



Update on EIP-AGRI and AKIS

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1. EIP-AGRI and AKIS

Upcoming EIP-AGRI networking activities - EIP-AGRI Brokerage event 'Get involved in the EU Mission 'A Soil Deal for Europe''

Date: 08 - 09/06/2022

Location: Brussels (Belgium)

Participants: 80 participants selected out of ca. 230 applicants from an open call

Main objective is to support the Horizon Europe call for proposals under the EU Mission: 'A Soil Deal for Europe' via:

- supporting future applicants in finding potential partners;
- sharing information on the call and its topics;
- sharing concrete experiences on lighthouses and living labs.

Field trips: living lab & farm in Flemish Brabant



Upcoming EIP-AGRI networking activities - EIP-AGRI Workshop 'Conversion to organic farming: innovative approaches and challenges'

Date: 22 – 23 /06/2022

Location: Florence (Italy)

Participants: 80 participants selected out of ca. 310 applicants from an open call

Main objective is to contribute to the implementation of the Action Plan on the development of Organic Production in the EU via:

- exchanging knowledge on successful practices, opportunities and tools relevant for the process of conversion;
- identifying challenges and exploring potential solutions in the conversion process.

Field trips: Fiesole Organic District



EIP-AGRI Focus Group 2nd meetings

EIP-AGRI Focus Group 44:

“Sustainable ways to reduce pesticide use in pome and stone fruit production”

- ❖ Date: 14 - 15/06/2022
- ❖ Location: Bologna (Italy)

EIP-AGRI Focus Group 45:

“Digital tools for sustainable nutrient management”

- ❖ Date: 15 - 16/06/2022
- ❖ Location: Brussels (Belgium)

EIP-AGRI Focus Group 46:

“Nature-Based Solutions for water management under climate change”

- ❖ Date: 01 - 02/06/2022
- ❖ Location: Malmö (Sweden)



New EIP-AGRI publications

Recently published:

- EIP-AGRI factsheet *Wildlife and agricultural production*
- Press articles:
 - *Improving soil biodiversity to reduce inputs*
 - *Using data to manage environmental impact of livestock farming*

Upcoming:

- EIP-AGRI Agrinnovation magazine issue 8 (2022): focus on forestry (to be published early June 2022)
- Organic farming brochure (September)
- AKIS newsletter – **any ideas/proposals?**





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The online EIP-AGRI network

1
website

3
social media
channels

1
news
letter



9269
newsletter
subscribers



4358
LinkedIn
followers



8356
Twitter
followers

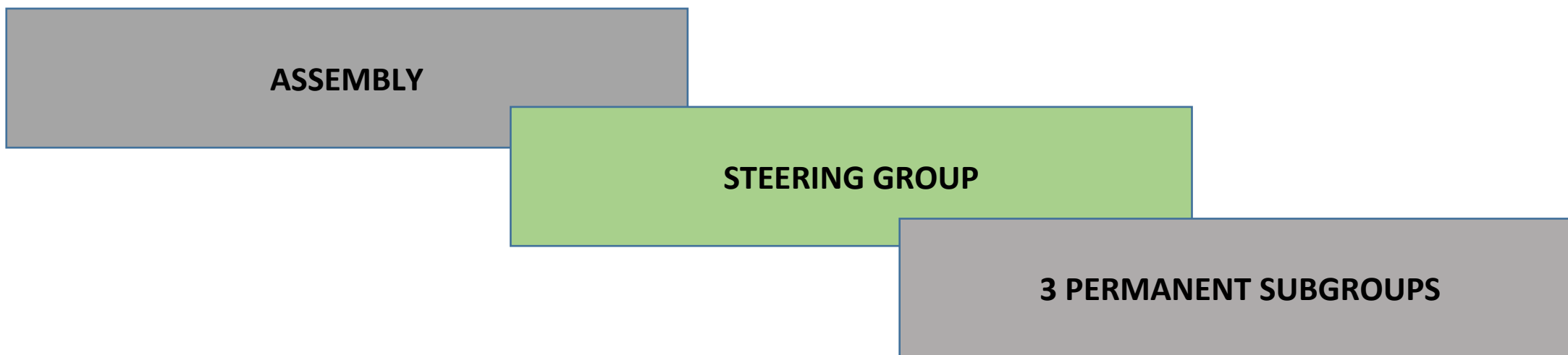


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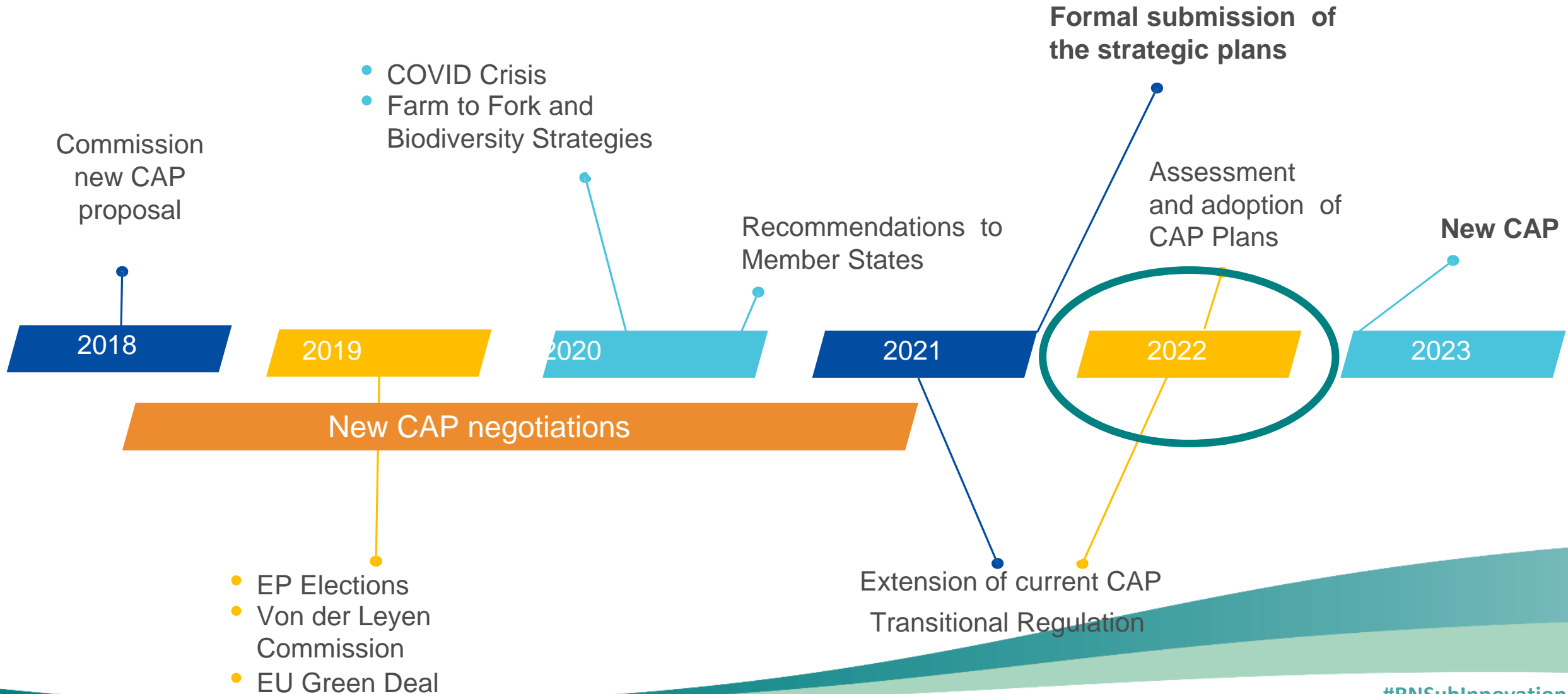


Governance of the CAP Network - Operational structure

- draft implementing act setting out the organisational structure and operation of the European CAP network (Article 126(5) of Regulation (EU) No 2021/2115)



New CAP – where are we today?



	OGs
AT	30
BE	63
BG	19
CZ	11
DE	243
EE	2
ES	460
FI	17
FR	207
HU	22
HR	15
IE	31
IT	552
LT	24
LV	30
MT	1
NL	289
PL	49
PT	119
RO	12
SE	88
SI	46
UK	94

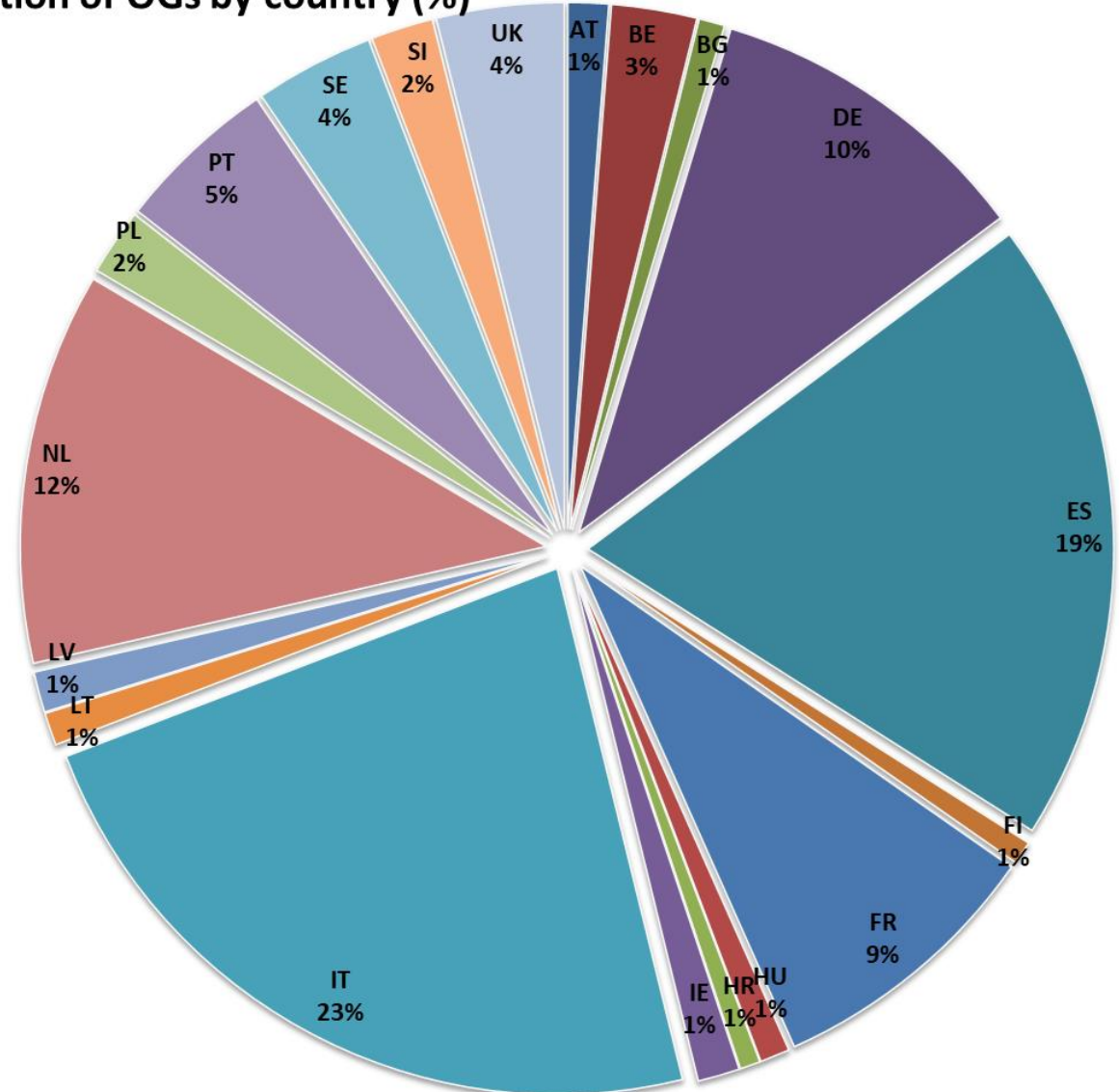
Total N° of OGs on the EIP website **2424**

May 2022

We know from Annual Implementation reports there must be between 3000 and 4000 OGs

Please put them in SFC so that they become visible. All EIP OG projects must be 16.1 and not 16.2

Distribution of OGs by country (%)



Upcoming EIP-AGRI networking activities (Autumn 2022)

- **NRN event** 5 May in Kufstein (AT): half day on AKIS for CAP networks “*co-creation, co-ownership and collaboration*”. Follow up will be done
- **AKIS seminar autumn 2022**: Subgroup of Innovation exchanged experiences on AKIS and knowledge flows in CAP Strategic Plans’ interventions (examples IE, NL, IT):

Breakout groups:

- AKIS implementation in MS - inspired by the presentation from Ireland
- Advisors in AKIS - inspired by the presentation from the Netherlands
- Knowledge flows among AKIS actors - inspired by the presentation from Italy



Seminar on AKIS

- Duration – 1,5 days
- Participants - 150 to 200
- Context:
 - Exchange of knowledge and focus on innovation - a cross-cutting objective for the new CAP - a well-functioning AKIS will contribute to all the objectives of the CAP
 - CAP Strategic Plans enter into force at the beginning of 2023 - Member States (MSs) are preparing their implementation, organising all the relevant actors, putting in place tools, planning activities - needs for mutual learning and exchange on several topics

Seminar on AKIS

Needs for mutual learning and exchange on several topics:

- AKIS coordination bodies - feedback from AKIS networks or platforms & relation with the CAP network;
- Advisors - integrated into the AKIS CAP Strategic Plans - inclusiveness and transparency - obligatory advisory fields;
- Digital knowledge reservoirs - collection, organisation and dissemination of all relevant knowledge that is produced - “back-offices” for all AKIS actors, advisors and innovation support services;

Seminar on AKIS

Needs for mutual learning and exchange on several topics (continued):

- EIP OGs to cover all 9 CAP Specific Objectives - new fields open up for operational group projects, be it rural, social, supply chain linked or other
- Bridging the CAP and Horizon Europe - support and facilitation;
- Innovation support services - grassroots innovative ideas and help them to develop;
- Administrative simplification.

Objectives workshop Workshop on Young entrepreneurs & startups (I)

To discuss and exchange experience on:

- Mobilising existing instruments and opportunities offered in the CAP to promote young innovators and startups in rural communities.
- Implementing new technology-powered solutions and providing urban amenities in rural areas.
- New ways to generate employment opportunities and enrich the quality of life in villages.

Objectives of the workshop (II)

- Support to build entrepreneurship ecosystems in rural areas focusing on young entrepreneurs and startups by showcasing success stories.
- Demonstrate that rural communities can be an attractive place for innovators and startups, a gamechanger for developing sustainable processes of economic, social and territorial development.
- Find ways to encourage young people to develop innovations in different sectors so they can be considered as front runners, to strengthen the innovation ecosystems in rural areas and contribute to tackle some of the challenges posed by the demographic decline.

Concept

- Contribute to a more positive and inclusive image of rural areas,
- making them more attractive, stimulating rural economies,
- and creating new opportunities as envisaged by the Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas!

Upcoming EIP-AGRI networking activities

Concept notes on

- EIP-AGRI Focus Group 47: Biodiversity on farmland
- EIP-AGRI Focus Group 48: Social farming
- EIP-AGRI Focus Group 49: Recovery of abandoned agricultural lands

Timing:

- Call to be published 28 June 2022
- Call to close: 19 September 2022
- First meetings: January 2023
- Second meetings: May-June 2023
- Reports: September 2023



Focus Group 47: Enhancing the biodiversity on farmland through high-diversity landscape features

Main question: **How can farmers create and maintain HDLF that positively impact farmland biodiversity?**

Main tasks:

- Identify the **challenges and opportunities** for farmers in introducing a greater diversity of HDLF to **increase both the diversity and area of habitats and/or better connectivity between habitats.**
- Collect and highlight **good practices and inspiring success stories**, approaches and methodologies for **introducing and maintaining HDLF at different scales and landscapes.**
- Identify **examples of valorising** (from the social and economic point of view) the **ecosystem services** provided by HDLF.
- Identify capacity building experiences and needs for implementation of HDLF.
- Suggest innovative HDLF and appropriate maintenance/management models essential to the value of landscapes and HDLF for wildlife.
- Identify further **research needs from practice**, and possible gaps in technical knowledge.
- Suggest **innovative ideas for EIP-AGRI Operational Groups and other innovative projects.**

FG 48: Social farming and innovations

Main question: **How can social farming and related innovations benefit farms and rural areas?**

Main tasks:

- Collect and highlight **good practices and inspiring success stories as well as approaches in social farming.**
- Identify **challenges and opportunities to develop social farming models**, including business models and ways to strengthen the links between agriculture and social/health care sectors, education and the society.
- Explore **how social farming could bring innovation into farms and in rural areas, and how it could benefit users and the surrounding communities.**
- Identify the **factors and needs to support social farming and how to build or strengthen the innovation ecosystem** and the interdisciplinary framework needed for social farming activities.
- Propose potential **innovative actions and ideas for Operational Groups**
- Identify **needs from practice and possible gaps in knowledge**

FG 49: Recovery of abandoned agricultural lands

Main question: **How to foster new, practical ways for better management of abandoned agricultural land in a sustainable way?**

Main tasks:

- Collect and highlight **best practices, approaches and methods in the process of land recovery.**
- **Identify the challenges and opportunities for those dealing with land abandonment.**
- Bring **innovative approaches and solutions to the regeneration process and re-use of abandoned land.**
- Suggest adequate socioeconomic and environmental management practices for abandoned land to decrease the risk of soil degradation.
- Identify further **research needs from practice and possible gaps in knowledge.**
- Suggest **innovative solutions** and provide **ideas for EIP-AGRI Operational Groups and other innovative projects.**

EIP-AGRI networking activities 2023

- Booklet with 46 ideas was discussed for 2023 events

Clusters discussed in Sol 2 June 2022 - brainstorming:

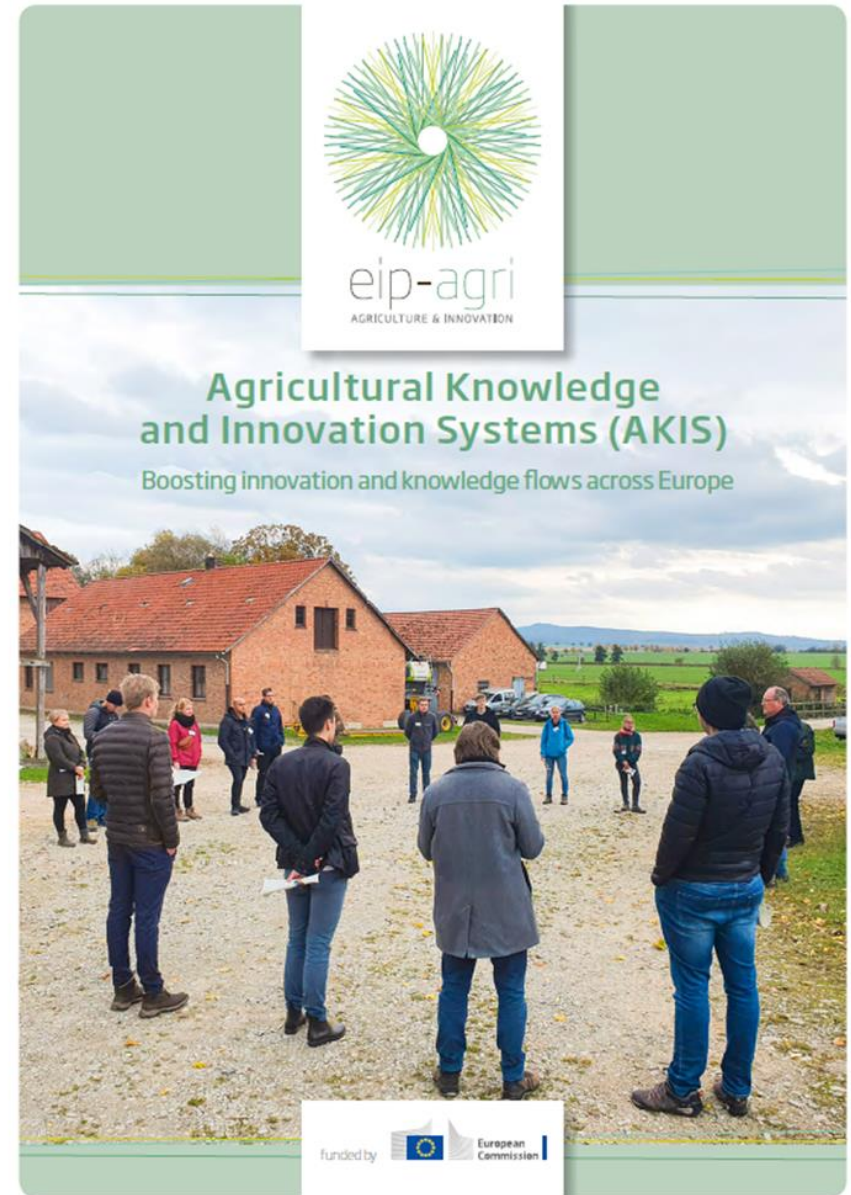
- AKIS & EIP AGRI
- Land and soil management
- Climate change and biodiversity
- Organic agriculture
- Value chain and competitiveness
- Circular Bioeconomy
- Social and organisational innovations in farming and rural areas
- Digitalisation in agriculture
- Animal health and welfare



EIP-AGRI communications

- A **Thematic webpage on AKIS + new AKIS brochure** is created: <https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/about/akis-eip-agri-spotlight>
- **Press article on advisory Back-Office in Slovenia feeding into Innovation support and the whole AKIS:**

<https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/news-events/press-media/press-release/slovenia-integrates-advisors-its-national>





2. Horizon Europe

Cluster 6 Work Programme 2021-2022

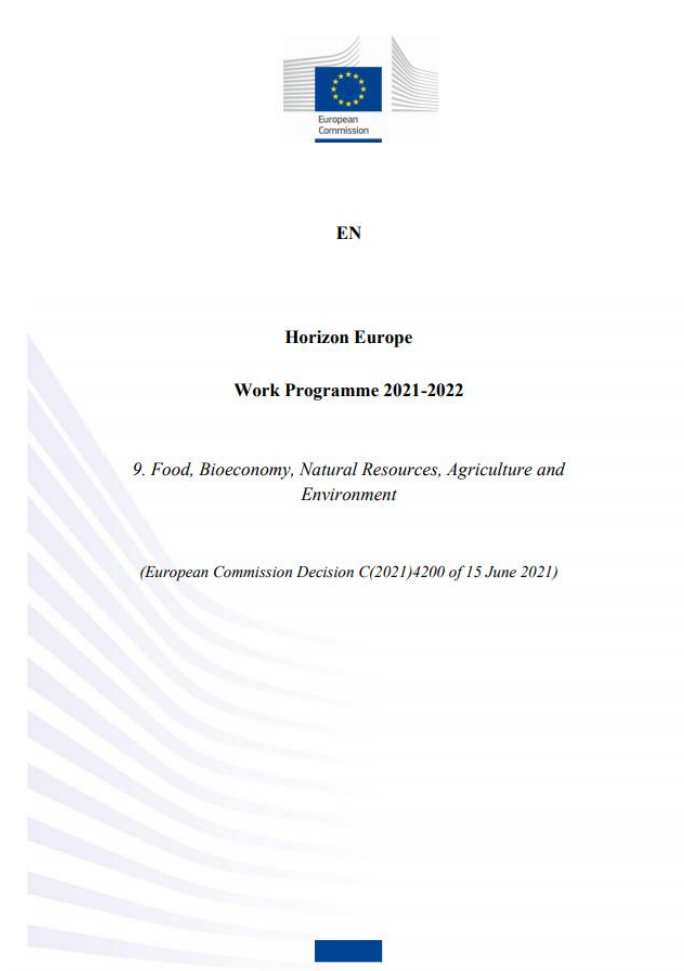
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2021 & 2022 calls: closed for applications

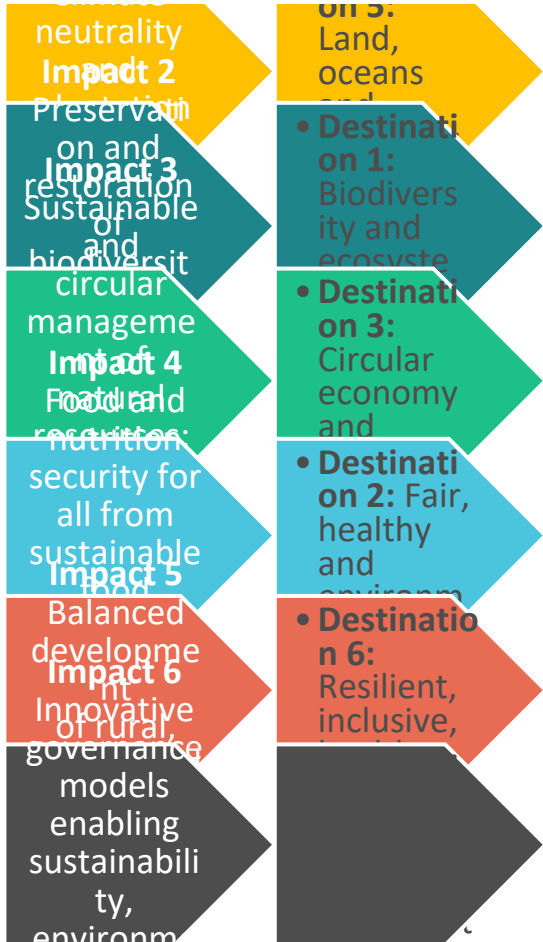


2021 calls: many new projects are about to start
2022 calls: evaluation currently ongoing



Cluster 6 Work Programme 2023-2024: evolution not revolution

Strategic Plan 2021-2024

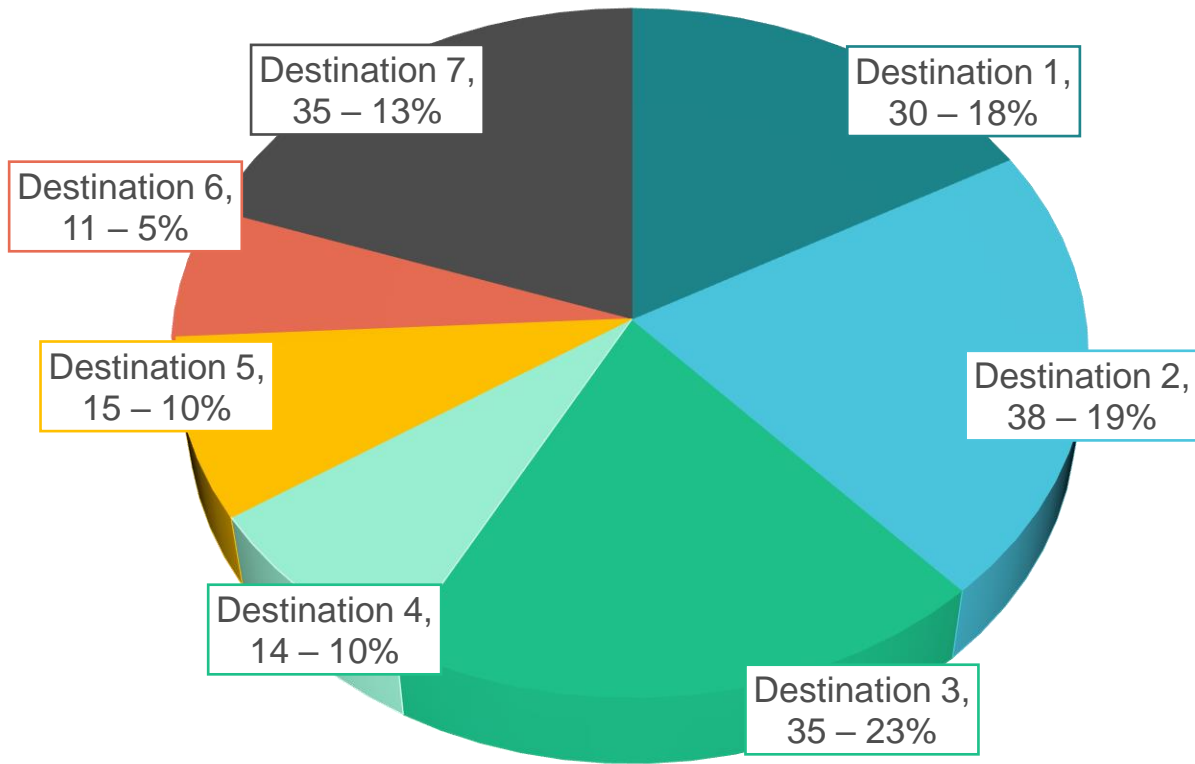


Work Programme 2023-2024



Cluster 6 Work Programme 2023-2024: overview

Distribution of topics per destination



Preliminary total number of topics for 2023 & 2024: **178**

Co-fund partnerships

- D1: European Biodiversity Partnership: Biodiversa+*
 - D2: European partnership on accelerating farming systems transition: agro-ecology living labs and research infrastructures**
 - D2: European partnership on animal health and welfare**
 - D2: European partnership on safe and sustainable food systems for people, plant and climate**
 - D5: European Partnership Water Security for the Planet (Water4All)*
 - D7: European Partnership for a climate-neutral, sustainable and productive Blue Economy*
 - D7: European Partnership of Agriculture of Data**
- (*): kick-started with WP 2021-2022
bold: to start in WP23-24

Cluster 6 Work Programme 2023-2024: the new geo-political situation and policy priorities following the Russian invasion of Ukraine

- **8 March:** Communication “**REPowerEU**” – a plan to rapidly reduce dependence on Russian fossil fuels and fast forward the green transition
- **23 March:** Communication “**Safeguarding food security and reinforcing the resilience of food systems**” with actions in three areas:
 - ✓ First, it presents our immediate actions to **safeguard food security in Ukraine and around the world.**
 - ✓ Second, we have addressed the challenge of **food stability in the EU's food system**, with a range of measures to support our farmers and maintain affordability for our citizens.
 - ✓ Finally, we confirm our agenda to **make our food system sustainable and resilient** in the years to come.

Examples of R&I priorities

- ✓ Analysing and reducing fossil-energy dependence
- ✓ Enhancing the sustainable production of renewable energy at farm-level
- ✓ Fostering resilient European food systems in a changing world
- ✓ Best available techniques for recovering or recycling fertilising products from secondary raw materials
- ✓ **Developing EU advisory networks on the use of fertilisers**

Cluster 6 Work Programme 2023-2024: IA3 – agriculture, forestry and rural areas



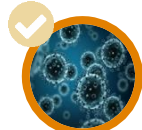
Examples of R&I priorities	
✓	Alternatives to pesticides, IPM, animal health and welfare, incl. vaccines for animals
✓	Agrobiodiversity, crop and animal breeding for sustainability and resilience, pollinator-friendly farming systems
✓	Sustainable animal production
✓	Agroecology, organic agriculture, protein crops
✓	Adaptation and mitigation to climate change, incl. paludiculture and climate-smart farming
✓	Socio-economics: R&I supporting policies (modelling, etc.)
✓	Digitalisation of the farming sector
✓	R&I supporting effective the agricultural knowledge and innovation system (AKIS), incl. thematic and advisory networks
✓	Resilience of the EU food system



-50%



-50%



-50%



25%



+10%



+3 bln



-55%



100%

Cluster 6 Work Programme 2023-2024: IA3 – agriculture, forestry and rural areas



NEW EU FOREST STRATEGY FOR 2030

Examples of R&I priorities

- ✓ Sustainable production of wood and non-wood products in small forest properties
- ✓ Market trends and societal perceptions for tailor-made forest services
- ✓ Climate-smart use of wood in the construction sector to support the New European Bauhaus
- ✓ Conservation and protection of carbon-rich and biodiversity-rich forest ecosystems
- ✓ Monitoring the multi-functionality of European forests
- ✓ Integrative forest management for multiple ecosystem services and enhanced biodiversity

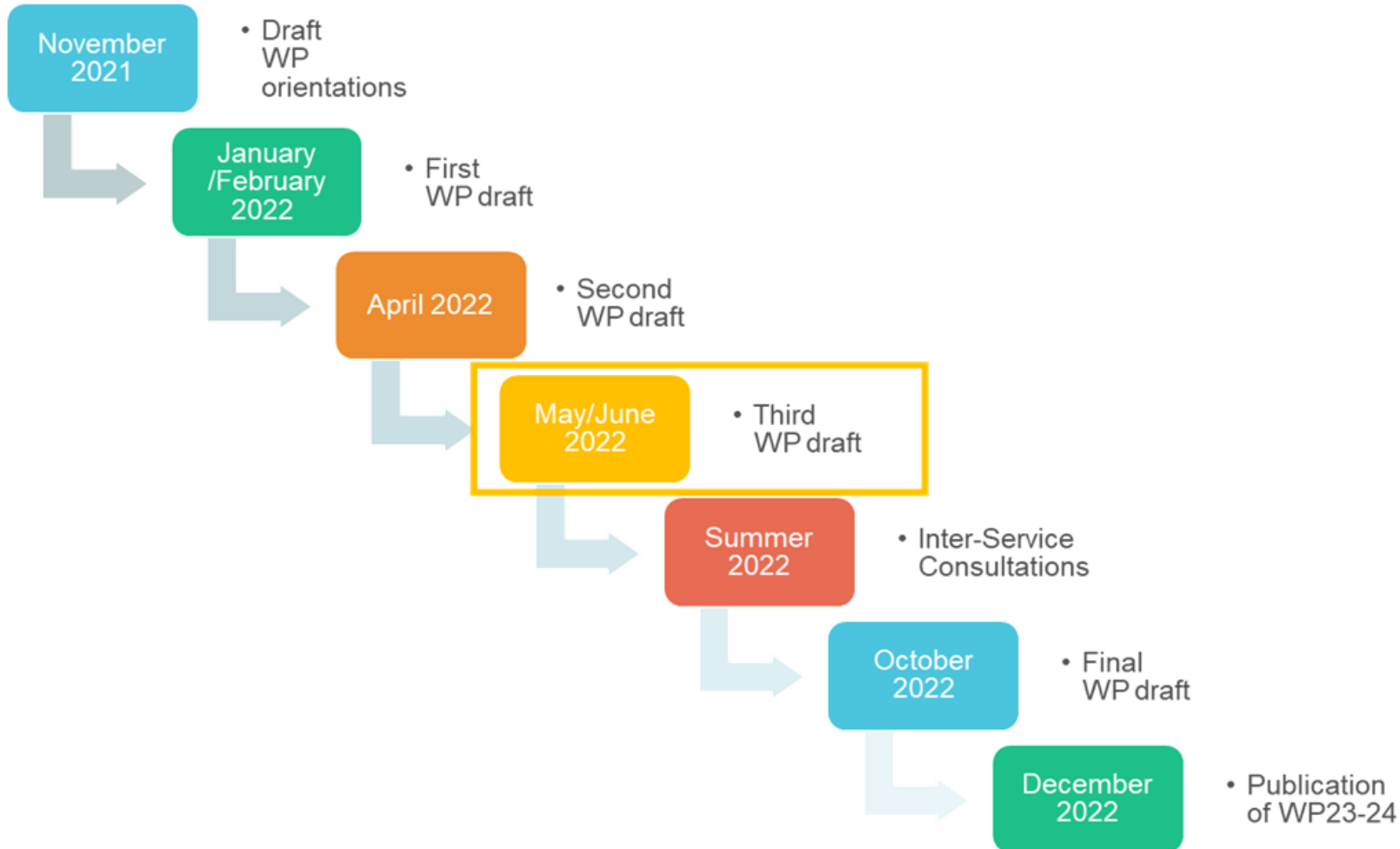
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Examples of R&I priorities

- ✓ Enhancing social inclusion in rural areas: focus on people in a vulnerable situation and social economy
- ✓ Improving rural future through better territorial governance and rural-urban synergies
- ✓ International benchmarking of rural and territorial policies and delivery mechanisms
- ✓ Innovating for climate-neutral rural communities by 2050
- ✓ Societal perceptions and benefits of rural life and jobs: will COVID generate a long-lasting shift?
- ✓ New business and production models for farmers and rural communities



Cluster 6 Work Programme 2023-2024: timeline



EU Mission 'Soil Deal for Europe'



- New funding opportunities are now open to contribute to the mission implementation.
- The Horizon Europe Work Programme 2021-2022 amendment was adopted on **10 May**.
- Under this amendment, new calls have opened and they are published on [the Funding & Tenders portal](#).
- Applications are open until **27 September 2022**.

Big issue:

1) Advisors needed to find each other for forming consortia for the 5 EU advisory networks: how?

MS are making public lists of advisors (including their thematic orientation, experience and specialization) for the coordination of the AKIS strategic approach. Will this be in time, by end of the year, when the Horizon Work Programme is published? How will they find each other to build a consortium? Can we as SWG AKIS help?

2) Advisors needed as experts

The majority of experts evaluating proposals are researchers, with little view on the needs of farmers which advisors should tackle. How do we find sufficient advisors to be added to the list of evaluation experts for Horizon Europe?



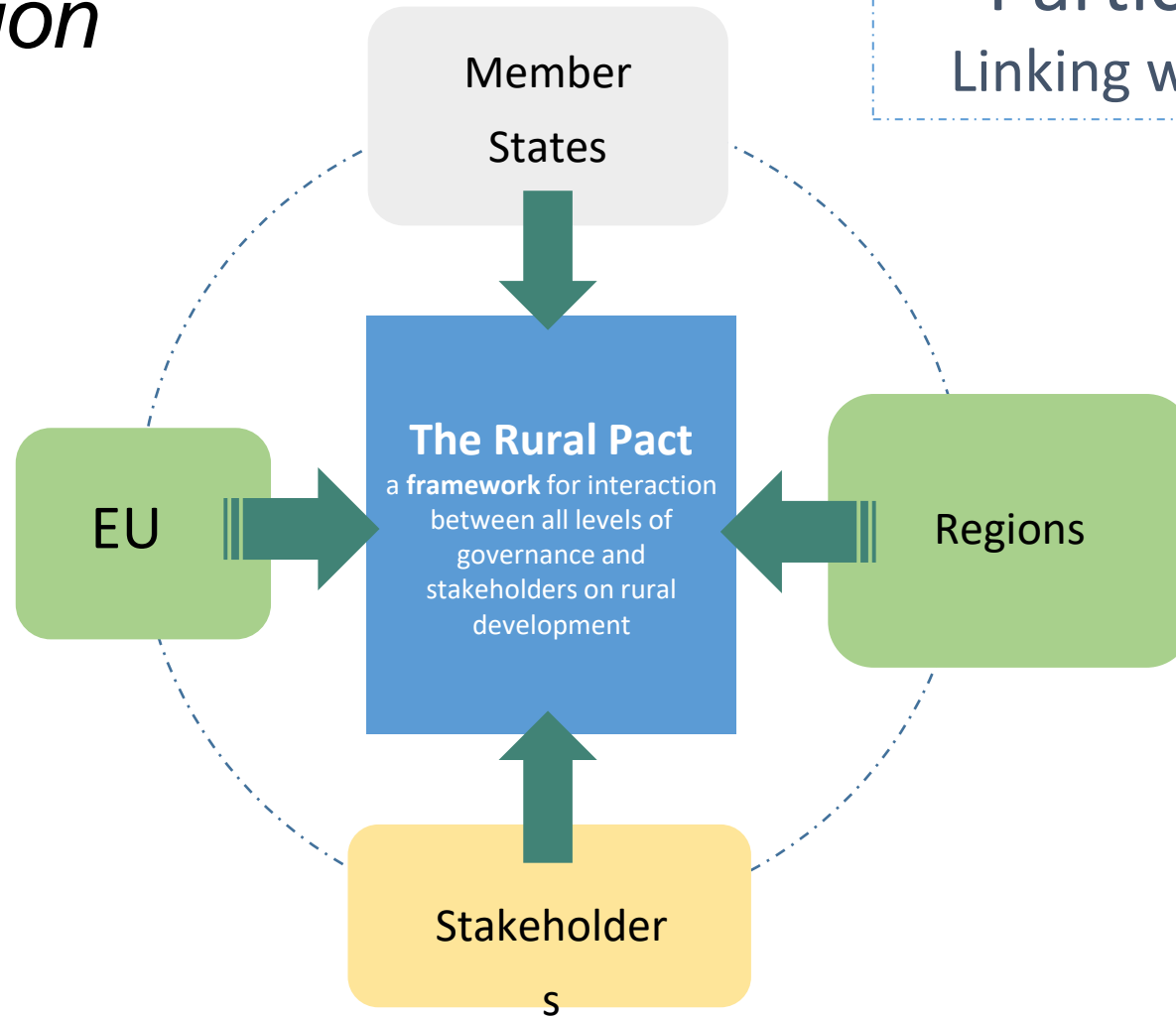
3. Rural Pact

Rural Pact Conference

15-16 June 2022



The Rural Pact *Communication*



Rural Pact

Launch & Development

Community
Launched in
December
2021



with
institutions
and
stakeholder

+ letters to
Member States
(April)



Consultatio
n of Rural
Pact
community



Rural Pact Goals

Amplifying rural voices

Networking

Acting for rural areas



Conference objectives

- Engage all levels of governance and rural stakeholders in endorsing the goals of the vision and debating on how to reach them.
- Involve participants in implementing the vision
- Increase the visibility of rural areas

Rural Pact Conference Programme

DAY1 – 15 June 2022

Pre-events - Collecting inputs and outcomes of preparatory discussions

	<i>Welcome coffee</i>		
9:00-10:30	The national dimension of the Rural Pact	The local and regional dimension of the Rural Pact	Inputs from local communities and stakeholders
	<i>Networking coffee</i>		
11:00-12:30	Revitalising rural areas	Combining funds to achieve the vision's goals	What evidence for better rural policies?
	<i>Networking Lunch</i>		

Joint Research Centre (data)
Innovation indicators = gap

Strengthening multi-level and participatory governance for rural areas

14:00-14:45	High-level opening
14:45-15:45	Cooperating across departments and governance levels
	<i>Networking coffee</i>
16:15-17:15	Empowering local communities and engaging stakeholders in building the future of rural areas
17:15-18:00	High-level stakeholder panel: shaping the Rural Pact together
	<i>End of 1st day – Networking cocktail</i>



Rural Pact Conference Programme

DAY2 – 16 June 2022

Achieving the rural vision shared goals across policy fields

Looking at various policies from a rural lens!

Rural R&I ecosystems

Welcome coffee			
	Stronger rural areas	Connected and prosperous rural areas	Resilient rural areas
9:00-10:30	Rural youth as leaders of change	The digital transformation of rural areas	Community driven sustainable energy action in rural villages
10:30-11:00	Networking coffee		
11:00-12:30	Rural research and innovation ecosystems <small>social innovation, cultural heritage, creative industries and startup villages</small>	Sustainable mobility solutions to connect rural areas with urban centres	Services for socially resilient and welcoming rural communities
Networking Lunch			
13:30-15:00	Place-based approaches for rural development: LEADER, CLLD, Smart Villages	Social economy, boosting resilience and the twin transition in rural areas	The strategic role of rural areas for climate and food security
Networking coffee			
15:30-16:15	Actions, ideas and commitments for the work programme (reporting from the break-outs)		
16:15-17:00	High-level roundtable: the Rural Pact as a way forward		
17:00-17:15	Conclusions		



Rural Pact Conference

PARALLEL THEMATIC SESSIONS

Session #5.4

Rural research and innovation ecosystems: social innovation, tourism and cultural and creative industries, start-up villages

The session will raise awareness on the concept of rural innovation ecosystems, illustrate it through inspirational examples and discuss drivers, enabling conditions and barriers to their development. Participants will then discuss to identify concrete actions that stakeholders can take to support rural innovation ecosystems.

Rapporteur: **Prof. Simona TONDELLI**, Deputy Rector, Full Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna, Italy

Speakers:

- **Prof. Simona TONDELLI**, Deputy Rector, Full Professor of Urban and Regional Planning, Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna, Italy
- **Mr. Daniel BASULTO**, Project Coordinator TExTOUR, Fundación Santa María La Real, Spain
- **Ms. Edina OCKSO**, Managing Director of E40, Coordinator of Smart Rural 21 and Smart Rural 27
- **Mr. Sotiris TSOUKARELIS**, Community Member, The High Mountains Social Cooperative, Greece

Rural Pact Conference

- Webstreaming for plenaries only
- Pitches in breakouts will be filmed and on-line
- Rural Pact Community is still open for registration





4. CAP post 2020

Implementing Act ready for vote begin
July
on EIP OG data collection

Summary CAP plans post 2020 – main new issues

- The CAP Strategic Plans regulation provides many new or improved tools for **AKIS** under the Cross-Cutting Objective => « **education exercise** »:
 - **EIP OGs: cover 9 Specific objectives**, MS need to adapt plans to profit
 - **Farm advice**: MS must have impartial advisors integrated within the AKIS covering all sustainability fields with up-to-date K&I, obligatory training
 - Support for **knowledge exchange** and information events, including for advice, demo and training, **thematic and cross-sectorial events**
 - Obligation to provide **innovation support for OGs - from grassroots ideas**
 - **CAP networks** (Art. 113): will connect existing OGs & interact with **Horizon Europe NCPs** (seminar June 2021 on EIP website)
 - EIP Operational Groups (Art. 114): **80% cofinancing instead of 43%**
 - **Advance payments up to 50%**
 - **State Aid derogation till 350.000 Euro project**
- **CAP Strategic Plans** to start formally on 1/1/2023, **all 28 plans in negotiation**

Building and linking AKISs across the EU

*Speed up creativity and
practice application*

*Better connectivity and
quicker circulation of
information*

Questions?



Thank you for your attention

observations to be sent to MS

Overall: very good descriptions of substantially improved AKIS with more knowledge flows, very good AKIS strategies. Interministerial agreements not sufficiently developed. Interventions not always coherent with each other or with the strategy: CAP plans appear to be made hasty and seem « unfinished ». **All Observation letters sent**

Farm advice: MS must have impartial advisors integrated within the AKIS within the CSP (Art 15(1)), covering all sustainability fields with up-to-date K&I, and should be trained obligatory: Technical assistance can pay for making the advisors' list, all advisors to be selected on equal basis:

- Support for advice substantially raised and available in all MS except one.
- Involvement of advisors in EIP OGs well taken up.

Assessment observations to be sent to MS

Farm advice: MS must have impartial advisors integrated within the AKIS covering all sustainability fields with up-to-date K&I, and should be trained obligatory:

- **Not all advisors treated equally**, sometimes based on lack of understanding of the more flexible new delivery model and **keeping old unnecessary obligations**: improvement needed, however without losing existing well-functioning organisations, which may grow into a back-office for the whole country and serving all advisors.
- Misunderstanding on the **Art 15(4) obligatory fields: not per advisory body but for the whole MS**. This can be **checked through a public list** of impartial advisors which all have **equal rights** to be trained.
- Unclear if sufficient training is given to advisors: clarifications asked
- **Back-offices** or CAP networks ensuring updating on latest K&I: positive but doubts on capacity of the CAP networks for this task
- **Obligation to provide advice under the CSP not well understood (Art 15(1))**

Assessment observations to be sent to MS

Farm advice: MS must have impartial advisors integrated within the AKIS covering all sustainability fields with up-to-date K&I, and should be trained obligatory.

- CAP networks very supportive for AKIS and knowledge flows, which may conflict with other tasks. Engineering of spillovers and synergies within the CAP network needed.
- Not much technical details if the knowledge databases will be made interoperable with the EU EIP website and EU knowledge reservoir for practice (FARMBOOK project starting mid 2021)

Support for **knowledge exchange** and information events, including for advice, **demo** and training, **thematic and cross-sectorial events**

- Many MS organise on farm demonstrations which involve farmers, advisors and researchers: great opportunity for knowledge flows and AKIS formation

Assessment observations to be sent to MS

Obligation to provide innovation support for OGs - capturing grassroots ideas to develop into EIP OGs

- Regularly forgotten or misunderstood (detailed in recital)
- Where organised, risk of lack of capacity if calls are not continuously open
- Focus on group activities to discuss themes or farmers' needs, or raise awareness.

CAP networks (Art. 113):

- Will do many efforts to connect existing OGs & make them visible.
- Interaction with Horizon Europe NCPs could be better.
- Proposals rather to have an own Contactpoint under the CAP network with Horizon, as the NCPs for Cluster 6 are overloaded

Assessment observations to be sent to MS

EIP Operational Groups (Art. 114):

- already more than double with still 6 plans to be submitted
- 6200 OGs planned in 24 MS' first draft CAP plans – for only 5 year period instead of the current 3200 for 7 years (2014-2020): is x 2,7
- More MS pay for preparation actions than in the current period

Advance payments up to 50%:

- Yes, but less than expected: probably not sufficiently known yet? The relevant article is not in the CSP regulation, but Art. 44(3) of the financial regulation R.2021/2116 => **possible ignorance on this article.**

Assessment observations to be sent to MS

State Aid derogation till 350.000 Euro project:

- **Not sufficiently known** but essential for some of the 9 CAP specific objectives which really need 100% support (social innovation, energy, biomass etc), as no private actor is willing to pay a contribution to develop new approaches in many non Annex I themes

Main reasons besides simplification to chose for the EIP OG format instead of any kind of non-EIP cooperation:

- 80% EAFRD EU contribution instead of 43%, **automatic State Aid derogation (R.2021/1237)**, profiting from preparation aid to make better project proposals (Art 77(1)), can allow 100% support rate for non-productive investments, flexibility to cover 9 CAP SOs, count for R.1 indicator on K&I, can cover traditional « new » practices, can take network-alike approaches between peers, work **also without researcher** etc etc... => **room for simplification with other cooperation interventions on any of the 9 SOs**

Assessment observations to be sent to MS

Difference with non-EIP cooperation (continued):

Importantly, non-EIP cooperation projects **reduce AKIS building and knowledge flows within and across the MS:**

- cannot be found in the EU EIP database, so
- do not profit from joining or making Horizon Europe MA projects
- nor from cross-border OGs,
- nor from CAP network support for existing OGs to cooperate (Art 126(4)),
- do not involve advisors /intermediates to bring in practice knowledge and spread the better useable outcomes to end-users, etc...

AKIS Coordination Body

The AKIS coordination body, (inter)acting as the spider in the AKIS web of the country, interconnecting all key AKIS influencers

- The AKIS coordination body is the **contact point for all AKIS related issues towards the European Commission.**
- It should **cooperate with AKIS multi-actor platforms across the geographical levels in the country**, following day-to-day AKIS interventions and actions,
- **asking for modification of the CAP plan if needed**, while continuously supporting interaction and implementation of the AKIS plan.
- The body should **keep an overview on the progress and performance** foreseen in the CAP plan, using a dedicated framework for monitoring and evaluation, in particular those related to the CAP indicators (Annex I of the AKIS tool, see Section 2.6).

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- The above responsibilities make it most likely that the AKIS coordination body is situated in the RD Managing Authority of the Ministry of Agriculture
- It is the task of the AKIS coordination body **to organise the advice and advisors**, ensuring coverage of all obligatory fields in Art 15 in a smooth way which does not produce overly administrative burden, and
- keeps advisory support open for all public and private advisors, in particular the most trusted ones

Tool on AKIS

CAP tool on CCO: AKIS

- Main new elements in the post 2022 CAP related to AKIS and EIP
 - Obligations
 - Opportunities
- Cornerstones for an AKIS fit for the future
 - EIP-AGRI Operational Group (OG) innovative projects - Art. 71 and 114
 - CAP networking for innovation post 2022 - Art. 113 and Art. 102(a)
 - New and more interactive functions for advisors, innovation support
- How reflect the AKIS Strategic Approach in the CAP plan?

Simplification of Costs (SCO) for EIP OGs, training and advice:

- Much used already as from **2017 EIP seminar**. The classics: Flat rate for indirect costs and staff costs (25% if based on calculation or comparison), 15% of direct staff costs without calculation, flat rate on direct staff costs if already used in Union policy, lump sums for OG preparation, training etc:
https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/sites/default/files/field_event_attachments/19_sem-athens-2017_intro_interactive_session_inge_van_oost.pdf
- **Addition in 2018**: lump sums **above** 100.000 Euro, draft budget agreed ex ante by the MA in case the project is less than 100.000 Euro (expert judgement, no exact calculation needed), flat rate of up to 20% of the direct costs other than staff costs (no need to perform a calculation to establish the applicable rate), no certificate of an independent body needed anymore, 40% of « remaining » costs, other than direct staff costs (this can cover both indirect and direct costs) => a flat rate up of 40% of direct staff costs, see ppt Marina Hadjijanni with additional types of SCO:
https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/sites/default/files/field_event_attachments/eip-agri_sem-spoletto-2018_marina_hadjijanni_new_options_with_scos_in_eafrd.pdf

Tool on AKIS

CAP tool on CCO: AKIS

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- Legal references and their interaction
- Why do we need well-functioning AKIS?
- How to shape an AKIS fit for the future?
- Strengthen knowledge flows and links between research and practice
- Fostering all farm advisors' knowledge and strengthen their interconnections within the AKIS
- Enhancing cross-thematic and cross-border interactive innovation
- Making effective use of information and communication technologies to improve knowledge sharing

Tool on AKIS

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- Main new elements in the post 2022 CAP related to AKIS and EIP
 - Obligations
 - Opportunities
- Cornerstones for an AKIS fit for the future
 - EIP-AGRI Operational Group (OG) innovative projects - Art. 71 and 114
 - CAP networking for innovation post 2022 - Art. 113 and Art. 102(a)
 - New and more interactive functions for advisors, innovation support
- How reflect the AKIS Strategic Approach in the CAP plan?

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- AKIS related impact, result and output indicators
 - Impact indicator (Article 7, Annex I of the SPR)
 - Output indicators (Article 7, Annex I of the SPR)
 - Main Result indicator (Articles 7, 97 and Annex I of the SPR)
- Guidance questions for the assessment of the AKIS strategic approach
- Annexes – very useful !!!
 - I. Background information on AKIS
 - II. Why do we need well-functioning AKIS?
 - III. Basics on EIP Operational Groups
 - IV. Innovation related **CAP networking elements** to be brought to the MS' attention when developing their CAP plan
 - V. **Good practices to integrate advisors in the AKIS**
 - VI. Links to Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe projects
 - VII. Common format for the output of EIP OG projects