

# Implementation of the EIP-AGRI



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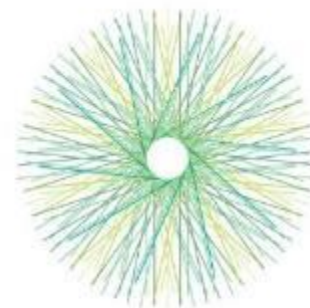
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# What is an Operational Group (OG) ?



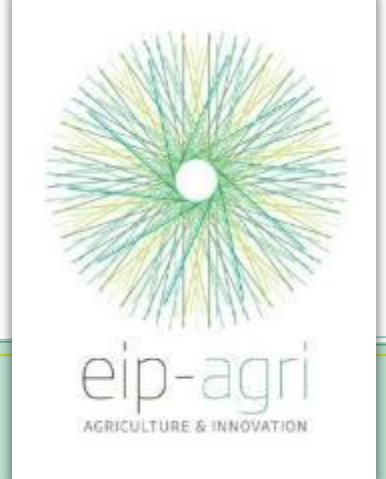
OPERATIONAL GROUP



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- EIP OGs funded under the RDPs are multi-actor, project-based and **tackle a certain practical problem or opportunity** which may lead to an innovation
- Each OG is tailored to this problem/opportunity and **makes the best use of different types of knowledge** (practical, scientific, technical, organisational, etc.) in an interactive way.
- Each OG is composed of those **key actors** (farmers, advisors, researchers, businesses, NGOs etc.) which are in the best position to realize the project's goals and to **share experiences broadly**.
- A group with a project **becomes an OG if its project is selected** in a call organised by the regional/national RD managing authorities

# *RDP support to EIP Operational Groups*



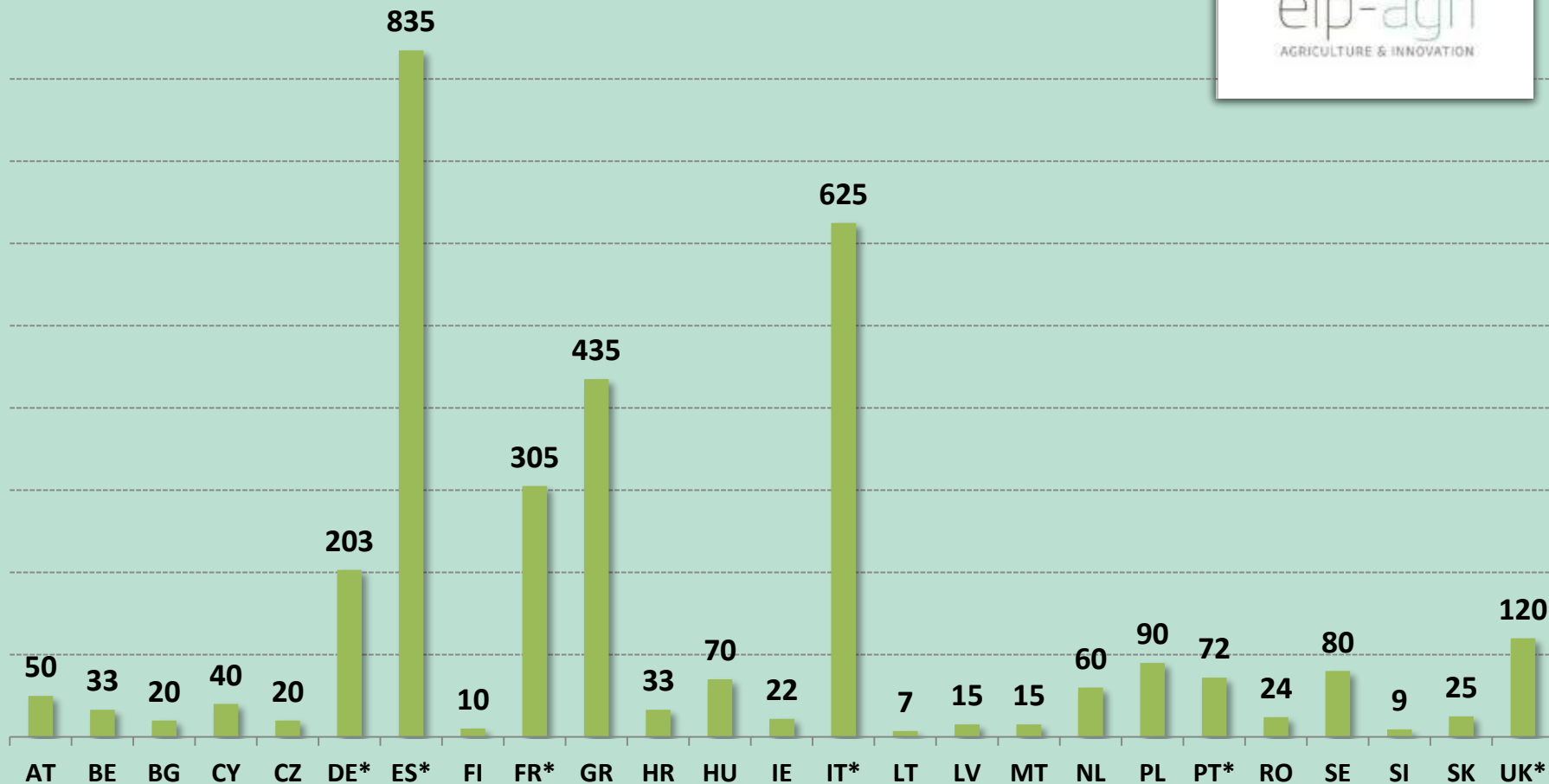
## ***118 Rural Development Programmes 2014-2020***

- The EIP implementation via RDPs aims at a **flexible and open system** for the creation of a multiplicity of operational groups (OGs) projects, contributing to all RDP priorities and focus areas.
- **96 MS / regions** in 26 MS will be implementing the EIP in their 2014-2020 RDPs with **regular calls for OG projects during this period**
- **Over 3 200 planned OGs in 2014-2020** covering activities such as the development of new products or practices, pilot projects, supply chain cooperation, environmental projects or climate change actions, cooperation in biomass provision or renewable energy, forest management and much more

# Number of planned EIP Operational Groups RDPs 2014-2020 (update Feb 2017)



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\* Sum at national level

# ***OG projects: first indications (1/2)***



Initial clustering analysis covering 231 Operational Groups \*

In terms of **sectors covered:**

**59% vegetal production** (arable, fruit & veg., wine, protein crops,...)

**28% animal production** (milk & dairy, poultry, pigs, bovine, other...)

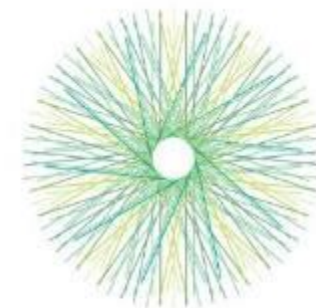
**20% both animal and vegetal production**

**5% forestry, wood and trees**

**5% Prepared/processed products**

\* 7 MS (AT, BE, DE, ES, FR, UK)

# OG projects: first indications (2/2)

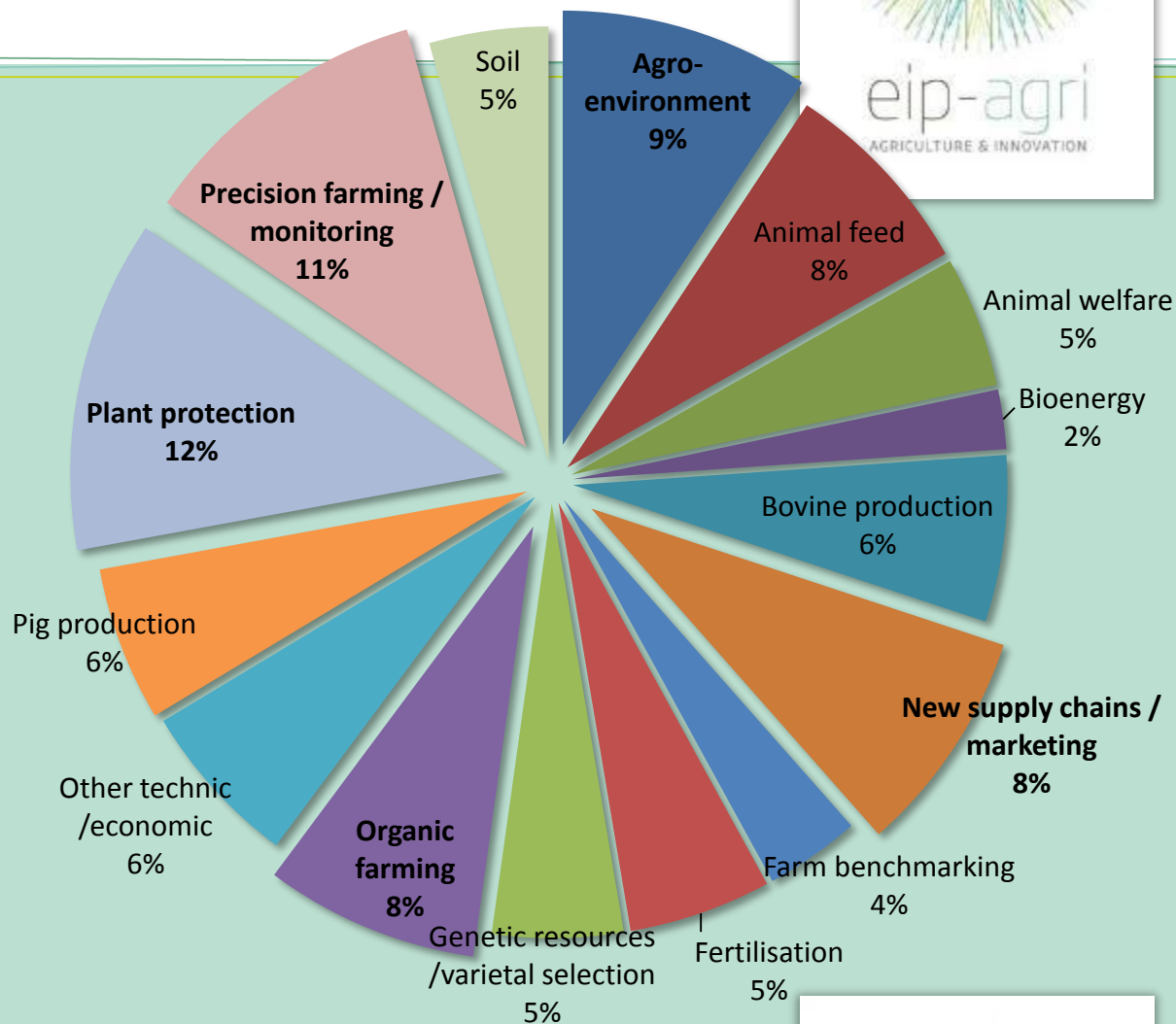


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In terms of scope:

Top 5

- **Plant protection**
- **Precision farming**
- **Agro-environment**
- **New supply chains**
- **Organic farming**



# ENU-WHEAT - Hessen, DE

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EXAMPLE

Started in January 2016 (two years)

**The problem:** addressing groundwater pollution linked to excessive N fertilisation of wheat while keeping high protein quality. Address concerns from the supply-chains (millers, bakers)

**The project:** demonstrate the feasibility of producing sustainable and environmentally friendly wheat with less fertilisation.

## Highlights:

- Achieving a good baking performance by using wheat varieties with high protein quality
- Participation of the whole value chain through 'quality contracts'
- Produce a regional 'ground water protection bread' to secure income for all partners (branding)

To know more see [presentation](#) from EIP workshop: "Operational Groups: First Experiences"



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# For more information on OGs see the EIP Website

## OG Toolkit

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### Operational groups

#### Welcome to the 'EIP-AGRI Toolkit for Operational Groups'.

This is an on-line resource developed to support the information/guidance needs of everyone that is actively engaged in promoting, setting-up, running and disseminating the outcomes of the Operational Groups established within the framework of the European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability (EIP-AGRI).

This Toolkit has been developed by DG AGRI and the EIP-AGRI Service Point. The aim of the Toolkit is to provide information, experiences, skills and knowledge that are accumulating within the EIP-AGRI Network.

- general materials for supporting the promotion of the EIP-AGRI
- specific information on the setting-up of Operational Groups and their networks and relevant information / materials from relevant websites
- other materials relevant to innovation support services

You can also contribute to the Toolkit by sending us your experiences, ideas or materials. For more information, please contact the EIP-AGRI Service Point at <http://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/content/FAQ>.

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The Toolkit is designed to be used in different ways to meet the needs of different users. You can move through the entire Toolkit.

<http://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/my-eip-agri/operational-groups>

## OG brochure

<http://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/content/eip-agri-brochure-operational-groups-update-2016>



## OG leaflet



<http://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/content/eip-agri-workshop-operational-groups-first-experiences>

## OG Video



<https://youtu.be/7WwhGlocMO8>