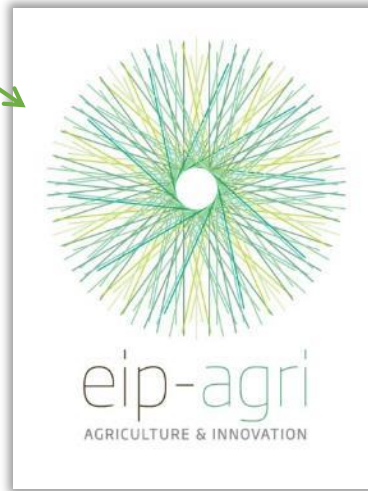
Connecting actors and animating innovative actions (Art.54):

- The **action plan of the National Rural Network** (NRN) should foster innovation and cover at least
  - the **search of partners** for Operational Groups
  - provide networking for advisors and **innovation support services**
- The NRN should share needs from practice, spread information, build connections within the region/country to existing networks and experience, link advisors and other actors to spur innovation projects.
- NRNs will make use of the info in the EIP common format for connecting partners and projects (=> **reflect on OG info exchange mode between NRN/Man. Auth.**)

# European Innovation Partnership EIP-AGRI

## Rural Development

- **Funding for setting up of an "Operational Group"**: farmers, advisors, agribusiness, researchers, NGOs, etc) planning an innovation project (Art 35)
- **Project funding** for the Operational Group's project (Art 35). This co-operation could be combined with other RD measures (e.g. investment, knowledge transfer, advice)
- Supporting **innovation support services**



## Horizon 2020

- **Research projects**, to provide the knowledge base for innovative actions
- **Interactive** innovation formats such as **multi-actor projects and thematic networks** genuinely involving farmers, advisors, enterprises, etc.... **"all along the project"**

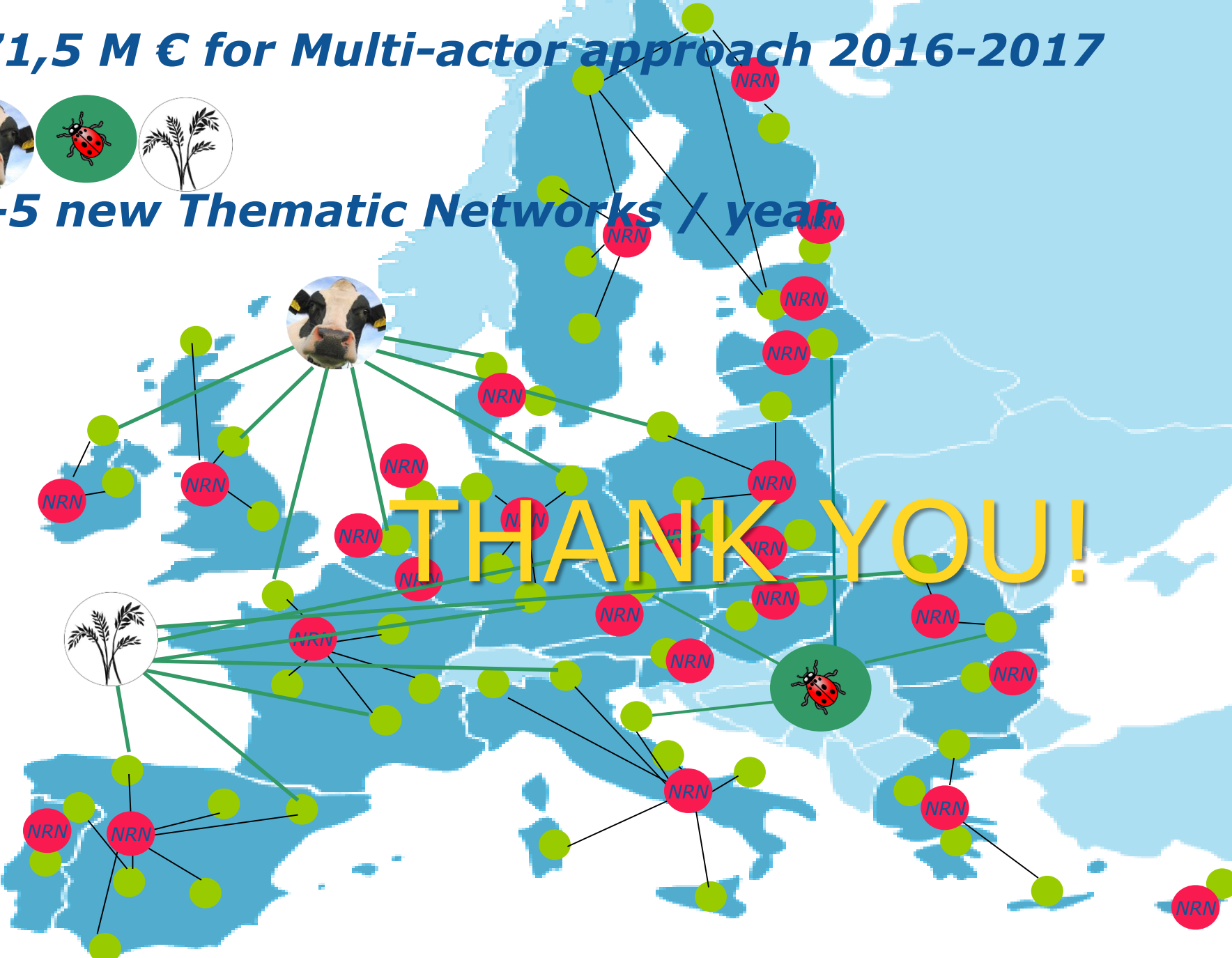
**EIP  
networks  
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Involvement of OGs is strongly recommended

**371,5 M € for Multi-actor approach 2016-2017**



**4 -5 new Thematic Networks / year**



**THANK YOU!**