



Workshop 'Networking for innovation under measure 16 in Rural Development Programmes'

Tuesday 27 October – Wednesday 28 October 2015
Tallinn, Estonia

Introduction

On 27-28 October 2015, the EIP-AGRI Service Point and the ENRD Contact Point, with the support of the Estonian Rural Network, are jointly organising a workshop dedicated to the support of networks in the implementation of measure 16 in Rural Development Programmes (RDP).

This event will focus on the implementation of EIP-AGRI at national / regional level, promote discussions about issues related to networking to support Operational Groups (OG), at national / regional and EU level, and will also address other innovative cooperation actions within RDPs (under measure 16) in relation to OG projects.

The overall objective of the workshop is to discuss and share experiences on the support that networks are providing within the context of innovation and cooperation at national / regional and EU level, with specific reference to:

- Implementation of EIP-AGRI at national / regional level
- Networking to support Operational Groups, at national / regional and EU level
- Other innovative cooperation actions within RDPs (measure 16)

Specific objectives:

- To get a general overview of how the implementation of EIP is organised at national / regional level and which units support EIP-AGRI;
- To promote the exchange of ideas and initial experiences on how Network Support Units (NSUs) in National Rural Networks (NRNs) and other EIP-AGRI support units integrate activities related to Operational Groups in their action plans;
- To discuss possibilities to improve cooperation by exchange of information between EIP-AGRI support units at national/regional level and EIP-AGRI Service Point;
- To present to EIP-AGRI support units some new EIP-AGRI tools and activities, while involving them in product development;
- To address specific issues related to other innovative cooperation actions within RDPs (measure 16).

Participants are Network Support Units of National Rural Networks (national and regional level) and other EIP-AGRI support units. As far as possible, participants who are working directly with EIP-AGRI implementation have been invited.

Draft Programme

The workshop combines plenary presentations, discussions and interactive work.

The sessions of the first day introduce the context and provide an overview of the implementation of EIP-AGRI in Member States, and address networking to support Operational Groups at national / regional level. The sessions of the second day focus on networking at EU level and include discussions on other innovative cooperation actions within RDPs (measure 16).

Final programme

Please note that this workshop will be held in English

Day 1 – Tuesday, 27 October 2015

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, Directorate-General 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 Luís 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

Day 2 – Wednesday, 28 October 2015

Networking at EU level

- 09:00 – 09:05** Opening and introducing Day 2
Margarida Ambar, EIP-AGRI Service Point
- 09:05 – 09:30** Presentation “Supporting the EIP-AGRI Network”
Pille Koorberg, EIP-AGRI Service Point
- 09:30 – 10:30** Interactive session 3
Supporting each other in networking
Moderated by Margarida Ambar, EIP-AGRI Service Point
- 10:30 – 11:00** **Coffee Break**
- 11:00 – 11:15** Presentation “Rural Networking and the broader cooperation measure”
Antonella Zona, Directorate-General Agriculture and Rural Development
- 11:15 – 11:55** Interactive session 4
Other innovative cooperation actions (measure 16 within RDPs)
Moderated by David Lamb, ENRD Contact Point
- 11:55 – 12:50** Interactive session 5
The collaborative area of the EIP-AGRI Support Units – the place where we work together
Moderated by Sergiu Didicescu, EIP-AGRI Service Point
- 12:50 – 13:00** Wrapping up and closing
Aniko Seregelyi, Directorate-General Agriculture and Rural Development