

**AGENDA SWG SCAR AKIS 5 - 9th Meeting**  
**Online, 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

This SCAR SWG AKIS online meeting will be the 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> mandate endorsed by the SCAR plenary in December 2018. Its specific role is to **discuss the following topics defined in the 5th mandate:**

**1. AKIS policies at national and EU level feeding further EIP synergies**

**4. Social innovation and inclusiveness in AKIS**

This meeting will develop in particular the following topics:

- **Advisors integration within the AKIS** – MS' CAP plans : outcomes of the Agrilink research project
- **Social innovation** is an important form of innovation within LEADER, the EIP-AGRI and the Smart Village concept and is of relevance to all nine objectives of the CAP 2023-2027. Social innovation will also continue to be an important topic of investigation, co-creation and knowledge-sharing within Horizon Europe. But how exactly to embed social innovation in the 'real world' of agriculture, forestry and rural development? **How can the fostering of social innovation be integrated within the AKIS?** Are Member States already taking account of social innovation in their strategic AKIS approach for 2023-2027.

**A practical example** "Farmers at the cross-roads" will be presented: an aid organization that aims to increase the well-being of Flemish farmers. The organization assists them with a wide range of questions and concerns, ranging from economic, business-technical to psychosocial questions. The guidance is free, independent, discreet, 24/7. In addition to the permanent team, free-lance psychologists and veterinarians, volunteers and our external network may be called. Besides individual help, "Farmers at the cross-roads" also promotes prevention and awareness-raising activities and formulates policy recommendations.

**CO-CHAIRS: Aniko JUHASZ & Pascal BERGERET**

**Wednesday November 24<sup>th</sup>**

09.00 - 09.30: **On-line coffee: joining the meeting and trouble shooting**

09.30 – 10.00: **Welcome and Round table** – *co-chairs*

10.00 – 10:40: **Key Findings and proposed Policy Recommendations** from the Agrilink H2020 research project – *Pierre Labarthe*

10:40 – 12:00: **Discussion on Policy recommendations from Agrilink** – *SWG AKIS members*

12.00-13.30: Lunch break

13.30 – 14.00: **'Broadening the AKIS to include social innovation and other rural development issues'** – *co-chairs and Mark Redman*

14:00 – 14:30 **"Farmers at the cross-roads"**, an innovative example of helping farmers in need of individual mental and practical support – *Els Verté, Belgium - Flanders*

14.00 – 16:45: **Presentation by MS based on the template questions** including Q&A and discussion of MS examples from the AKIS point of view - *SWG AKIS members*

16.45 – 17.00: **Summary and AOB**

17.00: End of meeting