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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

10:50 - 12:00

Getting inspiration from existing tools and initiatives (continued):

- Prepare interesting **calls for Operational Groups** – Åsa Broberg, RDP Managing Authority, SE
- Use of **Operational Groups for testing out new CAP measures** – Shane Conway, National Rural Network, IE
- Develop **cross-border** Operational Groups – Hardi Tamm, EE
- Promoting collaboration and knowledge flows among OGs - Johanna Rohrhofer, National Rural Network, AT
- Added value of **thematic networks at national level** - Pascal Bergeret, CIHEAM-IAMM, the Mediterranean Intergovernmental Agronomic Institute – Montpellier, FR
- **Group discussion** in plenary

12:00 - 14:00

Lunch break



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**Experience with the French  
Thematic Networks  
“Mixed Technological  
Networks” (RMT)**

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# 1) What are RMTs?

- **Aim:** to enhance collaboration between research teams, advisors and education teams on specific topics pertaining to sustainable agri-food systems
- **Composition:** at least 3 technical institutes or agri chambers, one agricultural school, one research organisation or higher education organisation. Other stakeholders welcome (private sector, NGOs, etc.)
- **Origin:** 2006, Ministry of Agriculture in consultation with “traditional” actors of the French AKIS (ACTA, ACTIA, APCA).
- **Funding:** MOA + participants. Calls for tender. 5 year agreement, renewable.
- **Thematic areas covered are very diverse:** 22 RMT, agri production, livestock, food processing, data management, food quality, local food, etc.

## 5) An example: RMT Livestock Housing for the Future

- **Purpose:** enhance exchanges between specialists of livestock housing (horses, pigs, ruminants, poultry) to anticipate changes in the sector
- **Composition:** 3 livestock technical institutes, 5 regional ag. chambers, 2 ag schools, 2 higher education organisations, INRAE
- **Deliverables:** repositories (technical resources, methods, bibliography), expertise, foresight, prototypes, etc.
- **Connection with SheepNet** (Horizon 2020 Thematic Network on sheep productivity)

## 2) Advantages of RMT

- **Social dimension: a community of expertise mobilising various points of view, and stable in time**
- **Incubators for innovative/multi-actor projects**
- **Education as a compulsory dimension**
- **A wealth/variety of subjects covered**
- **Connexion to H2020 Thematic networks**

### 3) Drawbacks of RMT

- **Little resources, little time**
- **Cross cutting themes are underrepresented**
- **New emerging themes are underrepresented**
- **Participating organisations are “traditional” members of the AKIS**
- **Challenge to directly include private sector, incl. farmers, because of time constraints and lack of resources devoted to RMT, although RMT members regularly interact with farmers/enterprises.**



## 4) Challenges for the future

- **Better connection to the European dimension**
- **Better connexion with Operational Groups of the EIP, aiming at reaching advisers and farmers**
- **More impact on education and curricula, via the agricultural schools networks of teachers.**
- **Improved involvement of active farmers**

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



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