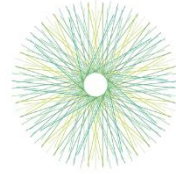




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4th Meeting

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The meeting takes place at a time when the Assembly confirmed its strategic priorities for rural networks and all Rural Development Programmes are approved; the EIP-AGRI network's work plan for 2016 has been defined in line with the indications provided by the Subgroup, including two new Focus Groups which are about to be launched and further three to be launched later on in the year.

Within this context, the fourth meeting of the Innovation Subgroup is designed to achieve the following objectives:

- a) To consider how the EIP-AGRI network can best operate within the wider framework of Rural Networks and to identify possible ways to promote synergies between networking activities
- b) To discuss how the EIP-AGRI network can best support operational groups based on a first screening of the 94 RDPs that are supporting the EIP through the cooperation measure
- c) To provide input for the Steering Group meeting of 4/3/2016, based on the conclusions of discussions under point a) and b) above
- d) To launch a discussion on how focus groups' outcomes can be best used and what kind of follow-up can be considered, based on the experience gained in 2014 and 2015
- e) To discuss how to organise the Subgroup's work throughout the year, based on the experience gained in 2015.

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Timing	Agenda Item
08:00 – 09:00	Registration and welcome coffee
09:00 – 09:10	Welcome / introduction - <i>Rob Peters, Head of Unit AGRI H.5</i>
09:10 – 10:10	<p>Session I "Rural Networking in 2016"</p> <p>Embedding the EIP-AGRI network in the broader networking activities Presentation by DG AGRI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Overview of Rural Networks' activities for 2016: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capacity building, peer exchange and crosscutting activities - Smart and Competitive Agriculture and Rural Areas - Transition to the Green Economy <p>Discussion in groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Considering the Rural Networks' workplan for 2016, do you see gaps/overlappings and possibilities for further synergies? <p>Report back from the groups, conclusions and possible inputs for the Steering Group meeting.</p>
10:10 – 10:30	<p>Session II " Supporting Operational Groups"</p> <p>EIP-AGRI implementation in RDPs: first elements from the 94 RDPs supporting operational groups through Measure 16 Presentations by DG AGRI and EIP-AGRI Service Point:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RDP monitoring data concerning Operational Groups ▪ Elements from the RDP screening
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 13:00	<p>EIP-AGRI implementation in RDPs: first elements from the 94 RDPs supporting operational groups through Measure 16 (continued)</p> <p>Discussion in groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Based on the elements contained in the RDPs, what are the key facts/learning and emerging patterns for OGs support? ▪ How can the EIP network support and add value to the innovative projects supported by the RDP? <p>Report back from the groups and conclusions</p> <p>Support for Operational Groups</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Toolkit for Operational Groups (<i>DG AGRI</i>)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information on the first calls for OGs and on selected projects (<i>Managing Authorities from Austria, Spain, Sweden and UK England</i>) ▪ Information on the Workshop "Operational Groups: the first experiences" scheduled in April 2016 (<i>DG AGRI</i>) ▪ Presentation of the template to be used to report about selected OGs (<i>DG AGRI</i>)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Session III "EIP Focus Groups"</p> <p>On-going and new Focus Groups: state of play Presentations by EIP-AGRI Service Point and DG AGRI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information on the state of play of FGs 6-18 and launch of calls for experts for FG 19 "Agronomic Use of Recycled Nutrients" and FG 20 "Sustainable Mobilisation of Forest Biomass" <p>Making best use of Focus Groups' outcomes Presentations on experience gained in 2015:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Initiatives at the national/regional level (<i>Portuguese NRN, Hungarian Chamber of Agriculture, Spanish Managing Authority</i>) ▪ Thematic networks under Horizon 2020 (<i>Mark Redman, coordinating expert of the Focus Group on HNV</i>)
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 16:40	<p>Making best use of Focus Groups' outcomes Discussion in groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Based on the experience gained until now, how can we make best use of FG outcomes? <p>Report back from the groups and indications for further work</p>
16:40 – 17:00	<p>Wrap up / next steps Up-coming events Presentation by DG AGRI</p> <p>Organisation of the Subgroup's work Presentation by DG AGRI followed by discussion in plenary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First ideas for the next Subgroup meeting and discussion on how to organise the Subgroup's work throughout the year, based on the experience gained in 2015.
17:00	Closing

