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Agenda

- › Data on EIP OG in CAP 2023-2027
 - › Legal basis and EIP-AGRI common format
 - › Specific data elements adjusted in CAP 2023-2027
 - › Where and how to report data



Data reporting on EIP OGs – legal basis

- › Art **127 (3)** of the Regulation (EU) 2021/2115
- › Implementing regulation (R. 2022/1475) – **Annex VI** (rules on compulsory, recommended and optional data)
- › Legal basis almost identical to the period 2014-2022

BUT now in the regulation: not only disseminating outcomes after projects finish but also:

“Operational Groups shall **disseminate a summary of their plans** and the results of their projects, in particular through the CAP networks” (This was already in the EIP guidelines, and in practice done by all MS)

Why? **To ensure OGs can be found as from the start of the project, enabling interlinkages within CAP OG, HE projects and other interested AKIS stakeholders.**



EIP-AGRI Common format

**What to
report –
and why?**

- › The **EIP-AGRI common format** facilitates knowledge flows on innovative and practice-oriented projects from the start till the end of the project.
- › Consists of a set of basic project elements and was developed with two main objectives:
 - (1)** to enable contacting partners and incentivise efficient knowledge exchange from the very start of the project, and
 - (2)** to communicate/disseminate the results of the project in a concise and easy understandable way to practitioners.
- › Developed and agreed at EU level by the AKIS Strategic Working Group of the Standing Committee for Agricultural Research (SCAR) and used for OGs as well as Horizon multi-actor projects in 2014-2020.
- › 2014-2022 format will be used in the new period but with **slight changes**.



Which data elements were adjusted in the new CAP 2023-2027?

1. Project partners **(more choices)**
2. Keywords **(more choices)**
3. Project contribution to CAP specific objectives **(new)**
4. Project contribution to Union strategies **(new)**
5. Cross-border/transnational OGs **(new)**
6. Additional funding source(s) if applicable **(revised)**
7. Total budget **(revised)**

Obligatory elements
as defined in Annex
VI to Regulation (EU)
2022/1475



1. Project partners (more choices)

14 types of partners:

- › farmer and farm worker
- › farmers' organisation/association
- › forester and forester worker
- › foresters' organisation/association
- › advisor/advisory organisation or agricultural chamber
- › researcher and research organisation
- › educational or continued professional development organisation (including vocational trainers)
- › climate/environment/nature organisation or agency
- › service providers other than advisors
- › processor or retailer
- › consumer/consumer organisation
- › public authority
- › leader group
- › business in rural areas
- › business outside rural areas
- › others



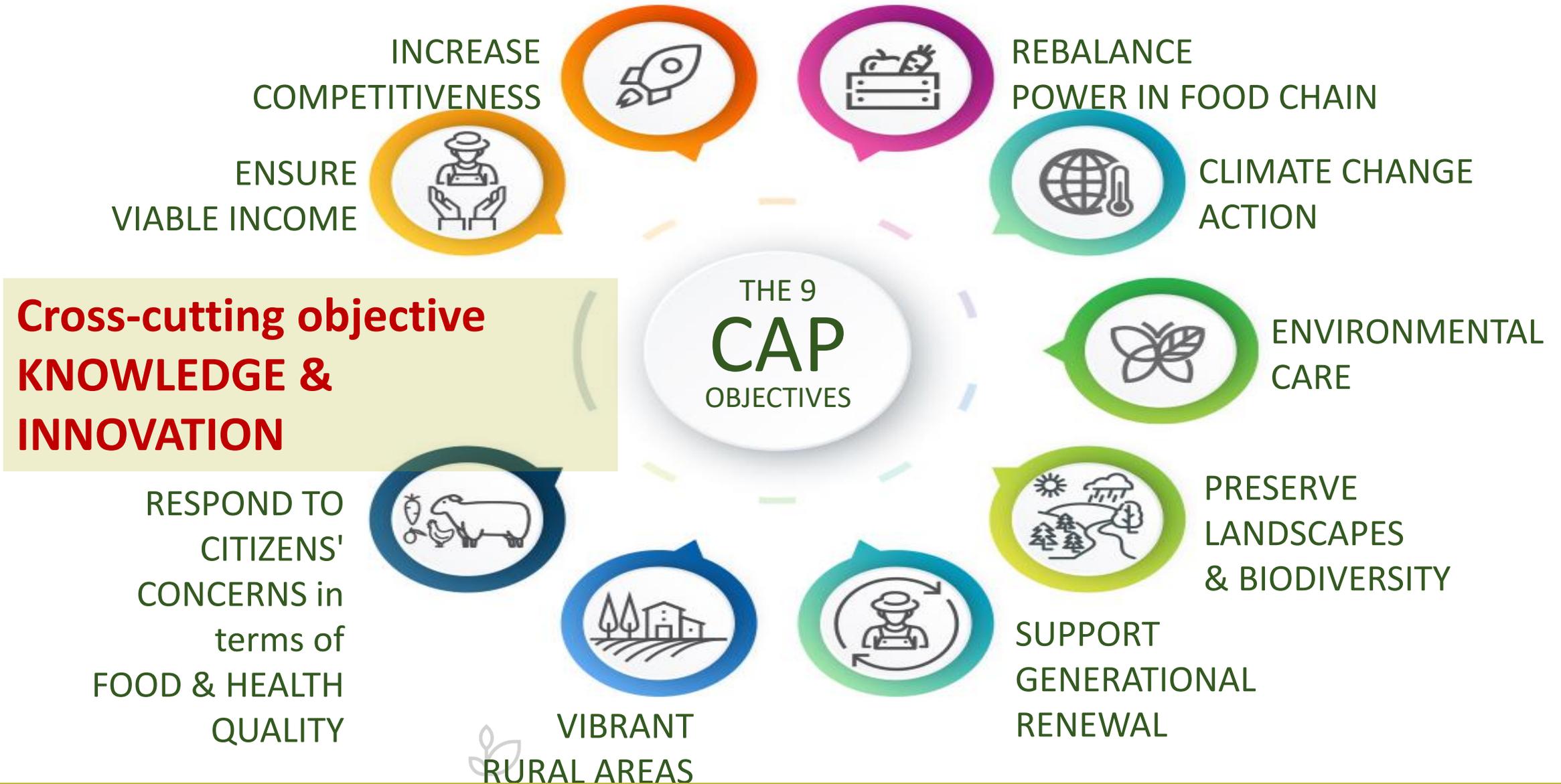
2. Keywords (more choices)

New keyword categories (31 in total)

- Animal husbandry
 - Animal welfare
 - Fodder and feed
 - Arable crops
 - Outdoor horticulture and woody crops (incl. viticulture, olives, fruit, ornamentals)
 - Greenhouse crops
 - Forestry
 - Aquaculture
 - Genetic resources
 - Pest/disease control in plants
 - Pest/disease control in animals
 - Plant nutrients
 - Soil
 - Water
 - › Energy
- Climate change (incl. GHG reduction, adaptation and mitigation, and other air related issues)
 - Organic farming
 - Agro-ecology
 - Crop rotation/crop diversification/dual-purpose or mixed cropping
 - Biodiversity and nature
 - Landscape/land management
 - Circular economy, incl. waste, by-products and residues
 - Equipment and machinery
 - Competitiveness/new business models
 - Farm diversification
 - Supply chain, marketing and consumption
 - Food security, safety, quality, processing and nutrition
 - Digitalisation, incl. data and data technologies
 - AKIS, incl. advice, training, on-farm demo, interactive innovation projects
 - Rural issues
 - Social innovation



3. Project contribution to CAP specific objectives (new)



4. Project contribution to Union strategies (new)

➤ Project contribution to the **objective(s) of the European Green Deal, the Farm to Fork Strategy, the EU Biodiversity strategy, the Forestry strategy and the EU strategy on carbon removals** to which the project is likely to contribute.

1. Achieving climate neutrality
2. Reducing the overall use and risk of chemical pesticides and/or use of more hazardous pesticides
3. Fostering organic farming and/or organic aquaculture, with the aim of increased uptake
4. Reducing the use of antimicrobials for farmed animals and in aquaculture
5. Reducing nutrient losses and the use of fertilisers, while maintaining soil fertility
6. Improving management of natural resources used by agriculture, such as water, soil and air
7. Protecting and/or restoring of biodiversity and ecosystem services within agrarian and forest systems
8. Bringing back agricultural area under high-diversity landscape features
9. Facilitating access to fast broadband internet in rural areas
10. Improving animal welfare
11. Fostering biodiversity friendly afforestation and reforestation



5. Cross-border/transnational OGs (new)

- › MS are requested to provide information whether the project is:
 - › **cross-border**: project within one Member State, where two or more different regions work together
 - › **transnational**: project between different MS, where one or more regions from one Member State may work together with another Member State

Information required:

- **Is the project cross-border/transnational? Yes/No**
- **Which Member State/region coordinates and encodes the project in SFC2021?**
- **Which other Member State(s)/region(s) form part of the OG project (using the NUTS3 code for the geographical location of those other regions)**
- **Budget per Member State(s)/region(s) which form part of the project, in public expenditure (EAFRD contribution, national co-financing, additional national financing and other, if applicable)**

6. Additional funding source(s) if applicable

Information on the sources of additional funding besides EIP CAP support (replaces 'main funding source' used in 2014-2022)

1. Horizon 2020
2. Horizon Europe
3. Private funding
4. Others
5. No additional funding source



7. Total budget (revised)

Total budget of the project (replaces 'total budget' in 2014-2022)

- › EAFRD contribution
- › National co-financing
- › Additional national financing if applicable
- › Other funding source if applicable



Where and how to report the data?

Where:
SFC2021 – EIP data
module available
(October 2023)

How:
Helping tools!



Helping tools

› Guidelines for data on EIP OGs 2023-2027

- › Explanation of the required data and useful information about EIP OGs
- › EU CAP Network website: [About EIP-AGRI projects | European CAP Network \(europa.eu\)](#)

› Quick guide for MS

- › Explanation of the required roles and explanation how to encode each section step-by-step
- › Available in the SFC Support Portal

› EIP-AGRI common format for OGs 2023-2027 (Excel template)

- › Includes all the data categories required in SFC
- › EU CAP Network website: [About EIP-AGRI projects | European CAP Network \(europa.eu\)](#)



Guidelines for data on EIP OG

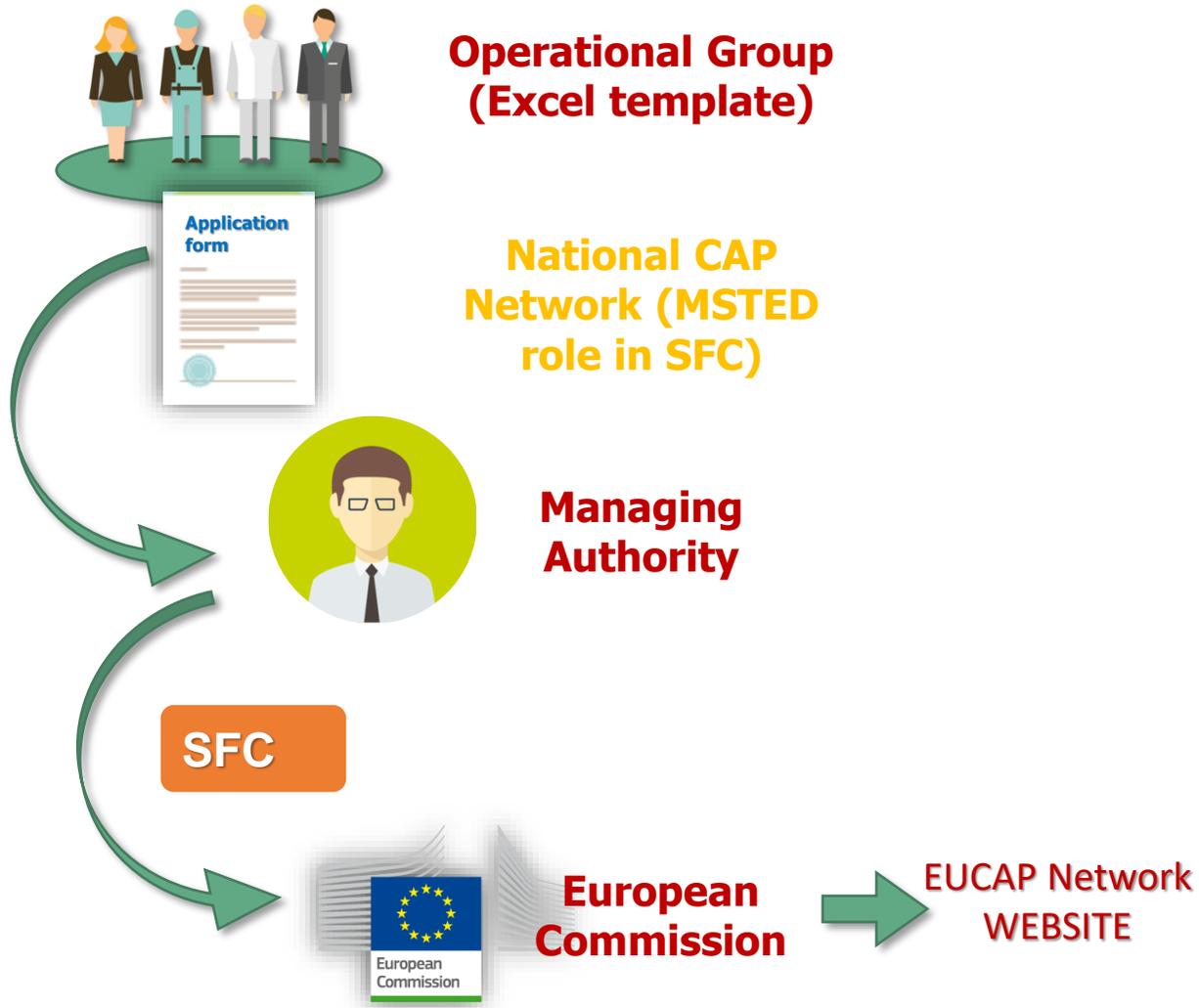
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OG information workflow



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The construction of the new project database also means that publishing new project updates, including practice abstracts, may take a bit more time. We apologise for the inconvenience. If your project has time-sensitive updates please inform us at AGRI-EIP-PRACTICE-ABSTRACTS@ec.europa.eu.

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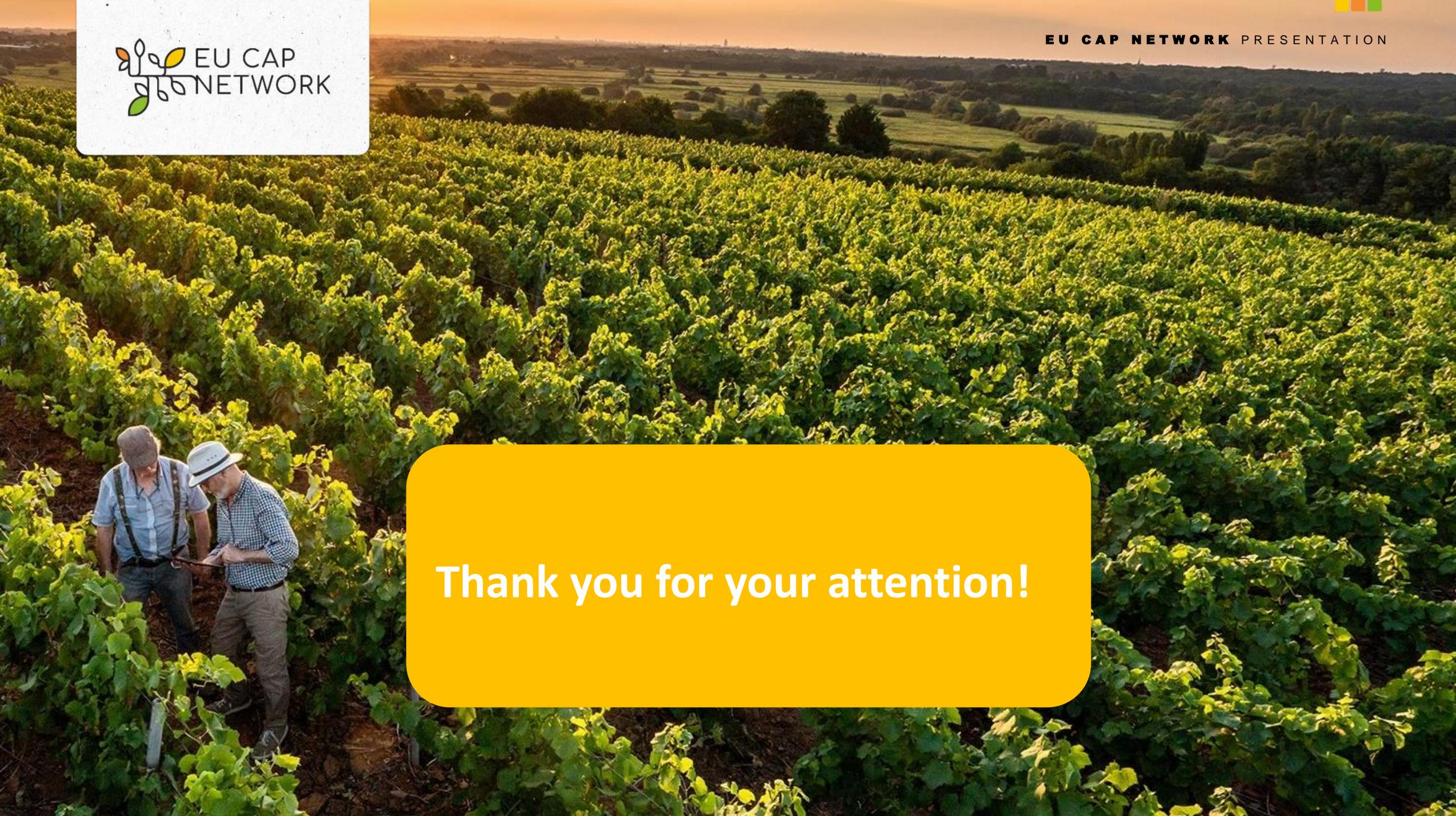
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> The EIP-AGRI common format excel templates for Operational Groups 2023-2027 and Horizon Europe 2021-2027, will soon be published.

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Thank you for your attention!

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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>

