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Day 3: Friday 18 September 2020

09:10 - 09:30 **Checking in**

Part IV - Inspiration for AKIS planners

09:30 - 09:40 **Warming up:**

- Welcome and introduction to the programme for Day 3 – Sarah Watson, EIP-AGRI Service Point
- Introduction to the topic – Inge Van Oost, DG AGRI

09:40 - 10:30 **Getting inspiration from existing tools and initiatives:**

- Establish **knowledge centres and digital knowledge reservoirs:**
 - EURAKNOS and EUREKA - Pieter Spanoghe, Ghent University, BE
 - TITRIS - Gintarė Kučinskienė, Lithuanian Agricultural Advisory Service, LT
- Organise **farmer to farmer exchanges** including on farm demonstrations and experimentation – Tom Kelly, Teagasc, IE
- **Reward researchers** beyond academic purposes:
 - Mugurel Jitea, University of Agricultural Sciences and Veterinary Medicine Cluj Napoca, RO
 - Agustí Fonts, Institute of Agrifood Research and Technology - IRTA, ES
- Support and facilitate **increased engagement with Horizon Europe projects:**
 - The power of connecting European Thematic Networks and local OGs – Jean-Marc Gautier, IDELE, FR
 - Activities of the National Rural Network Unit – Jan Swoboda, National Rural Network Unit, DE
- Capture the creativity of **young farmers** to act as catalysts of innovation – Jannes Maes, CEJA
- **Group discussion** in plenary

10:30 - 10:50 **Coffee break**



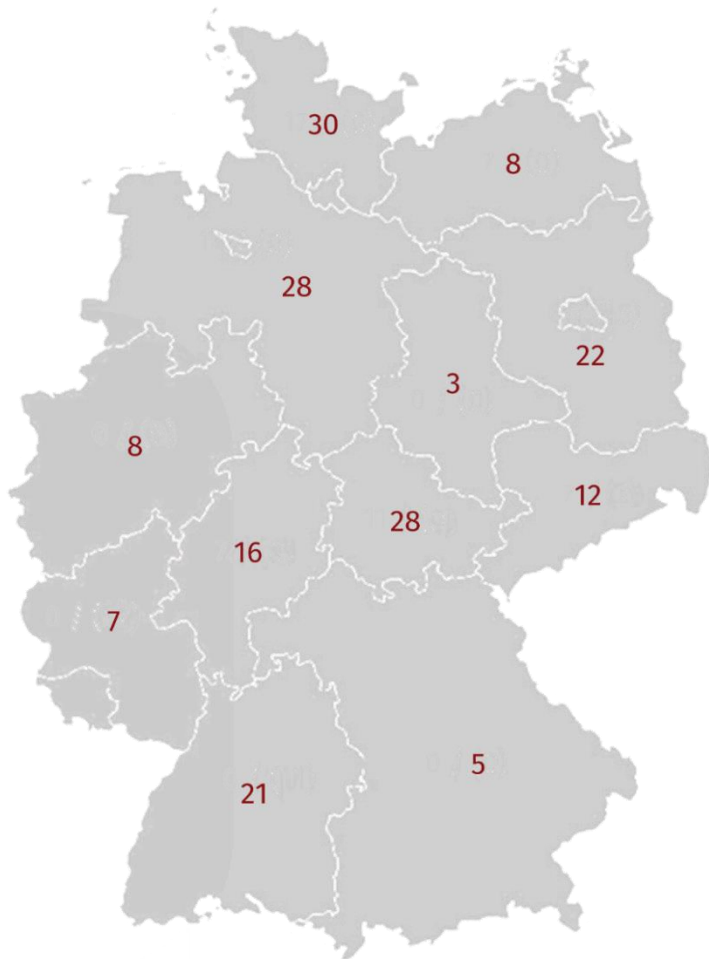
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CAP Strategic Plans: The key role of Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS) in Member States

Activities of the German National Rural Network Unit (DVS) –
bridging EIP and Horizon

18. September 2020, Bonn
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EIP in Germany – where are we now?



194 OGs in 13 programs

(June 2019 – over 200 now)

- some Länder have open Calls
- others guide by themes

Topics:

- Legumes: 20 OGs
- Organic Farming: 36 OGs
- Animal Welfare: 52 OGs
- Climate Change/
Climate Adaption: 30 OGs
- Soil Conservation/
Water Protection: 48 OGs
- Biodiversity: 16 OGs

Annual meetings for Operational Groups - organized in close relations to German EIP innovation Brokers (IDL)

2016 first national meeting – starting with 70 OGs

2017 second Meeting and International Conference EIP-Agri & Horizon 2020 - how to bridge? in Kiel:

- Participants from Germany, Netherlands, Finland, Austria, Latvia, Georgia, Italy, Sweden, Denmark, Spain, Hungary, Belgium, Bulgaria and Greece
- Information from EuroDairy network, EUFRUIT network, IoF2020 – transparency across food supply chains, ERA-Net Projekt 3D-Mosaic (irrigation – Example from Spain) – which generated an OG later (in Brandenburg).

2018-2020 each annual meeting was open for and visited by international guests.

Exchange also in „Market Places“ (by posters) scheduled within the event



EIP Transfer Visits - and their origin



Visits to....
Belgium
France,
and soon.. **Slovenia** – as webinar
Participants: OGs, EIP inno Broker,
scientists, Advisors, EIP-
administration...

In OG-Meetings, several small working groups (thematic Café) arose. 3 of them dealt with:

- Options for cooperation for OGs in Europe,
- Transnational OGs funded by Horizon 2020,
- Smart AKIS – a strong network for agriculture 4.0 in Europe

The question behind was: “How can EIP actors communicate cross-border and learn from each other?”

Thematic Workshops - with rising OG numbers we were able to cluster



- Pigs
- Poultry Farming
- Sustainable Irrigation
- Precision Farming
- Legumes
- Protein crops
- Sustainable baking wheat

The offer: Support for at least 4 OGs from 2 Länder who come up with their specific theme:

- DVS takes funding, organization and sometimes bring in additional experts
- Started 2018 with 8 to 20 partners each
- ...including Horizon networks “RUR 10-2016–EU PIG– Pig husbandry: health management....”, “Legumes Translated” or crosscutting Horizon/EIP Network “Liaison” who joined the meetings.

EIP-Relation to Horizon - Lessons learned

Who is interested in bridging?

- It's mostly people who have a good access to both worlds.
- Mainly scientists, by thematic reasons but also looking for funding and – the possibility to adjust their time budget.

Looking for those people - and bring them in contact - might be a good idea.



On the other hand.....

- OGs financial support differs widely.
- Frequently staff can't be financed for additional work – more flexibility would be helpful
- They are restricted to their arrangement with authorizing bodies as well.

Nevertheless.... for us **the most attracting offer is interesting thematic relations combining all relevant players**

How do we go on?

Getting better in the transfer of findings

- Better project sheets, EIP-Project films, ..
- Capitalize the outcomes of national thematic networks
- Foster better exchange between Advisory services in different fields - AECM, Biodiversity, water and nutrient management,...

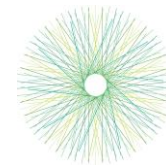
The overall conclusion: It's not really a systematic approach - it's related to people. We have to...

....make and hold contact to multipliers and experts in different fields

....work with new networks to extend our own range

....create open exchange opportunities

It's Networking



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