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for agricultural productivity and sustainability

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09:00 – 10:00 Welcome & introduction *by Alberto D'Avino (DG AGRI)*

Session I "Ready, steady, go: launching new EIP-AGRI networking activities for 2018

- EIP-AGRI network work plan for 2018, *Koen Desimpelaere (EIP-AGRI Service Point)*

- New Focus Groups – Launch of calls for experts

  FG 29 "New feed for livestock"

  FG 30 "Protecting perennial crop production from frost damage"

  FG 31 "Reducing food loss on the farm"

- Workshop "Innovative water management in agriculture", *Anikó Seregélyi (DG AGRI)*

- Communicating the digital transformation in agriculture, *Fabio Cossu (DG AGRI)*

10:00 – 11:00 **Interactive session II "Improving OG connection and upscaling their results"**

- Introduction *by Rob Peters (DG AGRI)*

- Presentation of two H2020 Multi-Actor Projects involving OGs

  - LANDMARK, *Francesca Bampa*

  - EuroDairy, *Ray Keatinge*

- Recent and ongoing experiences connecting OGs

  Flash presentations by members of the Subgroup

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

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11:30 – 13:00 **Interactive session II "Improving OG connection and upscaling their results" (cont.)**

- Introduction *by DG AGRI and EIP-AGRI Service Point*

- **Forthcoming study assessing Operational Groups**

- Discussion in groups: how to foster cooperation among OGs

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 15:00 **Session III "Evaluation innovation"**

- Presentation of the guidelines on evaluating innovation in RDPs

  European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development, *Hannes Wimmer*

- Assessing Innovation, what's going on?

  Flash presentations by members of the Subgroup

15:00 – 15:10 "Intermezzo": AGROPOL Pilot Project

15:10 – 15:40 Coffee break

15:40 – 16:30 **Session IV "Can we do better?"**

- Results of the self-assessment of the EU Rural Networks up to 2017

  DG AGRI and EIP-AGRI Service Point

- Discussion on the follow-up to the recommendations relevant for the EIP-AGRI network

16:30 – 16:45 Wrap-up / next steps

16:45 Closing

Operational Groups assessment 2018

Margarida Ambar

OG assessment 2018 - introduction

Number of planned EIP Operational Groups in the 2014-2020 RDPs

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Operational Groups

Country	Value
Austria	50
Belgium	33
Bulgaria	20
Croatia	33
Cyprus	20
Czech Republic	20
Denmark	0
Estonia	0
Finland	10
France *	305
Germany *	203
Greece	435
Hungary	70
Ireland	22
Italy *	625
Latvia	15
Lithuania	7
Malta	15
Netherlands	60
Poland	105
Portugal *	72
Romania	24
Slovakia	25
Slovenia	9
Spain *	852
Sweden	80
UK *	120
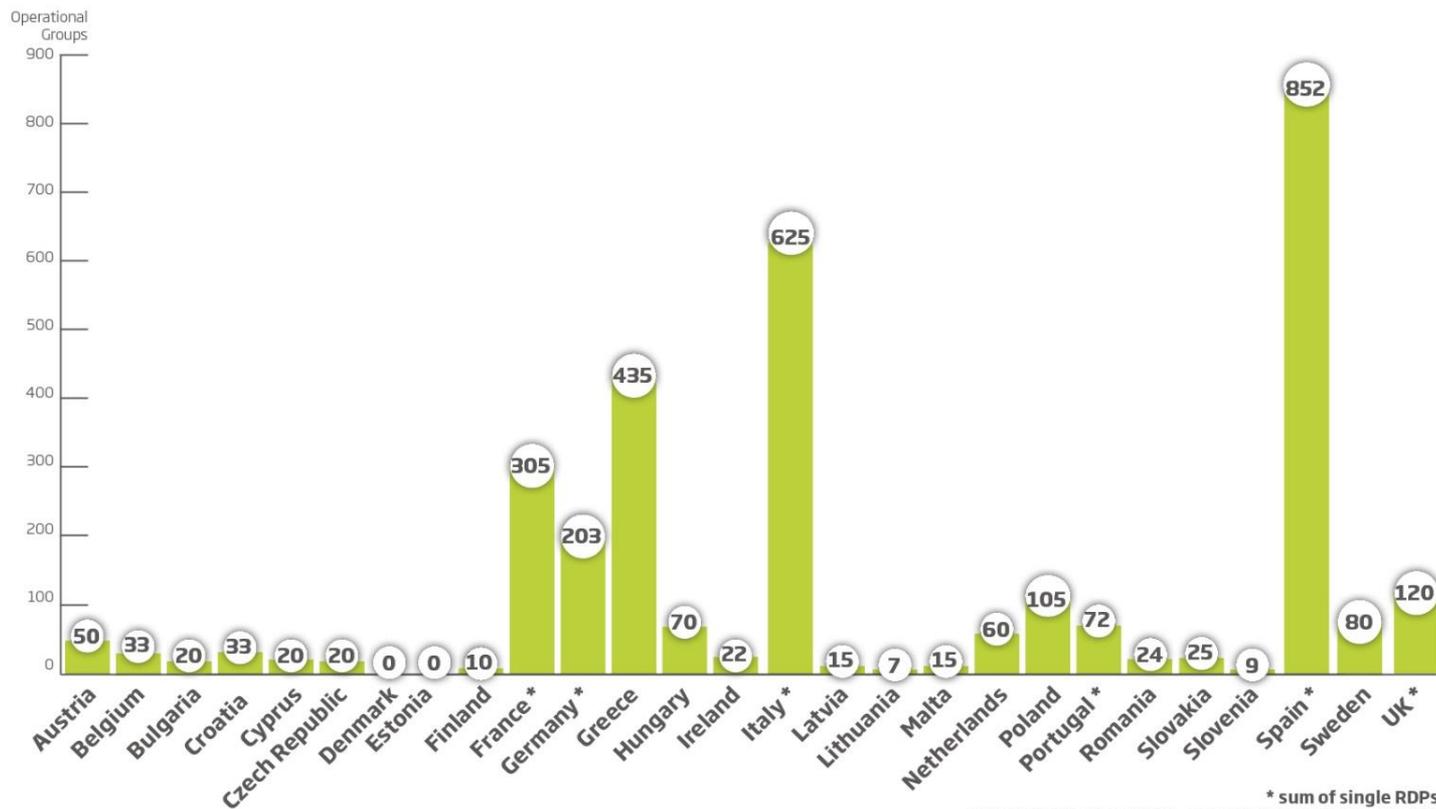
* sum of single RDPs
update September 2017 - source: European Commission

* Sum at national level

OG assessment 2018 - introduction

**Calls for
Operational Groups**
(informal state of play
25 January 2018)

1st call to
open soon

1st call
now
open

OG projects
finished,
selected and/or
being evaluated

OG assessment 2018 - introduction

Background

- Over 500 Operational Groups projects have been selected and are being funded

- There are big differences amongst the OG projects and the support provided to them

- The connection between innovation actions funded by different policies and the cross-border networking of innovation actors are essential features

- OGs are also expected to disseminate the outcomes of their work and would like to exchange knowledge and information with other OGs and other innovative (H2020) projects

Purpose

To provide useful input on OG projects to DG AGRI and the SP for the planning (and preparation) of EIP-AGRI network activities.

OG assessment 2018 – deliverables & timeline

Deliverables:

1. comprehensive list of approved OG projects

2. cluster analysis of OGs in the list based on various criteria, such as themes covered, type of innovation and other specific features

3. analysis on the strategies put in place by OGs to disseminate their project results, which should assess the role of the various OG partners in the dissemination activity, as well as the support provided by key actors (such as public administrations, the rural networks, innovation support services, etc.) → survey

4. detailed case-study analysis to identify good practices and possible models related to the whole lifecycle of an OG → interviews

Timeline: finalized in November 2018

OG assessment 2018 – activities / tasks

Main tasks are:

➢ Gather and organise information / data

➢ Prepare and launch a survey, and analyse its results

➢ Identify case-studies, conduct interviews and analyse results

➢ Elaborate the final report

➢ Present outcomes to the Subgroup on Innovation

OG assessment 2018 – state of play

State of play:

➢ Tender launched – companies invited to present a proposal

➢ Proposals' analysis

➢ Selection of contractor: IDEA Consult

➢ Kick-off: meeting 15 February 2018

➢ Revising / refining methodology

➢ Collecting data on OG projects
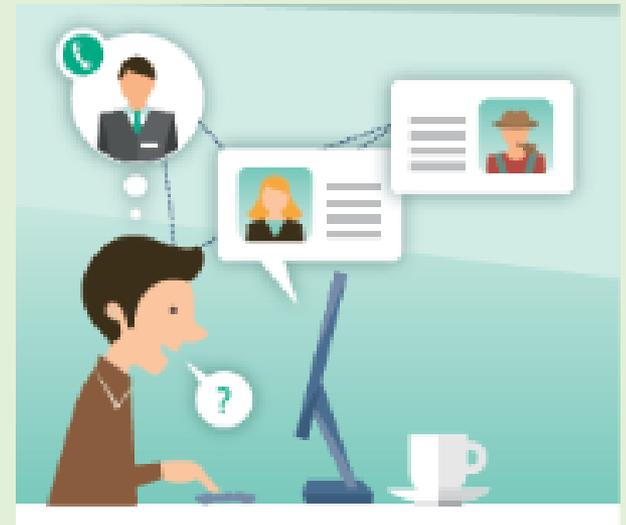
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Thank you for your attention!