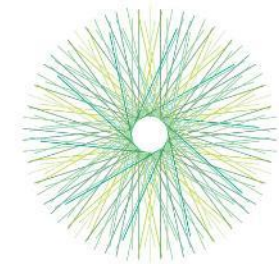


Workshop Networking for Innovation under measure 16 in Rural Development Programmes

27-28 October 2015 – Tallinn, Estonia



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Workshop 'Networking for innovation under measure 16 in Rural Development Programmes' Tuesday 27 October 2015 - Tallinn, Estonia

13:00 – 14:00 Registration and welcome coffee

14:00 – 14:20 Setting the scene
Presentation "Implementing the EIP-AGRI – state of play"
Aniko Seregelyi, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Networking at national / regional level

14:20 – 15:00 Interactive session 1
Getting to know and mapping the EIP-AGRI support in Member States
Moderated by Margarida Ambar, EIP-AGRI Service Point

15:00 – 15:45 Examples from Member States / regions on how EIP-AGRI support units integrate activities related to Operational Groups in their action plans:

- The Austrian case – Mirjam Linninger, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management
- **The Veneto Region case – Monica Vianello, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development from the Veneto Region**
- The Finnish case – Joel Karlsson, Network Support Unit in the National Rural Network
- The Portuguese case – Maria São Luis Centeno, General Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Development / Network Support Unit of the National Rural Network

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:15 Interactive session 2
Sharing experiences in supporting EIP-AGRI implementation
Moderated by Margarida Ambar, EIP-AGRI Service Point

17:15 – 17:50 Discussion on the interactive session 2 outcomes

17:50 – 18:00 Closing first day and announcing practicalities

19:00 – 21:00 Networking dinner





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Examples from Member States / Regions on how EIP-AGRI support units integrate activities related to Operational Groups in their action plans

The Veneto Region case

Monica Vianello

Rural Development Programme Management Authority

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development

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Summary

1. Management of Rural Development in Italy and Veneto Region
2. European Innovation Partnership network, NRN and RDP-MA
3. Implementation of sub-measure 16.1 (OG) in Veneto Region RDP
4. What works, what doesn't, lessons learned





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	Formal Submission	Approval
PA	22/04/2014	29/10/2014
NRNP	22/07/2014	26/05/2015
Veneto RDP	22/07/2014	26/05/2015
Bolzano RDP	22/07/2014	26/05/2015
Emilia-Romagna RDP	25/07/2014	26/05/2015
Friuli-Venezia Giulia RDP	21/07/2014	24/09/2015
Liguria RDP	20/07/2014	06/10/2015
Lombardia RDP	18/07/2014	15/07/2015
Marche RDP	22/07/2014	28/07/2015
Molise RDP	22/07/2014	02/07/2015
Sardegna RDP	24/07/2014	19/08/2015
Toscana RDP	22/07/2014	26/05/2015
Trento RDP	12/06/2014	03/08/2015
Umbria RDP	18/07/2014	12/06/2015
Others...

1st point

Did the approval timing influence the effectiveness in network implementation at regional and national level?





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2. European Innovation Partnership network, NRN and RDP-MA



A EIP network shall be put in place to support the EIP for agricultural productivity and sustainability

(Regulation 1305/2013, art 53.1)

Each Member State shall establish a national rural network, which groups the organizations and administrations involved in rural development.

NRN supports the search of partners for the measure referred to in Article 35.

(Regulation 1305/2013, art 54.1, 54.3 (b.iii))



RDP should support the establishment and operation of EIP-AGRI OG.

EIP-AGRI OG shall form part of the EIP for agricultural productivity and sustainability .

(Regulation 1305/2013, art 35, art 56).





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At national level, the strategic Priority n. 4 of the Italian NRN is devoted to innovation networking and the activities will be a connection and exchange with EU EIP AGRI Network.

2 Specific actions for innovation and EIP networking :

411 - Support to Networking activities for EIP-AGRI OG

Networking activities for regional officials dealing with EIP and Networking activities in favour of Italian EIP OGs especially on administrative, implementation, legal issues (topics of common interest among the Regions);

Exchange of experiences and good practices on programming, useful tools for the Italian regions and the Operational Groups, national formats and guidelines on the EIP, thematic groups for OGs.

421 - Services for fostering innovation

Liaison activities between research, farmers, advisors and innovation support services.

Brokerage to facilitate the establishment of EIP Operational Groups in Italy (*partner research*).

Providing information to farms, SMEs in rural areas, and forestry owners, for the diffusion of the innovation available, including communication of the results of innovation policies in agriculture, forestry and agri-food.

Exchange of experiences on good practices for the adoption of innovative processes in the Italian Farms.

Italy NRN Roadmap

- 26.05.2015 NRN Programme approval
- 25th - 26th June - national workshop in Rome with Regions on EIP and networking
- 14 September launch of NRN in Expo and 22 September first Monitoring Committee of NRN
- **8th October national workshop in Rome with Regions to identify the 2016 projects to be implemented by Italian NRN for supporting EIP and innovation**
- 27th October draft of NRN projects for the EIP-innovations and final consultation of Monitoring C.
- **Mid November 2015: start of 2016 NRN activities**





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At regional level RDP MA supports EIP-AGRI implementation through animation activity. Furthermore it will regards knowledge share on EIP-AGRI, calls organization, evaluation process, monitoring and projects supervising.

A strong synergy is necessary between NRN and regional MA, for example organizing workshops to collect the regional ideas, finding standard solutions for common regional problems, promoting actions to connect OGs...

The network establishment
hasn't yet been done at
national and regional level.



Anyway....





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2nd point

...Veneto Region has started networking activities targeted towards potential OG-members

- **Knowledge sharing** to ensure access to and dissemination of useful information on EIP-AGRI and EU rural development policy for innovation by the RDP communication activities: website (www.portale.piave.veneto.it) and seminars (7 seminars, each of them with interactive organization: over 530 participants, videos and documents available on website);
- **Face-to-face meetings** with stakeholders: 46 meetings with over 184 stakeholders, potential OG-members;
- **Researchers targeted information**: 3 meetings in the main regional Universities;
- Participation in **events organised by stakeholders**: e.g. final conferences of 124 measure projects (over 15 conferences);
- Knowledge sharing with **other ESI Funds actors**;
- **Coordination between NRN and two regional networks** (on research and on services) on implementation of a national EIP network (as part of NRN).





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3. Implementation of sub-measure 16.1 (OG) in Veneto Region RDP

EIP-AGRI operational groups (OGs) are supported in Veneto's RDP

Cooperation is funded by measure 16.

The sub measure 16.1 supports setting up and management of EIP-AGRI OG.



The budget of the sub measure is 6.5M €, divided into these Focus Areas.

	Focus area										
6,5	1b	2a	3a	4a	4b	4c	5a	5c	5d	5e	6a

OG project support won't be paid as a "global amount".

Farmers must be one of the OG partners since they are the key players.





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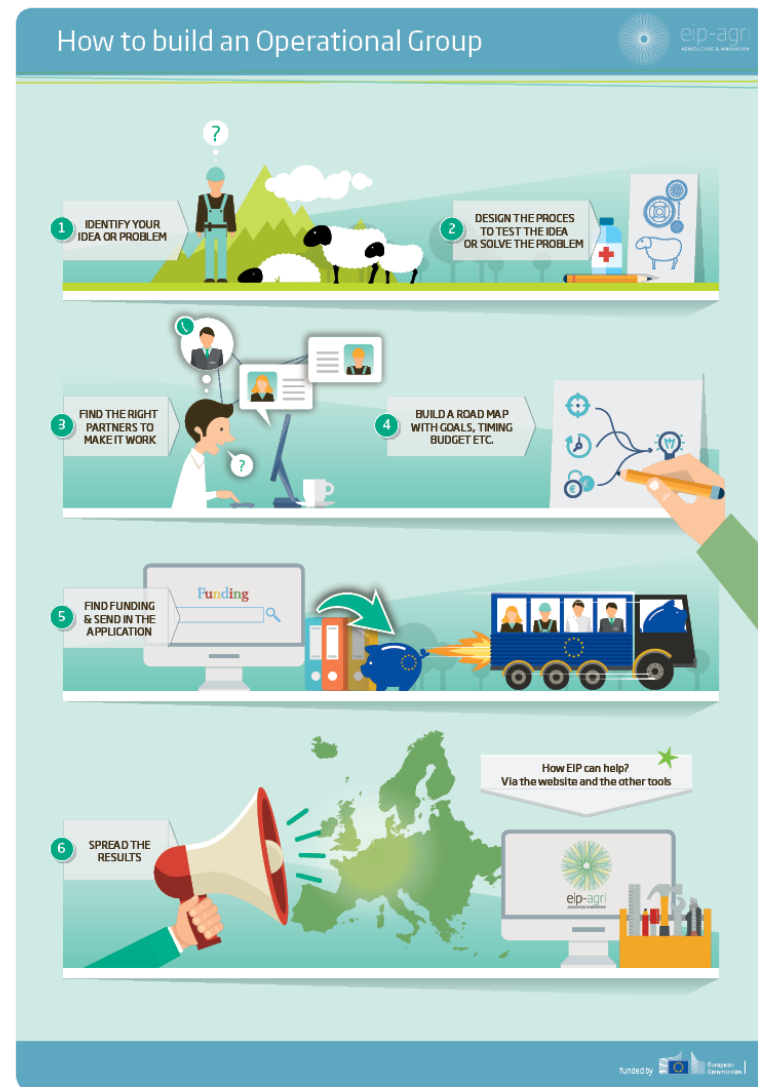
Sub measure 16.1 may support two phases:

- Innovation brokering for setting up OG
- OG management

OG project may be paid linking other RD measures.

The pilot projects and the development of new products, practices, processes and technologies are paid by sub measure 16.2.

Eligibility conditions of the other measures must be respected.





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What works

RDP knowledge sharing

Information and dissemination: seminar, conference, videos, documents, website...

Face-to-face meetings

Coordination between NRN and regional networks

What doesn't

Creation of new linkages or relationships between stakeholders

Establish a dialogue between farmers and research community





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Lessons learned...

Because of the timing approval, even if networking at regional and national level has not been established yet, networking basis and information have been achieved while waiting for the operativeness of NRN program.

...and ideas for the future

Create a EIP-AGRI support unit as a combination of Managing Authority and regional innovation agency, which allows:

- regional OG networking;
- dissemination of the results of OG projects, in particular through the EIP network;
- faster and wider transposition of innovative solutions into practice;
- a strong coordination with NRN and EIP-AGRI network.



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