



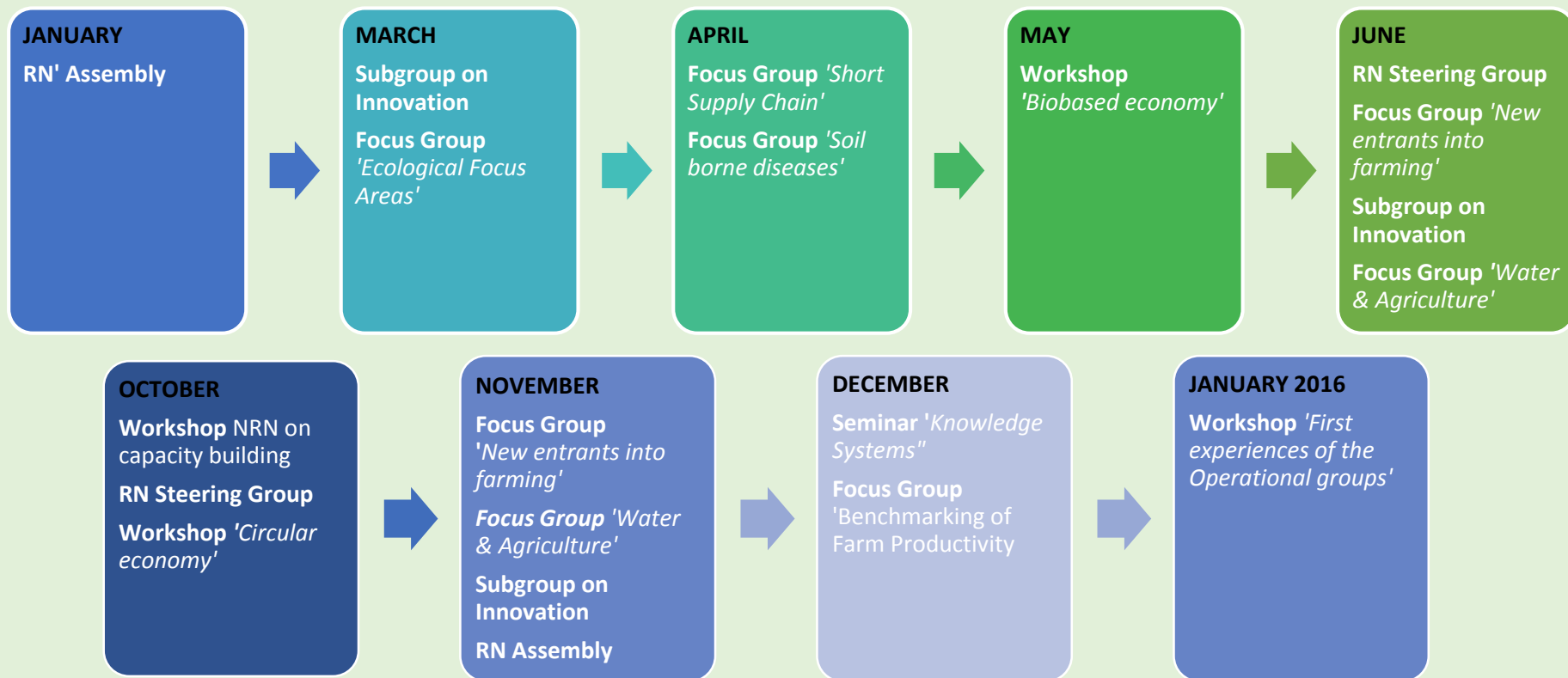
# Subgroup on Innovation

## Tuesday 17 November 2015

Overview past and upcoming  
EIP-AGRI events



# EIP-AGRI network activities overview 2015



# EIP-AGRI network upcoming activities 2015

## November

**Focus Group**  
Mixed farming systems

**Focus Group**  
Water & Agriculture

**Subgroup on Innovation**

**RN Assembly**

## December

**Seminar**  
Knowledge systems

**Focus Group**  
Benchmarking farm performance

## January

**Workshop**  
First experiences of the Operational groups



# EIP-AGRI Workshop: 'Opportunities for Agriculture and Forestry in the Circular Economy'

- 28-29 October 2015, Naantali, Finland
- Some **80 participants** from 24 MS (+ Norway) *Farmers/foresters, advisors, agri-food and bio-based industries, public authorities, NGOs, researchers*
- **Overall objective** of the event was to bring relevant partners together and to discuss the role of agriculture and forestry in the circular economy, to identify challenges and opportunities and to define concrete actions
- **6 case studies** (well established or just in their start-up phase). **Field visit:** *BIOvakka biogas plant: nutrient recycling and energy production from waste and by-products (e.g. manure)*
- **Further information:** [EIP-AGRI workshop webpage](#)



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## Some key messages:

- Bio-economy, 'green engine' of the circular-economy
- Common vision shared by **all actors**, needs to be tailored to the local/regional context (opportunities/resources)
- Leadership and coordination are key to deliver
- Requires initial investment and support to develop new ideas, markets and systems
- Farmers and foresters central in the process
- Clarification / harmonisation of standards is needed
- Key role of cooperation & networking for boosting CE



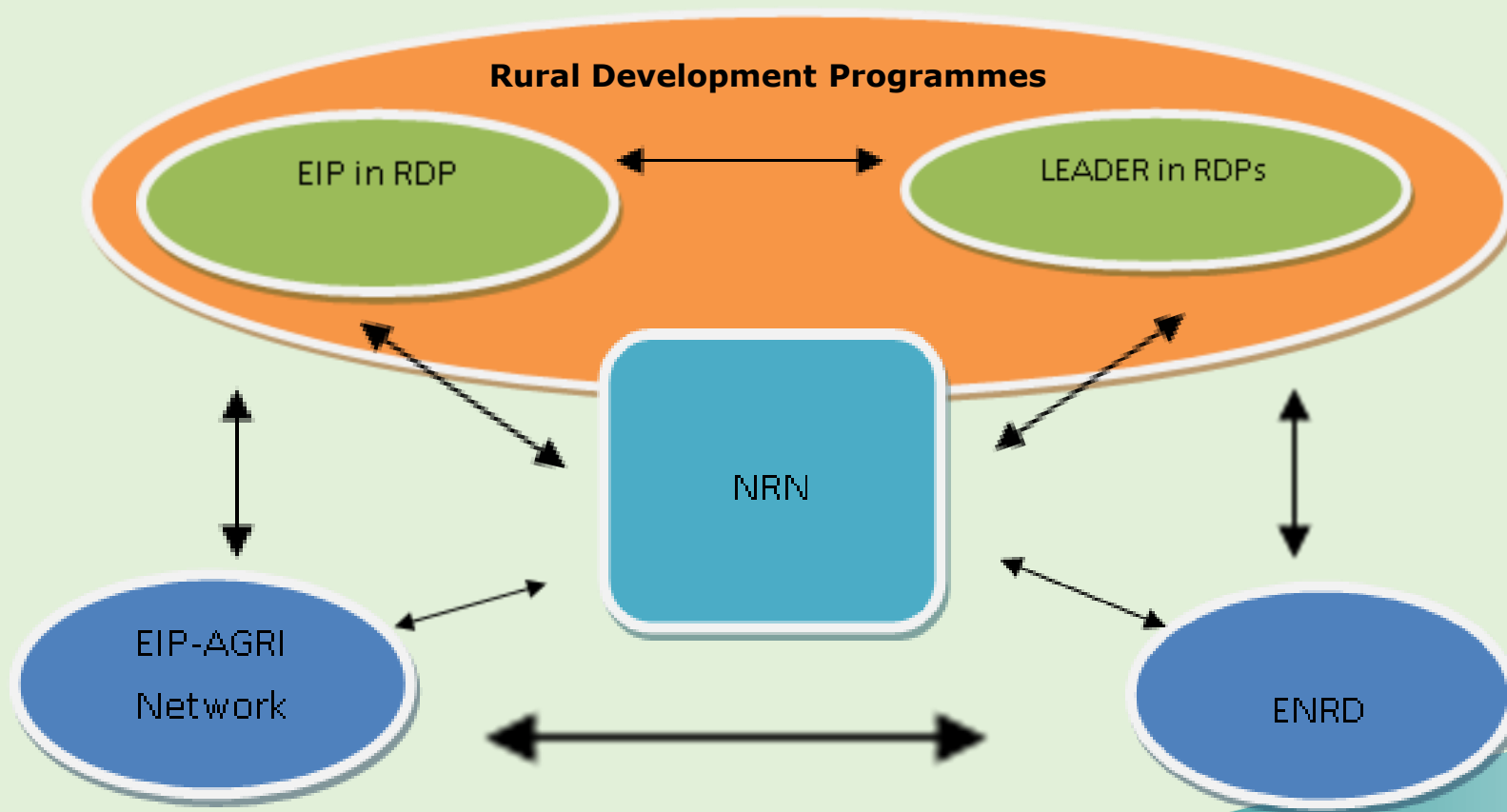
# Workshop "Networking for Innovation under measure 16 in the RDPs"

- 27-28 October 2015, Tallinn, Estonia
- About 40 participants from 18 Member States  
NSUs of National Rural Networks, other EIP-AGRI support units
- Jointly organised by ENRD CP and EIP-AGRI SP with support of the Estonian Rural Network
- Programme of the workshop, presentations and background materials can be found on the EIP-AGRI website:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/content/workshop-networking-innovation-under-measure-16-rural-development-programmes>



# The role of NRNs



## Tasks of NRNs in the Rural Development Regulation

Art 54(3) of RDR 1305/2013 sets out as a **strategic task for NRNs** to envisage

- networking for advisors and innovation support services
- and the search of partners

The **action plan of NRN** should cover at least

- the search of partners for the cooperation measure (Art.35)
  - provide networking for advisors and innovation support services. Article 54(2)(d) and Article 54(3)(b)(iii) and (iv)
- No obligation for the MS to create a specialised innovation network or Support Unit, the role can be assumed by the NRN
- NSUs should foresee **capacity to work with all innovation actors and networks**

# Main objectives of the workshop

- Overview about **how** the implementation of EIP-AGRI is **organised at national / regional level**, what are the **roles** of EIP-AGRI support units (mapping)
- **Exchange ideas and first experiences** about EIP-AGRI implementation **at national / regional level** and how activities related to OGs are integrated in the **Action Plan**
- Discuss possibilities to improve **information exchange / networking** between EIP-AGRI support units and EIP-AGRI Service Point
- Present and collect needs to design the new **information exchange tool** (collaborative area on EIP-AGRI website)
- Discuss **other innovative cooperation actions** under measure 16

## Some examples – supporting and networking of OGs

- PT – Initiative center, web platform for OGs, translation and dissemination of FG results, Info events, brokerage
- AT – NSU activities: acting as innovation broker, awareness raising on EIP (roadshow)
- IT – national level NRN activities: 2 specific actions for innovation and EIP networking 1: networking activities on administrative issues related to OGs; 2: brokerage (partner search), exchange of experiences on good practices
- FI – NSU: supporting OGs in all stages based on their needs, Service Package NRN Action Plan: own section for promoting innovation, Innovation working group
- GRE – create awareness, partner search, networking actions for consultants and innovation support services, sub-network for innovation, translation of EIP-AGRI brochures
- FR – Survey launched "What are your needs for innovation" – in relation of OGs, networking for OGs and ISS, organising seminar in March 2016 to share knowledge on EIP
- CZ - supporting brokers (15 selected), regular seminar for brokers, translating several EIP brochures, informing potential OG actors also via website

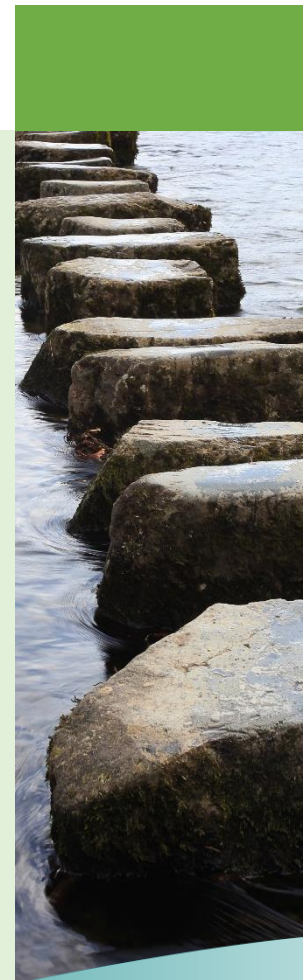
# EIP-AGRI Seminar 'Promoting creativity and learning through agricultural knowledge systems and interactive innovation'

## Day 1 – Thursday, 3 December 2015: **Developing our understanding of Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS)**

- Agricultural knowledge systems and interactive innovation – how can AKIS support innovation actors' learning and creativity? Inge van Oost, DG AGRI
- How can advice and knowledge be better organised to support farmers? Katrin Prager, The James Hutton Institute, UK
- How can National Rural Networks fit into the existing AKIS and help organise knowledge flows in
- Interactive session: How do farmers engage within AKIS?

## Day 2 – Friday, 4 December 2015: **Practical experiences of improving knowledge exchange and promoting interactive innovation**

- Delivering an integrated package of knowledge, information, advice and training tools - Tom Kelly, Teagasc, Ireland
- Success stories with finding and using new knowledge
- Thematic discussions
- What have we learnt about the new tools, approaches and perspectives being used to enhance knowledge exchange, learning and innovation?





# EIP-AGRI Workshop 'First experiences with Operational Groups'

Wednesday 20- Thursday 21 January 2016

Legnaro, Veneto region, Italy

How are the first Operational Groups being setup?

How to successfully build a supporting environment?

We are looking for examples of:

- Partnerships
- Support services

