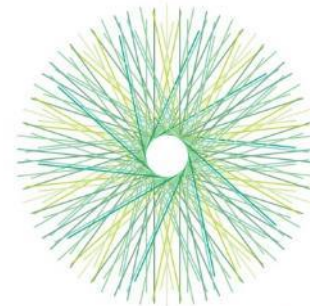


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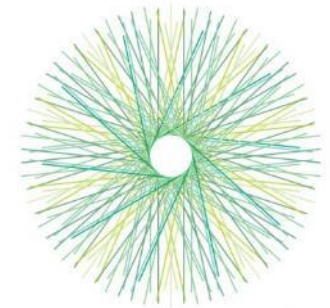


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EIP-AGRI Network in a nutshell

1. REGULATION (EU) No 1305/2013 ----- Art.53

□ Aims:

- Facilitate the exchange of expertise and good practices.
- Establish a dialogue between farmers and the research community.
- Facilitate the inclusion of all stakeholders in the knowledge exchange process.

□ Specific tasks:

- Provide a help desk function and provide information to key actors concerning the EIP.
- Encourage the setting up of operational groups and provide information about the opportunities provided by Union policies.
- Facilitate the setting up of cluster initiatives and pilot or demonstration projects.
- Collect and disseminate information in the field of the EIP, including research findings and new technologies relevant to innovation and knowledge exchange and exchanges in the field of innovation with third countries.

EIP-AGRI Network in a nutshell

Connecting people - Sharing knowledge - Tackling challenges



2. GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

Assembly of EU Rural Networks / Steering Group / Subgroup on Innovation

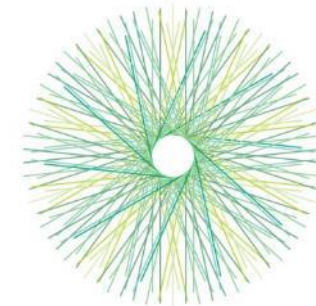
3. EIP-AGRI SERVICE POINT

Established by DG AGRI in April 2013.

The EIP AGRI Service Point acts as a mediator in enhancing communication and cooperation between all innovation actors, including farmers, advisors, agri-business, civil society, and researchers, working at EU, national and regional level

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Key building blocks:

- Operational Groups (RDPs)
- Multi-actor Projects (H2020)
- Thematic Networks (H2020)



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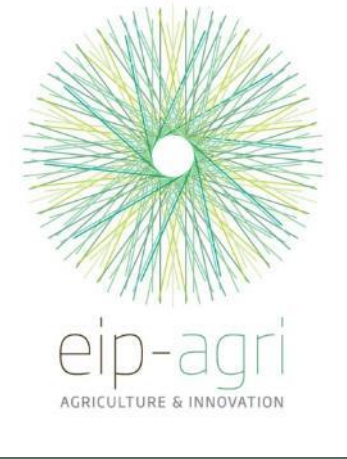
Connecting farmers, researchers, advisors, businesses, environmental groups, consumer interest groups and other NGOs

Funding opportunities
Research needs from practice
Experts
Case Studies
Finding partners



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1. EIP-AGRI Focus Groups



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EIP-AGRI Focus Groups state of play September 2016

State of play

1	Organic farming – Optimising arable yields	Final report - Factsheet Brochure
2	Protein crops	Final report - Brochure
3	Animal husbandry – Reducing antibiotic use in pig farming	Final report - Brochure
4	Genetic resources – Cooperation models	Final report - Factsheet - Brochure
5	Soil organic matter content in Mediterranean regions	Final report - Factsheet
6	IPM for <i>brassica</i>	Final report
7	High Nature Value – Farming profitability	Final report - Factsheet
8	Mainstreaming precision farming	Final report - Factsheet
9	Profitability of permanent grassland	Final report - Factsheet
10	Fertiliser efficiency – Focus on horticulture in open field	Final report - Factsheet
11	Optimising profitability of crop production through Ecological Focus Areas	Final report



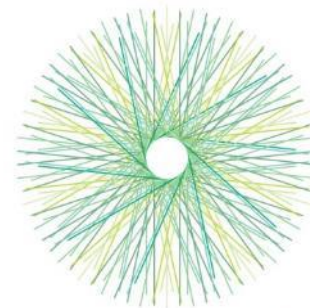
**EIP-AGRI Focus Groups
state of play September 2016**

State of play

12	Innovative short food supply chain management	Final report - Factsheet
13	IPM practices for soil-borne diseases	Final report - Factsheet
14	New entrants into farming	Final report - Factsheets
15	Water & agriculture	Final report - Factsheet
16	Mixed farming systems: Livestock/cash crops	Ongoing - 2 nd meeting held
17	Benchmarking farm productivity and sustainability performance	Ongoing - 2 nd meeting held
18	Livestock emissions – Reducing emissions from cattle farming	Ongoing – 2 nd meeting Sept 2016
19	Nutrient recycling	Ongoing – 2 nd meeting in Nov
20	Sustainable mobilisation of forest biomass	Ongoing – 2 nd in Dec
21	Robust and resilient Dairy production systems	Starting – 1st meeting in Nov
22	Agroforestry: introducing woody vegetation into specialised crop and livestock systems	Starting – 1st meeting in Dec
23	Diseases and Pests in Viticulture	Starting – 1st meeting in Oct

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2. EIP AGRI workshops and seminars: connecting actors and generating ideas for innovation

➤ Capacity-building activities:

- In 2013, 2 Seminars
 - Programming innovation - How to use the Rural Development Toolkit most effectively for the implementation of the EIP AGRI (Madrid)
 - Programming Innovation in Rural Development - Linking Innovation and Science (Berlin)
- In 2014, Seminar on Launching Operational Groups and EIP Networking in Rural Development Programmes (Brussels)
- In 2014, 5 Regional workshops on "Establishing Operational Groups under Rural Development Programmes"
- In 2015, Seminar Promoting creativity and learning through agricultural knowledge systems and interactive innovation

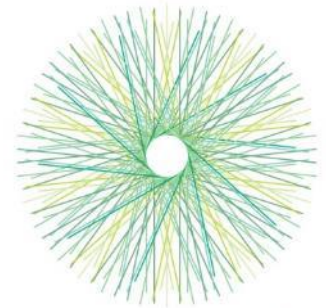
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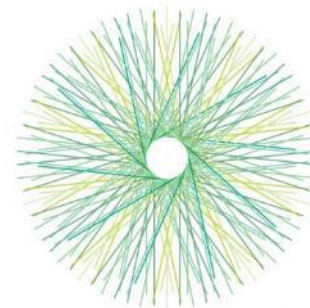
▪ EIP-AGRI Workshop 'Operational Groups: first experiences'

Specific objectives:

1. To further improve understanding of the EIP-AGRI principle of interactive innovation.
2. To exchange ideas and learn from initial experiences of OGs, regarding:
 - a. Setting up OG partnerships around concrete projects, tackling farmers' / foresters' needs and
 - b. Subsequently implementing these projects.
3. To identify initiatives that are useful to help set up OG projects, including positive experiences of addressing the challenges and needs that the first OGs are facing.
4. To learn about the practical role that EIP-AGRI network support units, MAs, advisers, innovation brokers, innovation support services and other networks have in creating a supporting environment for Ogs.
5. To promote the widespread dissemination of the first practical experiences from the OGs.

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➤ Capacity-building activities:

- In 2016:

- Workshop 'EIP-AGRI Networking and Communication'

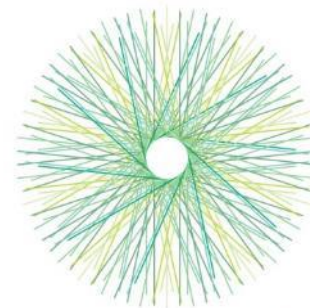
Specific objectives:

1. To identify the diversity of management structures, approaches and activities being used by rural networks to support implementation of the EIP-AGRI in the different Member States / regions.
2. To exchange practical experiences and lessons learnt about the specific networking and communication tools being used to support implementation of the EIP-AGRI.
3. To promote the ongoing development and strengthening of network support for full and effective implementation of the EIP-AGRI in the current programming period

- Next year....

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➤ Thematic activities:

- How to make protein crops profitable in the EU?
- Biosecurity
- Building new biomass supply chains for the bio-based economy
- Opportunities for Agriculture and Forestry in the circular economy
- Data revolution: emerging new business models in the agri-food sector
- Cities and Food – Connecting Consumers and Producers

- **Next year....**

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3. Toolkit : Information on how to set up Operational Group projects

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Operational groups

Welcome to the 'EIP-AGRI Toolkit for Operational Groups'.

This is an on-line resource developed to support the information/guidance needs of everyone that is actively engaged in promoting, setting-up, running and disseminating the outcomes of the Operational Groups established within the framework of the European Innovating Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability (EIP-AGRI).

This Toolkit has been developed by DG AGRI and the EIP-AGRI Service Point. The aim of the Toolkit is to build upon the practical experiences, skills and knowledge that are accumulating within the EIP-AGRI Network by providing a web-based gateway to:

- general materials for supporting the promotion of the EIP-AGRI
- specific information on the setting-up of Operational Groups and the running of their project, including the animation of supporting networks and relevant information / materials from relevant workshops and seminars
- other materials relevant to innovation support services and the communication on the Operational Group project

You can also contribute to the Toolkit by sending us suggestions on materials for uploading – contact: servicepoint@eip-agri.eu or <http://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/content/FAQ>

Please note that this Toolkit is a communication product which aims to provide general background information on the opportunities for Operational Groups under the Rural Development Regulation, including links to other policies. Under no circumstances can the content of this Toolkit be regarded as legal advice or as binding on the European Commission.

The Toolkit is designed to be used in different ways to meet the diverse needs of its users. You can move through the entire Toolkit page-by-page and it will serve as a kind of tutorial taking you through the principles, practices and relevant experiences of promoting, setting-up and running an EIP-AGRI Operational Group (including the dissemination of project results). Or you can select pages and download resources according to your specific interests.

Participatory approaches for agricultural innovation

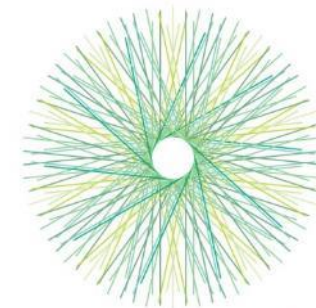
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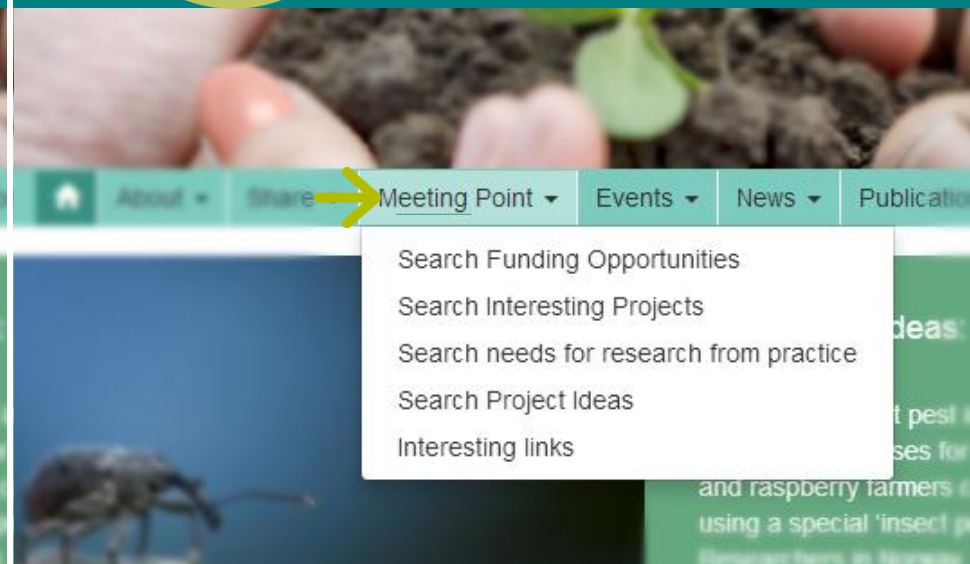
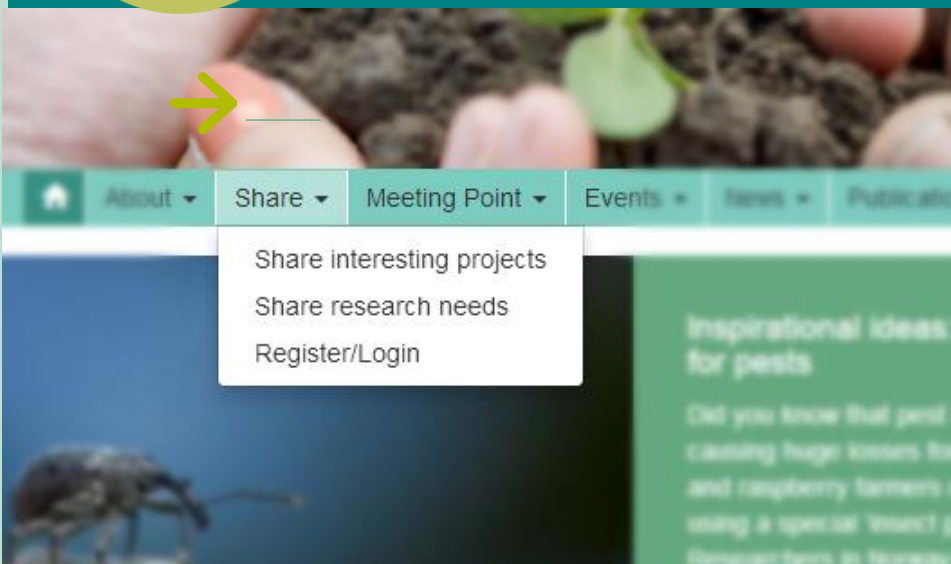
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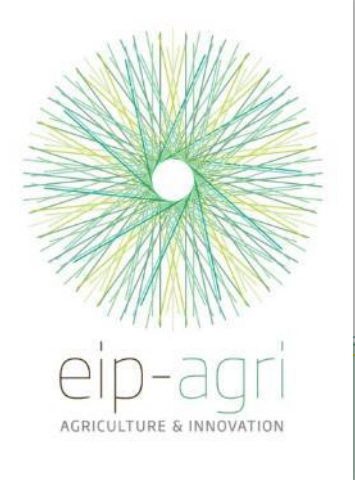
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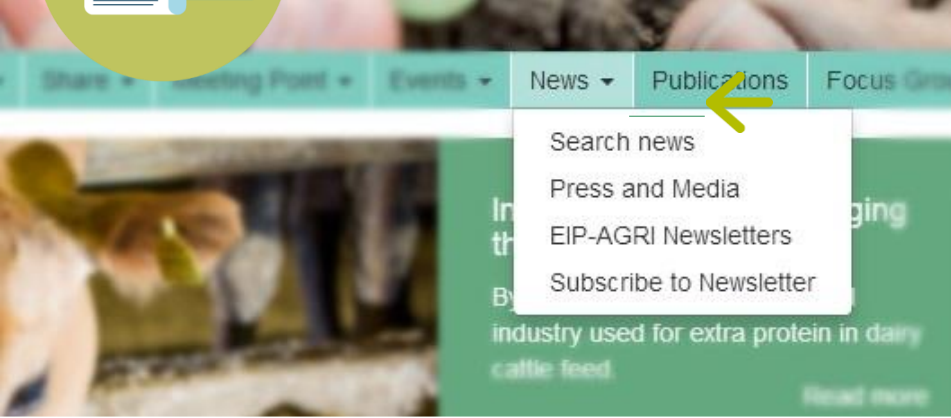
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4. Website – Information online



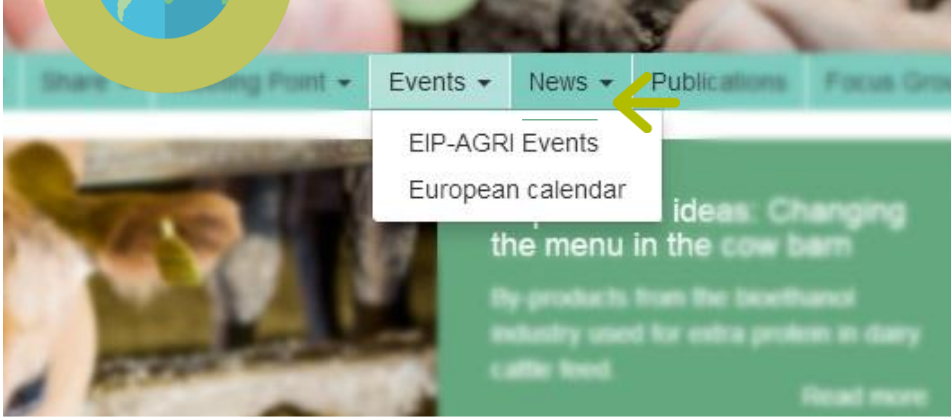
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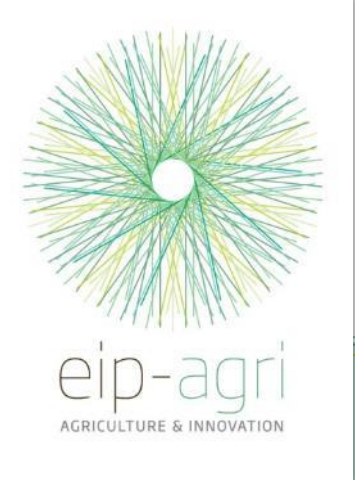
Events



Information on workshops, Focus Groups and other events organised by DG AGRI
European calendar – upcoming events related to the EIP network

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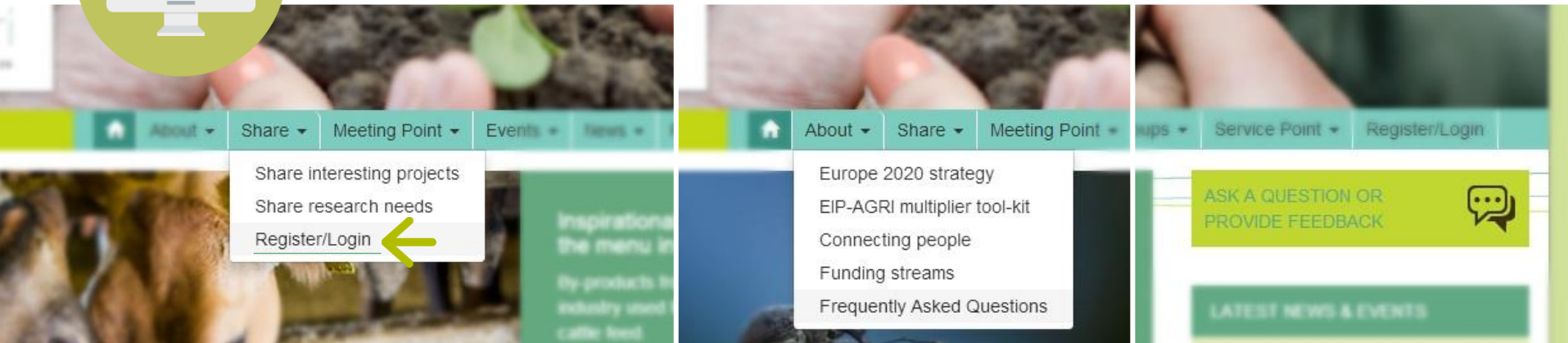
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4. Website – Get involved



Register on the website and advertise your project results



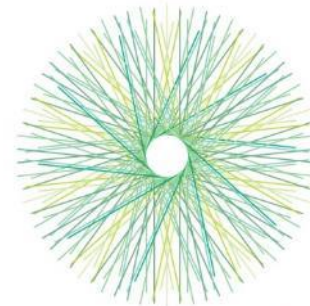
Frequently asked questions



Ask a question or provide feedback

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4. Website – What else ?



- Multipliers tool-kit
<http://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/node/46>
- Discussion forum
- Interface to be translated
- Multimedia
- More powerful search functions

Register on the website and start searching the network today.

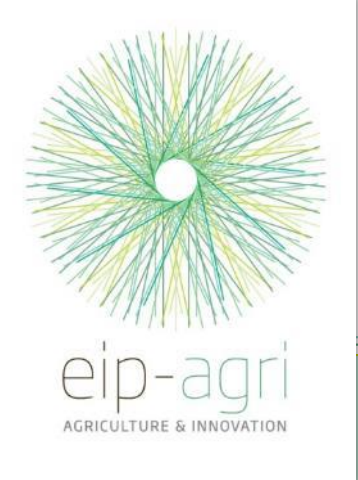
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4. Website: Benefit from...

Promote and develop your

- innovative ideas and inspiring examples
- information on [projects](#) and [project ideas](#)

Share and use

- A wide selection of tools
- research needs
- [Ideas for Operational groups](#)

Find

- People working on the same topic – potential partners
- [Operational Groups](#)
- [Funding opportunities](#)

The screenshot shows the EIP-AGRI website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'MY EIP-AGRI', 'SHARE', 'MEETING POINT', 'EVENTS', 'NEWS', 'PUBLICATIONS', 'FOCUS GROUPS', and 'SITE MAP'. Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'European Commission > EIP-AGRI > Adaption tools for climate adaption in Organic Farming - Sub project of the Innovation Network for Climate Change Adaptation Brandenburg Berlin'. On the left side, there is a sidebar with search filters: 'Search Funding Opportunities', 'Search Needs for research from practice', 'Search Interesting Projects', 'Search People', and 'Online resources'. The main content area displays the title 'Adaption tools for climate adaption in Organic Farming - Sub project of the Innovation Network for Climate Change Adaptation Brandenburg Berlin' and a table with project details.

Geographical location	Germany
Keywords	climate change reduced tillage organic farming farming practice
Agricultural sectors	Crops (generic) Livestock (generic)
Website	http://www.inka-bb.de
Main funding source	Other public (national, regional) research funds
Project acronym	
Project type	Research project

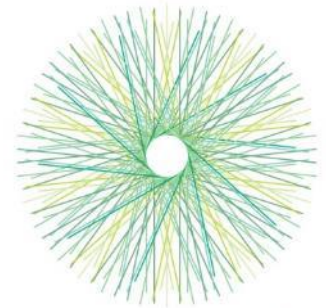
Objective of the project (native language):
Innovation networks like INKA BB can play an important role in improving the regional adaptive capacity to climate change. T

Description of activities (native language):
The INKA BB's action research approach corresponds to the challenges of co-working of scientists and organic farmers on 'real-farm' problems, developing innovative solutions for adapting their farming systems to climate change, and incorporating them in new action strategies. Therefore after...

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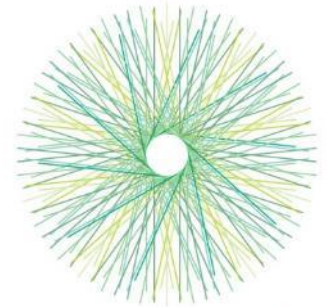
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- **Complementarity**
- **Cooperation**
 - Dissemination of EIP-AGRI outcomes: vice versa especially EIP-AGRI Focus Groups outcomes: crucial for achieving the EIP-AGRI objectives and need to reach/inspire Operational Groups on the ground
 - Provision of Good practices and inspirational ideas some good practices already in place in some MS
- **Mutual support**



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Thank you for your attention!



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