

# Meeting of the SWG SCAR AKIS Strategic Working Group on Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems

Good practices & challenges of knowledge  
exchange activities in the **current** period  
+ plans for the **future** e.g. in  
CAP AKIS Strategic plans

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Member State: **GER**

**SCAR**  
Standing Committee  
on Agricultural Research



# German Landscape – 16 Federal States



# National /regional framework

**National-Federal States working group for coordination of EIPs (national /regional)**



# EIP-Crosslinking Point

'Network on Rural Areas' which is responsible for connecting farmers with scientists, stakeholders etc. within the EIP Agri.

This network has good experiences with:

- Attending events and meetings at the european level i.e. Subgroup of Innovation

# Good Practices/Methods

- Network is well established: requested for informations on rural development by foreign scientists, invitations of national experts for events
- Transnational visits (LEADER and EIP)
- Cooperation and networking with groups from other states
- Short movies with subtitel in english
- Using diverse media (Youtube movies, Twitter channels)
- National EIP-database connected with FISA-Online and the data base of organic farming

# German Innovation-Partnership on Agribusiness

Deutsche Innovationspartnerschaft Agrar (DIP)

- ~ 10M€ per year
- Funding of research and development at the end of the innovation process to transfer new ideas to practical applications. Topics are:
  - Resource-efficient plant production
  - Animal-welfare oriented husbandry
  - Nutrition and Consumer Health Protection
- Companies (especially SMEs) in collaboration with scientific institutions

# National Federal Scheme for Organic Farming and other Forms of Sustainable Agriculture (BÖLN)

- annual budget of 30 million € since 2018
- a key instrument achieving the “20% goal for organic farming in Germany”
- Stakeholders belong to i.a. research, practice (farmers, consultants, associations, food industry and food retailing), politics and administration, consumers.
- Stakeholders involvement: in research projects, in the implementation of projects and measures, members of the BÖLN advisory board and project specific bodies. Financial support of projects is based on several guidelines. In some of these European state aid law is of relevance.



# National Federal Scheme for Organic Farming and other Forms of Sustainable Agriculture (BÖLN)

- Knowledge transfer between stakeholders directly in projects, networks and via BÖLN measures (e.g. the nationwide “Network of organic demonstration farms”, workshops, public relations like websites, articles in journals, trade and consumer fairs, field demonstrations).



# Modell and demonstration projects

## Projects:

- sustainable plantproduction (e. g. crop protection, plant nutrition, irrigation, peat reduction) > 1.4 million € in 2019
- biological diversity / biodiversity > 1.8 million € in 2019
- sustainable animal production > 5 million € in 2019

Aim: introduce innovative and new technologies, new scientific findings and methods into practice

- Demonstration of these strategies under real-life conditions (e. g. farm level)
- Development of innovative practices
- Knowledge transfer (horizontal and vertical) and networking
- Accompanying research (e. g. economical evaluation)

# Modell and Demonstration Projects

- Farmers, scientists, consultants, politicians, administration, consumers
- Projects are financially supported by the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL), European state aid law is relevant
- As required, depending on the subject and the addressed community (e. g. articles and publications, **farm days**, conferences, websites, webinars, newsletters, creating guidelines...)

# barriers and bottlenecks

- Different Ministries are responsible for Structural Funds (national/regional level)
- An overview is missing ...
- There is a lack in information flow ...

## Discussion:

All comments and suggestions very welcome!



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attention!  
and for your active participation  
and commitment!**

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