



**Subgroup on Innovation &
Knowledge Exchange (SolKE)**
4th meeting

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27 October 2023

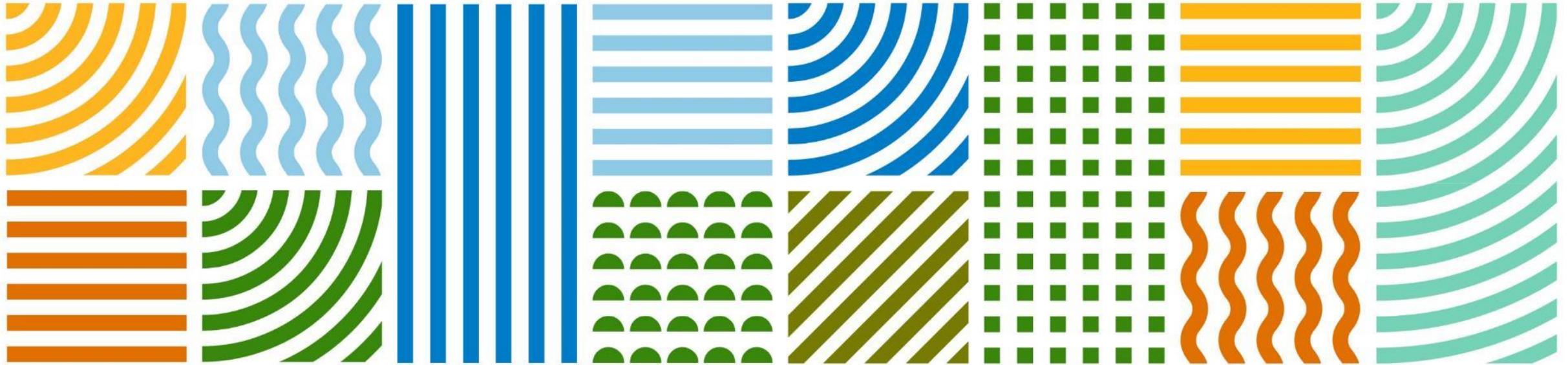


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Yield of a Dutch-German cross-visit

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Yield of a Dutch - German cross visit, glimpse of an experience

'Session II: EU CAP Network Cross-visits – new knowledge exchange and peer-to-peer learning possibilities for OGS';



CAP GOALS

Smart, resilient agriculture

Environment, biodiversity and Climate

Rural development

Knowledge & Innovation !



EU, commission, CAP Network, EIP,

A. Programming

- Identifying bottlenecks in implementation, lagging results or impact and put on the relevant agenda's
- Proactively propose program adjustments (goals, speed of implementation and/or content of interventions, distribution of money)
- Organizing consultations with coordinators (pillars 1 and 2, preparing adjustments and decisions).

Secretary



B. Monitoring & evaluation

- Managing monitoring and interpretation of results
- Deepening monitoring and management of information architecture NSP (CIO function) in collaboration with RVO and BIJ12 and other stakeholders (including the management organization for area-oriented approach)
- Semi-annual progress reporting on target achievement, results and finance

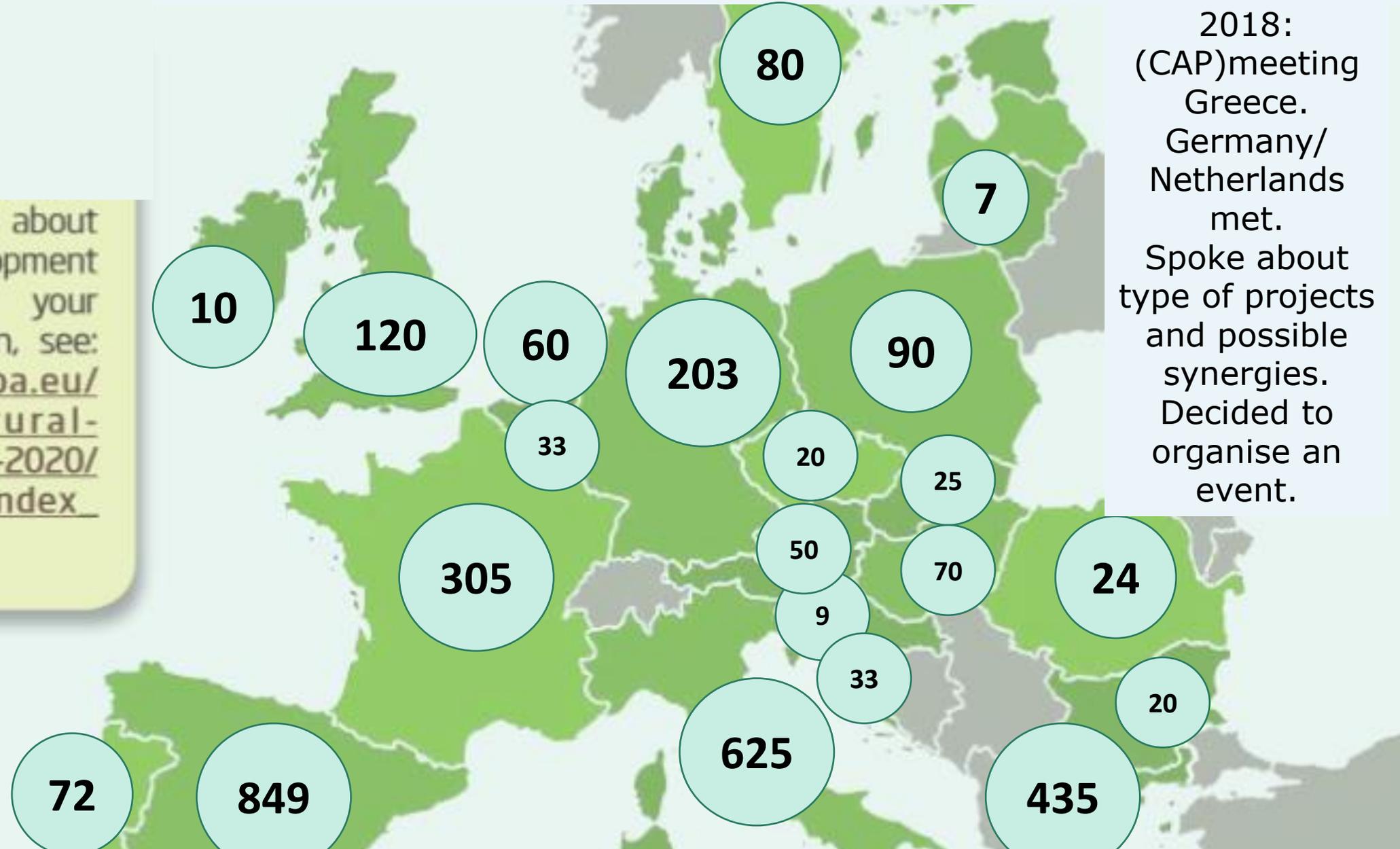
C. Network

- Facilitating networks – connecting practice
- Placing topics on the agenda based on NSP content
- Picturing successes and bottlenecks in implementation
- Share information about targetreach and effects
- Utilizing the field for intervention owners



Planned number of OG till 2020 (EU total: 3200+)

To discover more about the Rural Development Programme in your country or region, see: http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/index_en.htm



2018:
(CAP)meeting
Greece.
Germany/
Netherlands
met.
Spoke about
type of projects
and possible
synergies.
Decided to
organise an
event.

Synergy in our activities?



2019
Test farm
Valthermond:
exchange
between EIP-
projects
Niedersachsen
en North-
Netherlands

Both regions
(NL/GE)
already
experienced
in working
together
(interreg A)

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Program

Cross-border exchange meeting Lower Saxony and Northern-Netherlands



Date: Tuesday December 3th 2019
Location: Test Farm 't Kompas, Noorderdiep 211, Valthermond

Program

- 11.30 Arrival and welcome
- 11.35 Guided tour at the research location by Rink Vegelin
- 12.20 Beginning of Lunch (networking)
- 12.50 While lunch continues: getting to know each other
- 13.00 Introduction of the program
- 13.05 Introduction of EIP-Agri in Lower Saxony and the Netherlands, Interreg program
- 13.20 Key-note speech about soil fertility, soil organic matter and nutrient management by Geert-Jan van der Burgt (SPNA)
- 13.45 Interactive presentations of Operational Groups:
- 14.45 Individual speed-dating between participants
- 15.00 World Café about wishes for 'follow up'
- What could be new ideas for innovative projects?
 - What are obstacles and changes for stronger cross-border cooperation in this CAP-period, in the transition period and Future CAP program?
 - What could be fruitful goals and ways of cross-border 'networking' activities for farmers?
- 16.00 End of the meeting
- 16.00-17.00 Networking with a buffet and drinks.
- The bus back to Hannover leaves at 17.00 hour.

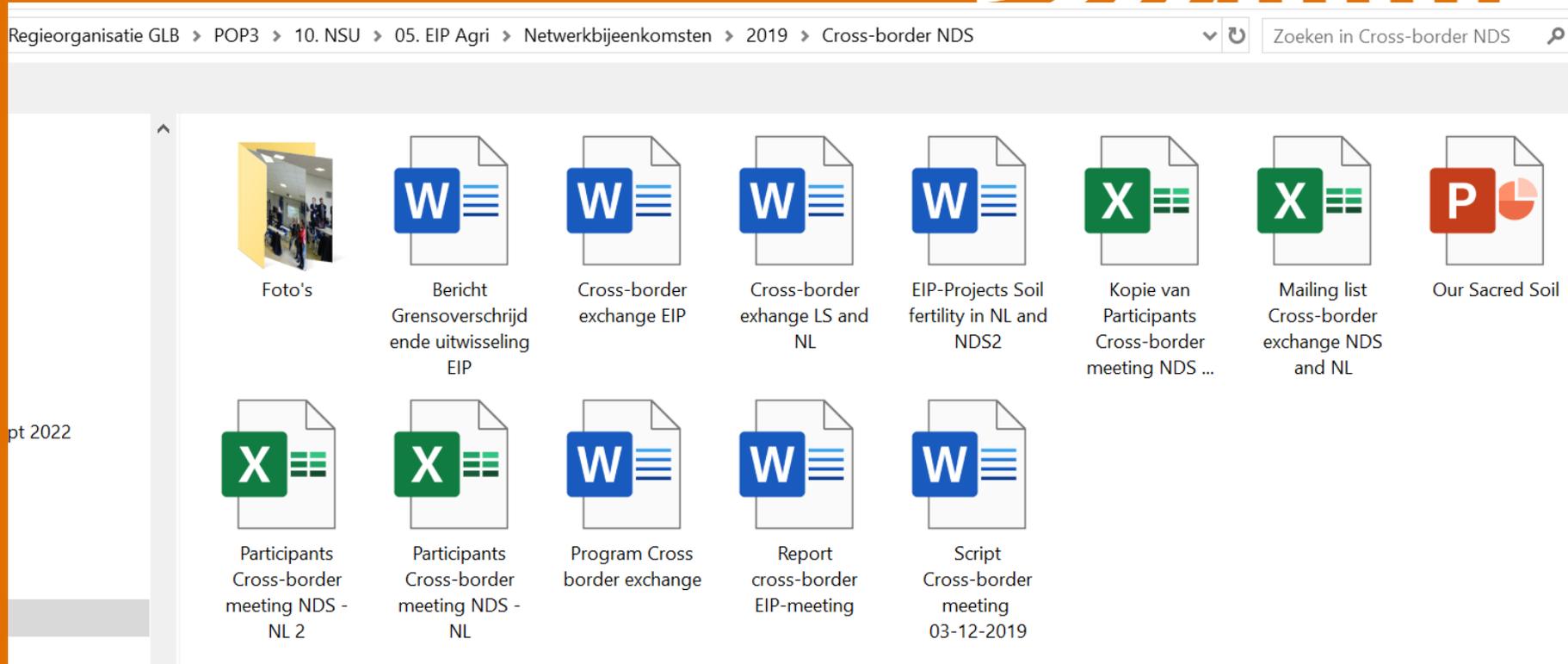
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Preparation impresssion



Report

Agricultural innovation exchange between Lower Saxony and the Netherlands on sustainable soil management

The European Union promotes the dissemination of the knowledge developed through the European Innovation Partnership for Agriculture (EIP-Agri), including exchanges between the EU member states. The Dutch Network Support Units contributes to this, for example by supplying information on all the Dutch EIP projects (Operational Groups) to the European Commission and by stimulating exchanges with neighboring countries. For instance, the project leaders of Flemish Operational Groups are invited to our thematic meetings and we co-organized the organization of a cross-border meeting between the northern provinces and Lower Saxony.

The provinces of Groningen, Friesland and Drenthe, together with the EIP-Agri Network in Lower Saxony, took the initiative to exchange information about Operational Groups. For this purpose, a network meeting was organized on December 3rd 2019 at an experimental farm in the Netherlands. A total of 35 people were present. They were first given a tour on the farm (see picture).

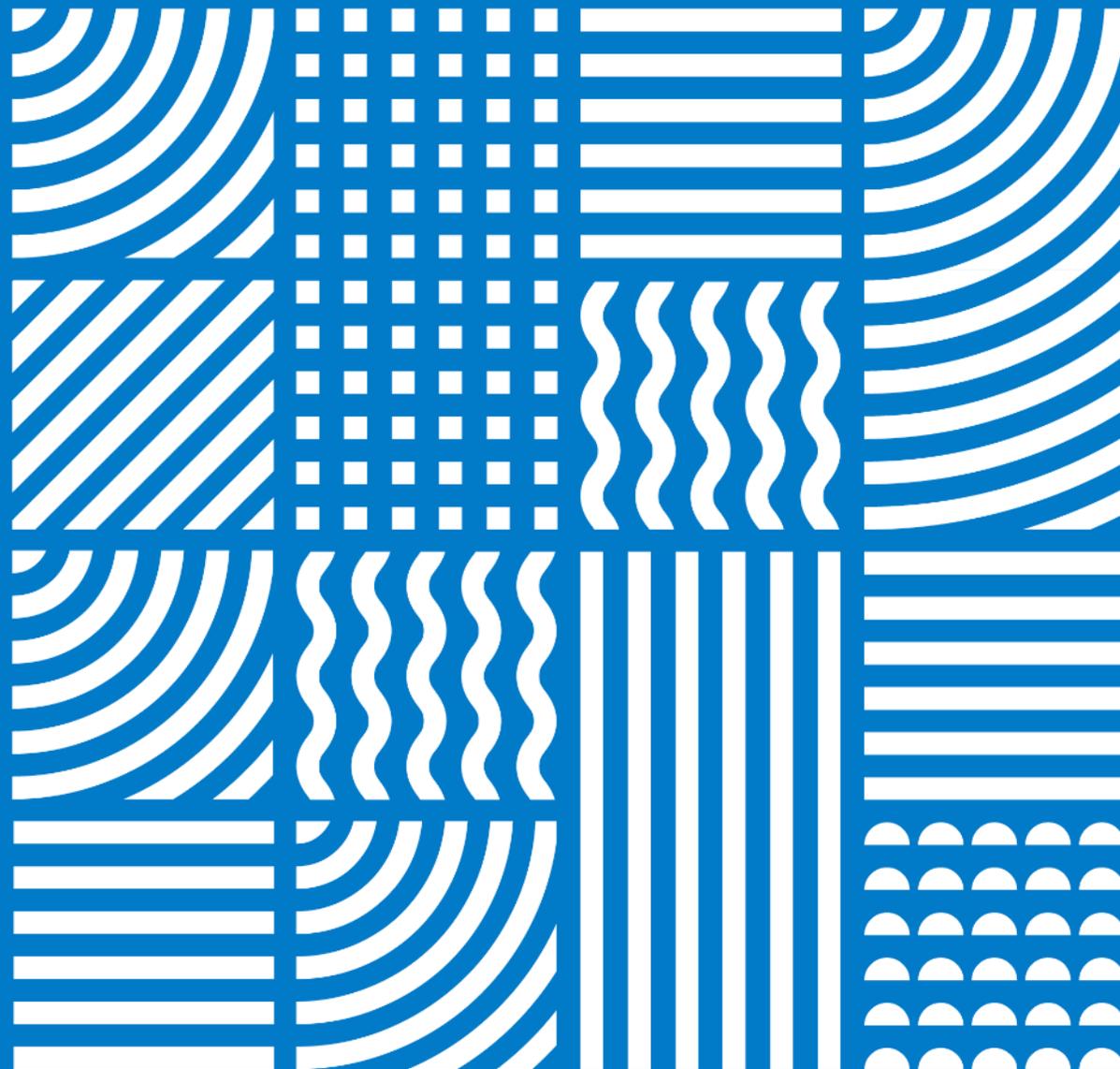


This [video](#), made by the EIP-Agri Network in Lower Saxony, gives an impression of the meeting.

Soil is the common theme

A comparison of the Operational Groups on both sides of the border showed that soil is the major common theme. So soil was chosen as the subject for the joint meeting. It covered soil fertility, soil health and nutrient- and water management. To give an impression of the projects, two examples were presented for each of these subjects; one from Lower Saxony and one from the Netherlands:

- *Soil fertility*: The Kompetenzzentrum Ökolandbau is conducting research into the use of compost in organic potato cultivation to increase soil fertility. In the Operational Group "Compost compositions" by HLB the use of enriched compost as soil improver is investigated.
- *Soil health*: the Gesellschaft für konservierende Bodenbearbeitung investigates weed control without the use of glyphosate and non-reversible soil tillage based on electrophysical, mechanical and biological methods. The Louis Bolk Institute is carrying out the project "Maize cultivation in permanent grassland, climate friendly and free from glyphosate".
- *Nutrient- and water management*: the Ostfalia Hochschule is developing a new way to measure plant drought stress with sensors. In the OG "Clean cultivation based on drip irrigation", Delphy examines whether minerals, (green) crop protection agents and bio stimulants can be supplied through an irrigation system.



Link to: [video \(youtube\)](#)

What did the visit bring



Participants greatly appreciated the meeting. They made new contacts and exchanged knowledge about Operational Groups on both sides of the border. Ideas for new OGs were also developed, perhaps in the future with partners on both sides of the border. A concrete agreement was reached about a joint project that aims to organize "network activities" for farmers. To finance this, a joint INTERREG application will be developed.

The Agricultural Chamber Lower Saxony and the three northern Dutch provinces joined forces and indeed developed a proposal (and applied) about cross-border cooperation.

Due to personnel change the topic was dropped. The application was retrieved and, partly b/c the COVID dynamics there unfortunately hasn't been any follow up.

Take aways



- Interreg is perfectly equipped for cross border cooperation and may create a 'bridging project' involving OGs
- The CAP 2023-2027 offers now new possibilities

- Ideas:
 - conduct an (GIS) analyses: distance actor-actor / possible theme for cooperation
 - Proactively invite them to discuss synergy possibilities



Thank you for your attention! Questions?

More information: www.netwerkplatteland.nl



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All results and presentations are available on the event webpage:
<https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/events/subgroup-innovation-and-knowledge-exchange-4th-meeting>

