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- 09:00 – 09:10 Welcome & introduction
- 09:10 – 11:10 **Session I Shaping the work of the EIP-AGRI network for 2020 focus groups & workshops**
- Overview of the envisaged 2020 activities
 - Round 1: Interactive sessions: Focus Groups
- 11:10 – 11:30 Short break
- 11:30 – 12:35 • Round 2: Interactive sessions: Workshops
- 12:35 – 13:45 Lunch break
- 13:45 – 14:05 **Session II Overview of past and upcoming activities**
- Key messages from AIS
 - Information about the workshop “Small is smart”
 - Feedback on the European Conference on Crop Diversification
 - Information about the seminar “Skills development for the digital transformation”
- 14:05 – 15:30 **Session III Shaping the work of the EIP-AGRI network for 2020 seminars**
- Round 3: Interactive sessions: Seminars
- 15:30 – 15:45 Short break
- 16:00 – 16:15 Next steps and closing





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Seminar - Bridging the gap: skills development for agriculture's digital transition

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EIP-AGRI Seminar: 'New Skills for Digital Farming'

AIM:

Contribute to the design and implementation of approaches and tools that can help farmers and farm advisers develop the **skills** they need in the face of the digital transition in agriculture.



EIP-AGRI SEMINAR
NEW SKILLS FOR DIGITAL FARMING
5-6 FEBRUARY 2020 - MADRID, SPAIN



funded by  European Commission

Organised in collaboration with the **Spanish Ministry of Agriculture**

Who? Farmers and their organisations, advisors and innovation support services, RDP Managing Authorities/ Network Support Units, actors in the field of higher education and vocational education & training (VET), ICT companies, European projects...

Call for expression of interest launched early September (closed on 7/10)

Assessment of applications + definition of programme: ongoing

Event webpage:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/event/eip-agri-seminar-new-skills-digital-farming>

EIP-AGRI supporting the digital transformation in agriculture

Reminder of relevant activities (2016 – 2018)

- [EIP-AGRI Focus Group “Mainstreaming precision farming”](#)
- [H2020 Workshop “Digitising the agri-food sector”](#) 28-29 September 2016, Brussels
- [EIP-AGRI seminar “Data revolution: emerging new business models in the agri-food sector”](#) 22-23 June 2016 Sofia, Bulgaria
- [EIP-AGRI Workshop on “Data Sharing: ensuring a fair sharing of digitisation benefits in agriculture”](#) 4-5 April 2017 Bratislava, Slovakia
- [EIP-AGRI Seminar “Digital Innovation Hubs: mainstreaming digital agriculture”](#) 1-2 June 2017 Kilkenny, Ireland.
- [Agri Innovation Summit \(AIS 2017\)](#) 11-12 October 2017 Lisbon, Portugal.
- [Digitisation Day](#) 17 November 2017 Brussels
- [EIP-AGRI Workshop “Enabling farmers for the digital age: the role of AKIS”](#) 26-27 April 2018 Jurmala, Latvia
- [EIP-AGRI Seminar “Multi-level strategies for digitising agriculture and rural areas”](#) 12-13 December 2018 Antwerp, Belgium

EIP-AGRI Seminar: ‘New Skills for Digital Farming’

WHY

- Lack of awareness and skills: barrier to widespread use of digital technologies on farm
- Shortage of digital skills across European economic sectors
- MS recognise the need to invest in training and upskilling in agriculture^(*)
- Needs are different according to the farmer’s profile (*EIP workshop in Jurmala, April 2018*)
- Need to develop appropriate training and educational programmes as part of integrated ‘digital strategies’ (*EIP Seminar in Antwerp, December 2018*)
- Role of future CAP strategic plans to support the modernisation of the agricultural sector, including use of digital technologies

(*) See the [declaration](#) of cooperation on ‘A smart and sustainable digital future for European agriculture and rural areas’

EIP-AGRI Seminar: ‘New Skills for Digital Farming’

Seminar objectives

- **Identify the skills** that can help farmers better understand and use digital technologies
- Share successful **educational and training initiatives** that can raise awareness and foster digital skills in the farming community
- Discuss how the **CAP strategic plans** can address the digital skills gap in the farming sector, by stimulating cooperation between relevant actors and by combining policy instruments
- Explore ways to **connect European actors** in the farming, advisory, educational and vocational training sectors to develop a strong support system for agricultural knowledge exchange and innovation