



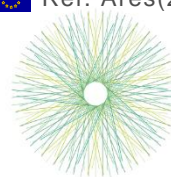
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# Subgroup on Innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability

6<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
*20 October 2016*

DRAFT AGENDA

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## Subgroup on Innovation

### 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting – 20 October 2016

The meeting will focus on shaping the work plan 2017 of the EIP-AGRI network, based on a careful analysis of the needs and proposals of agricultural innovation actors, against the background of the work carried out by the network since 2013. The conclusions of the meeting will inform the third meeting of the Rural Networks' Assembly, scheduled on 1 December 2016.

The operational objectives of the meeting are:

1. To have an in-depth discussion of the topics to be covered by the thematic work of the EIP-AGRI network in 2017. Discussions will be organised around five themes, identified on the basis of:
  - the priorities indicated by the Subgroup at its 5th meeting
  - a first analysis of the topics covered by the calls for OGs in the Member States
  - the input received from different types of stakeholders through the EIP-AGRI website and at networking events and other activities
  - the indications provided by the Rural Networks' Steering Group.
2. To provide input for capacity building and peer-to-peer activities in 2017, in particular regarding the networking of OGs at EU level and the role advisers can play within the EIP-AGRI.
3. To prepare for the third meeting of the Rural Networks' Assembly scheduled on 1 December 2016.

A summary of the topics proposed and of past relevant activities will be shared with the Subgroup's members before the meeting, in order to allow members to consult in advance with the innovation actors they are in contact with and express informed views during the meeting.

## DRAFT AGENDA

Timing	Agenda Item
08:00 – 09:00	<i>Registration and welcome coffee</i>
09:00 – 09:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Welcome and introduction to the meeting</li> <li>▪ Report from the Cork Conference on rural development of 5-6/9/2016</li> <li>▪ Update on past and ongoing activities concerning farm data management and digitisation</li> <li>▪ Report from the EIP-AGRI workshop "Cities and Food"</li> </ul>
09:30 – 10:45	<p><b>Interactive Session I “Shaping the thematic work for 2017”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduction (<i>DG AGRI</i>)</li> </ul> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> ROUND: Break-out sessions in 3 groups:</b></p> <p><i>N.B. the topics indicated under each heading result from previous input of the Subgroup on Innovation, OG calls, EIP-AGRI website etc. Discussions will also touch upon which type of activity would be most suitable for each topic.</i></p> <p><b>A. DIGITAL FARMING</b></p> <p>This heading includes topics such as data management at farm level, big data management (by institutions and big firms) having impact on farms, Internet of Things for agribusiness, etc.</p> <p><b>B. SUPPLY CHAIN</b></p> <p>This heading includes topics such as reducing post-harvest losses, reducing wastage along the supply chain as part of the transition towards a circular economy, development of new products and new markets, health and nutrition factors, collaborative agribusiness value chains, etc.</p> <p><b>FARM RESILIENCE</b></p> <p>This heading includes topics such as crop diversification for more resilience, soil fertility, soil contamination, pest and disease management, bee protection, regenerative agriculture, etc.</p>
10:45 – 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15 – 12:15	<p><b>Interactive Session I “Shaping the thematic work for 2017”</b></p> <p><b>2nd ROUND: Break-out sessions in 3 groups (2 groups under theme "D"):</b></p> <p><i>N.B. the topics indicated under each heading result from previous input of the Subgroup on Innovation, OG calls, EIP-AGRI website etc. Discussions will also touch upon which type of activity would be most suitable for each topic.</i></p>

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	<p><b>D. CARBON FARMING &amp; ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE (2 groups)</b></p> <p>This heading includes topics such as managing emissions and carbon sequestration on the farm, manure management, farmers' cooperation to reduce carbon footprint, facing extreme events, managing and preventing forest fires, etc.</p> <p><b>E. ENERGY &amp; WATER EFFICIENCY AT FARM LEVEL</b></p> <p>This heading includes topics such as new approaches to promote energy efficiency on the farm, including the use of renewable energies; new approaches to improve water efficiency and water saving at farm level, etc.</p>
12:15 – 13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30 – 14:20	Reporting back from the morning break-out sessions
14:20 – 14:30	Report from the EIP-AGRI workshop "Networking and Communication"
14:30 – 15:30	<p><b>Interactive Session II “OG networking, capacity building and peer exchange in 2017”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Introduction (<i>DG AGRI</i>)</li> <li>▪ Discussion in groups focusing on concrete ideas for initiatives supporting OG networking at EU level and peer-to-peer activities involving advisers</li> <li>▪ Collecting ideas from the table discussions</li> </ul>
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:00 – 16:45	<p><b>Summary and input for the Rural Networks' Assembly</b></p> <p>Tentative outline of EIP-AGRI work plan 2017, based on the conclusions of the previous interactive sessions</p>
16:45 – 17:00	<b>Next steps and closing</b>