



Subgroup on Innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability

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9:00 – 10:00 Welcome and introduction – DG AGRI
Session I "Recent and future networking activities"

10:00 – 11:00 Session II "Assessment study on OGs and its implications
for the future"



11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 Interactive part Session II "Assessment study on OGs and its
implications for the future"



12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

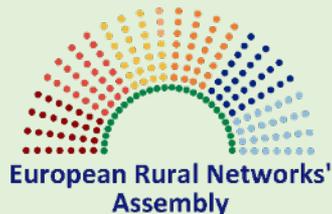
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15:30 – 16:30 Interactive part Session III "Strengthening the links between CAP
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16:30 – 16:45 AOB / Wrap up / next steps



Session I "Recent and future networking activities"

EIP-AGRI network work plan for 2019

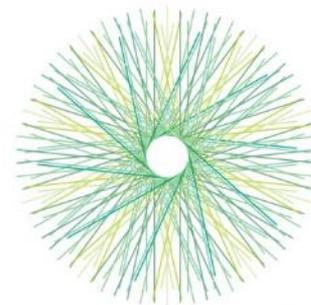
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- 1. Maintain work on the essential natural resources on which farming depends, giving special attention to climate change and biodiversity and intensifying the work on agricultural soil, in view of liaising with the European Joint Programme under Horizon 2020 and possible mission for Horizon Europe.**

Agro-ecology specific attention

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2. Focus Groups

- **FG 34: Bee health and sustainable beekeeping.**
 - Question: How to ensure the sustainability of beekeeping in the face of challenges linked to pests and diseases, intensification of agriculture and climate change?
 - 1st meeting on 07 – 08 May 2019 in (Sweden,)
- **FG 35: Diversification through plant-based medicinal and aromatic products**
 - Question: How to create diversification opportunities for farmers through innovative value chains of plant-based medicinal and cosmetic products?
 - 1st meeting on 15 – 16 May 2019 in Setubal (Portugal)
- **FG 36: Soil salinisation.**
 - Question: How to maintain agricultural productivity by preventing, reducing or adapting to soil salinity?
 - 1st meeting on 15 – 16 May 2019 in Budapest (Hungary)

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- **FG 37: Protecting agricultural soils from contamination.**

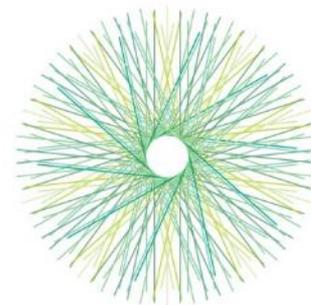
- Question: How to prevent agricultural soil contamination and how to address the problem of contaminated soils?
- 1st meeting on 11 - 12 June 2019 in Bari (Italy)

- **FG 38: Reducing antimicrobial use in poultry farming.**

- Question: How to reduce the use of antimicrobial treatments in poultry in order to fight the spread of antimicrobial resistance?
- 1st meeting on 19 – 20 June 2019 in (Dublin, Ireland)

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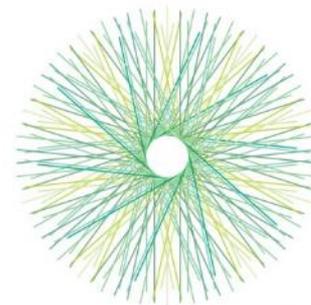
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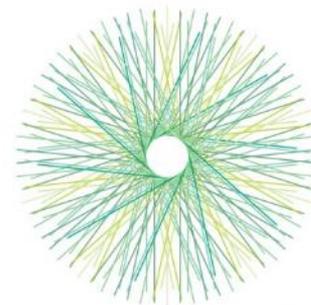
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Priority 2. Digital transformation of agriculture and forestry.



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Capitalising on past activities, digitisation will be mainstreamed in all other activities.

1. Seminar

Skills development for the digital transformation

Date & location : Early February 2020 in Spain

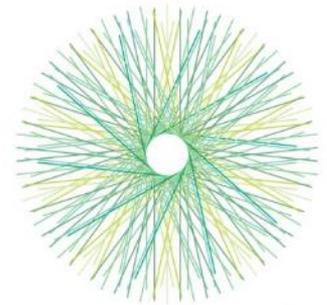
2. Workshop

Innovative solutions for small holdings (farms and access of small farms to new technologies.

Date & location : 29 – 30 October 2019 in Romania

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Priority 3. Thematic networking of Operational Groups, bridge with H2020 thematic networks and multi-actor projects



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Agri-Innovation Summit (AIS) 2019 “EIP-AGRI leading the transition to agro-ecology” transition”

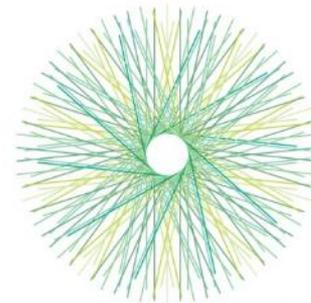
The AIS 2019 is co-organised by the French Ministry of agriculture and food, the association Régions de France, the Region of Normandy, the EIP-AGRI network and the European Commission. It will bring together representatives from EIP-AGRI projects throughout Europe as well as local actors and experts.

Participants will be discussing the following thematic issues:

- How to reduce the use of inputs as a way to increase the autonomy of farms?
- What kind of production systems can enable the sustainable management of natural resources?
- How can agroecology be better integrated within the value chain, with the consumers, the citizens and the local areas?
- How can knowledge sharing, co-creation and dissemination of innovation be fostered at all levels?

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Priority 4. Cooperation with Rural Networks and support to EU Rural Networks Governance



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1. Innovation strand of the ENRD conference on 'networX. Inspiring Rural Europe'

Networking for innovation

This strand will consider networking for innovation in agriculture and forestry, while learning from good practices by relevant actors.

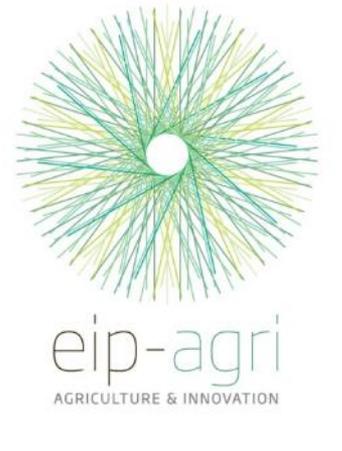
Networking is key to a well-functioning AKIS, which is most relevant to address at this point when Member States are starting to draw their CAP Strategic Plans.

- **Round 1:** Thursday 11 April, 11.00 – 12.30 (Aquarium): Learning and highlighting good practices on networking for innovation in agriculture and forestry. Working and competing in groups.
- **Round 2:** Friday 12 April, 09.00 – 10.30 (Aquarium): Designing the future of networking while discussing the concept of AKIS

2. Subgroup on Innovation // EU RNs' Assembly and Steering Group
3. Developing activities and cooperation with the National Rural Networks.

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Priority 5. Extending and Consolidating the EIP-AGRI network



30 Missions to Member States

Particular attention will be paid to multipliers and intermediary organisations which can help reaching farmers, and to extending the network further in Eastern and Central Europe.

An effective communication to support these priority areas and activities: In line with the EIP-AGRI communication strategy, the EIP-AGRI Communication Action Plan for 2019 will highlight the communication priorities for the AWP2019, and specific operational goals and envisaged activities per communication tool.