The European Innovation Partnership "Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability" EIP-AGRI Focus groups

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EIP-AGRI in a nutshell

Aim: To foster a competitive and sustainable agriculture and forestry sector that "achieves more from less"

Approach: Closing the innovation gap between research and practice by:

- using the interactive innovation model
- linking actors via the EIP Network

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Horizon 2020
Societal Challenge 2

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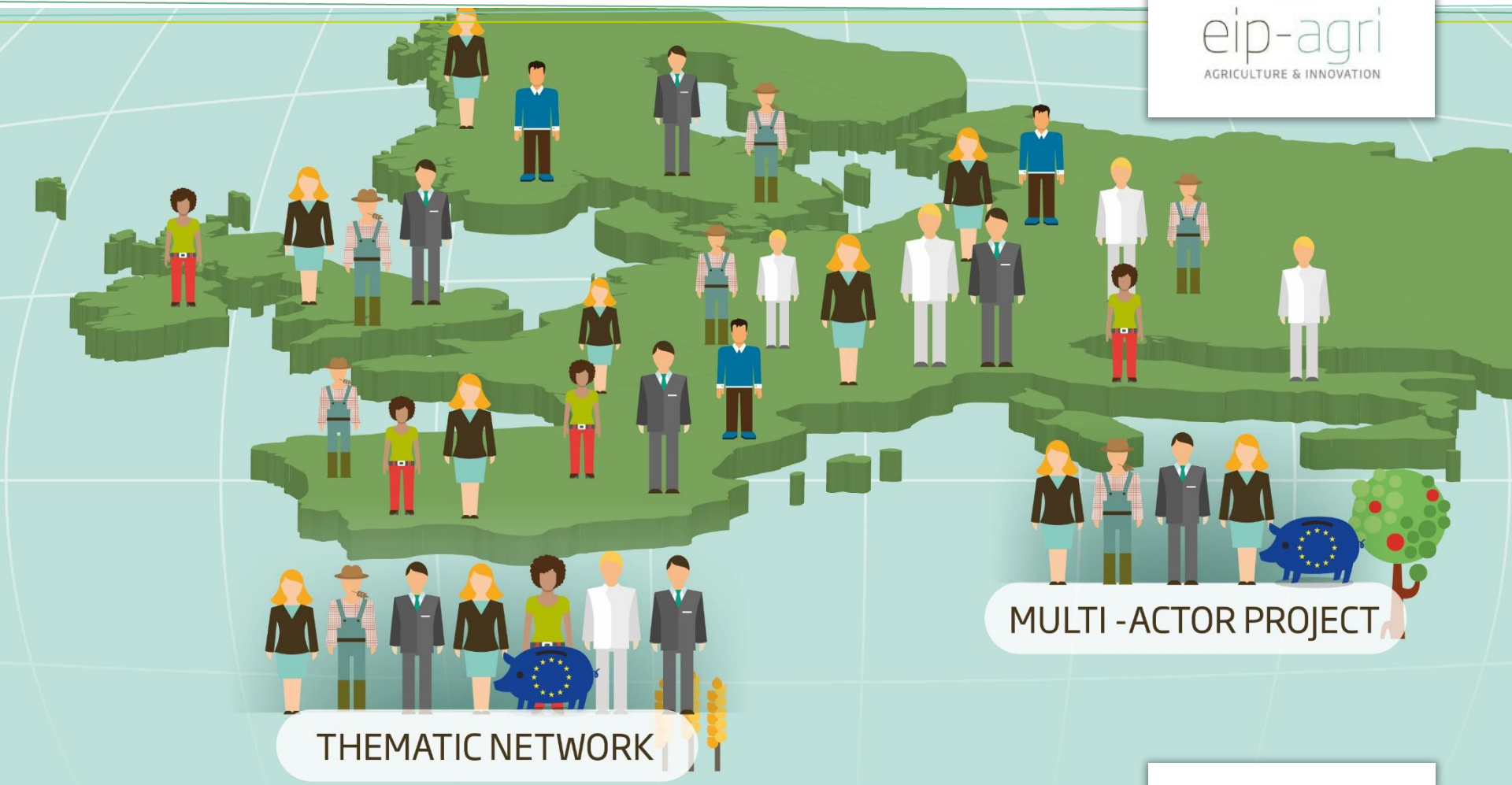

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EIP-AGRI Service Point connects all actors within the network

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FOCUS GROUPS

WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

Connecting farmers, researchers, advisors, businesses, environmental groups, consumer interests groups or other NGOs

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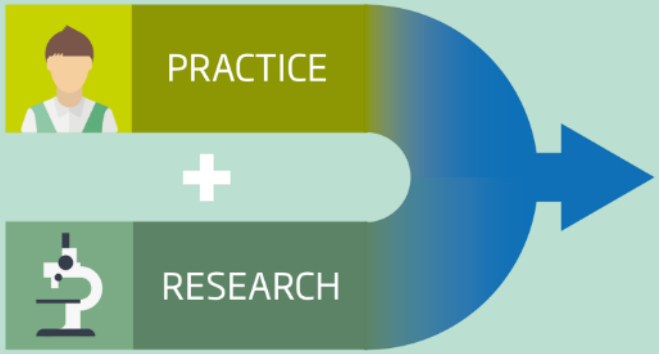
EIP-AGRI Focus Groups, tackling agricultural challenges



Exchange practical knowledge

- Priorities for innovative actions
- Ideas for Operational Groups
- Research needs from practice
- Propose projects to test solutions

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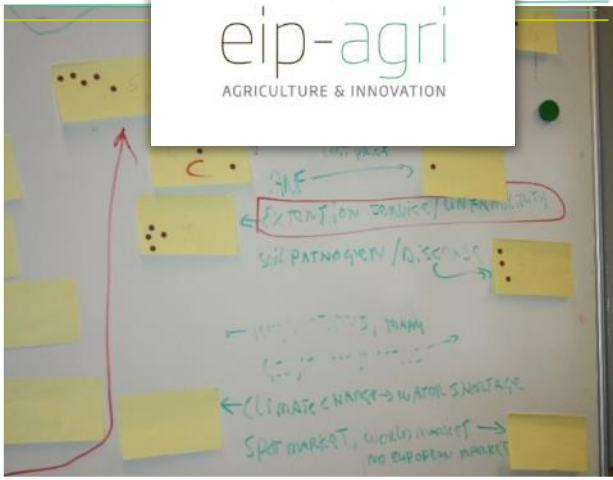
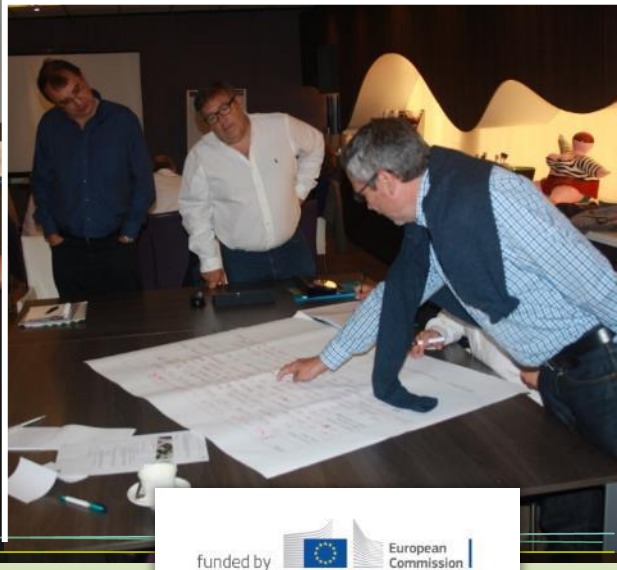
EIP-AGRI Focus Groups, tackling agricultural challenges





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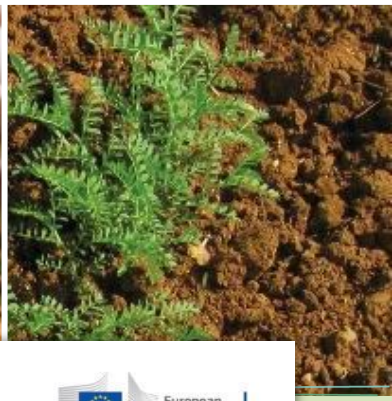
EIP-AGRI Focus Groups tackling agricultural challenges

- Open calls for interest of participation
- 20 participants, varied types of actors
- Short duration, focused
- 18 Focus Groups so far
- Suggestions for new topics



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Organic Farming - Optimising arable yields

Why do yields vary so much between organic farms? How can organic farming systems achieve their optimal level of production?

The EIP-AGRI Focus Group on Organic Farming brought together 20 experts to find an answer to these questions. The Focus Group made recommendations on transferable innovative solutions on the topic of optimising arable crop yields in organic systems.

Various studies have shown fluctuations in the yields of organic farms. Yields vary a lot more than in conventional farming depending on regions, systems, management practices, particular crop types and growing conditions. The Focus Group identified the main causes of the gap for organic producers, with regards to quantity and quality, as:

- poor soil fertility management
- inadequate nutrient supply
- insufficient weed management
- pest and disease pressure
- variety choice

They started their work September 2013 and delivered the final report May 2014.

"There is a need for higher and more stable yields in organic farming to improve things economically for the organic farmer and make sure that resources are used as best as possible. Organic farmers in the EU can benefit from the sharing of innovation, knowledge and experience."

- Inger Bertelsen (Denmark), expert from the EIP-AGRI Focus Group on Organic Farming -

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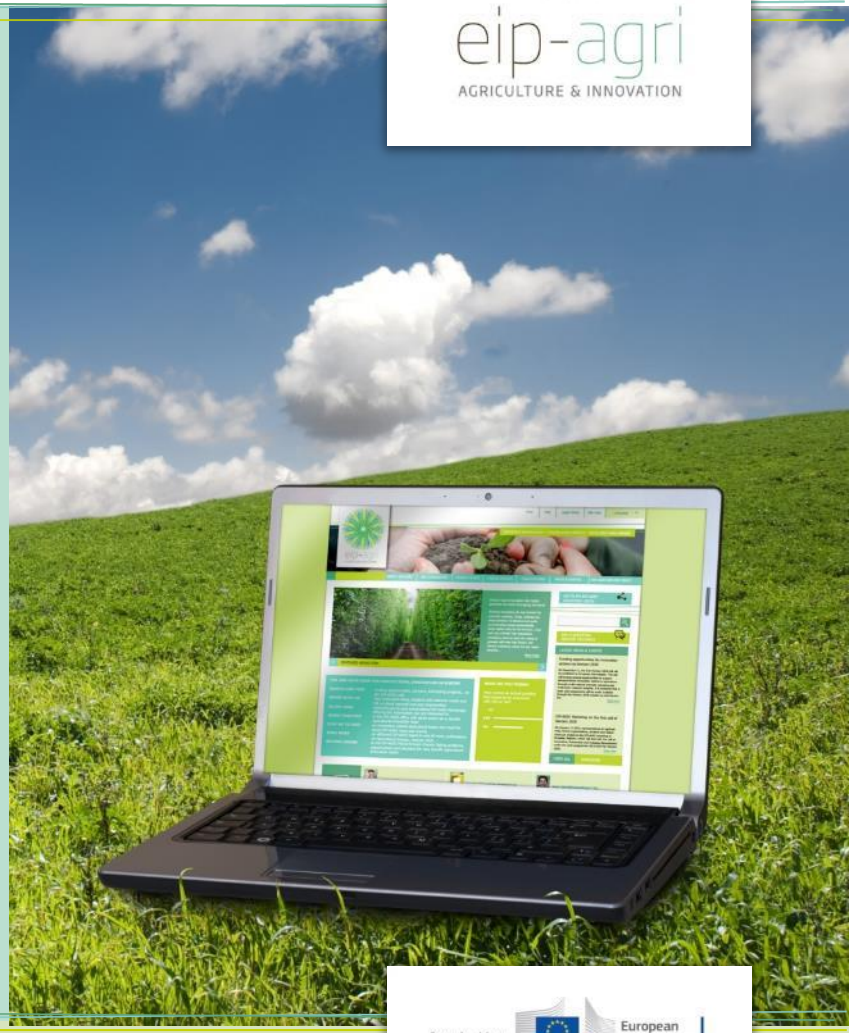

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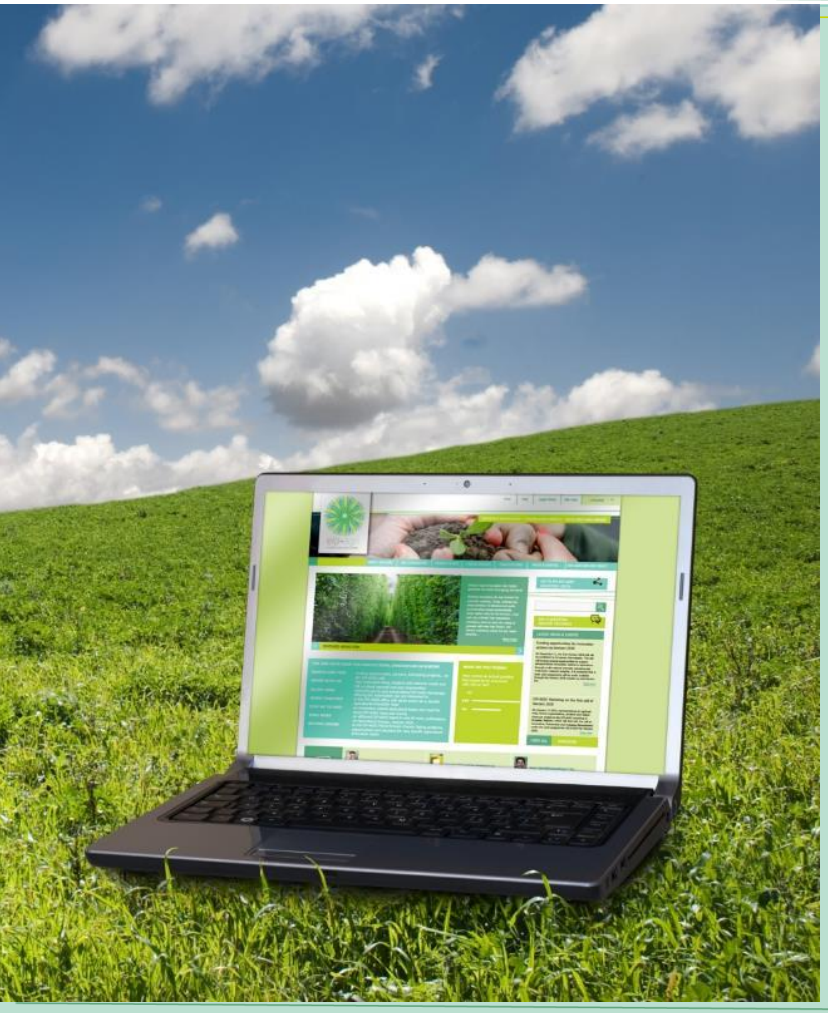

- Multipliers tool-kit
- Discussion forum
- Interface to be translated
- Multimedia
- More powerful search functions

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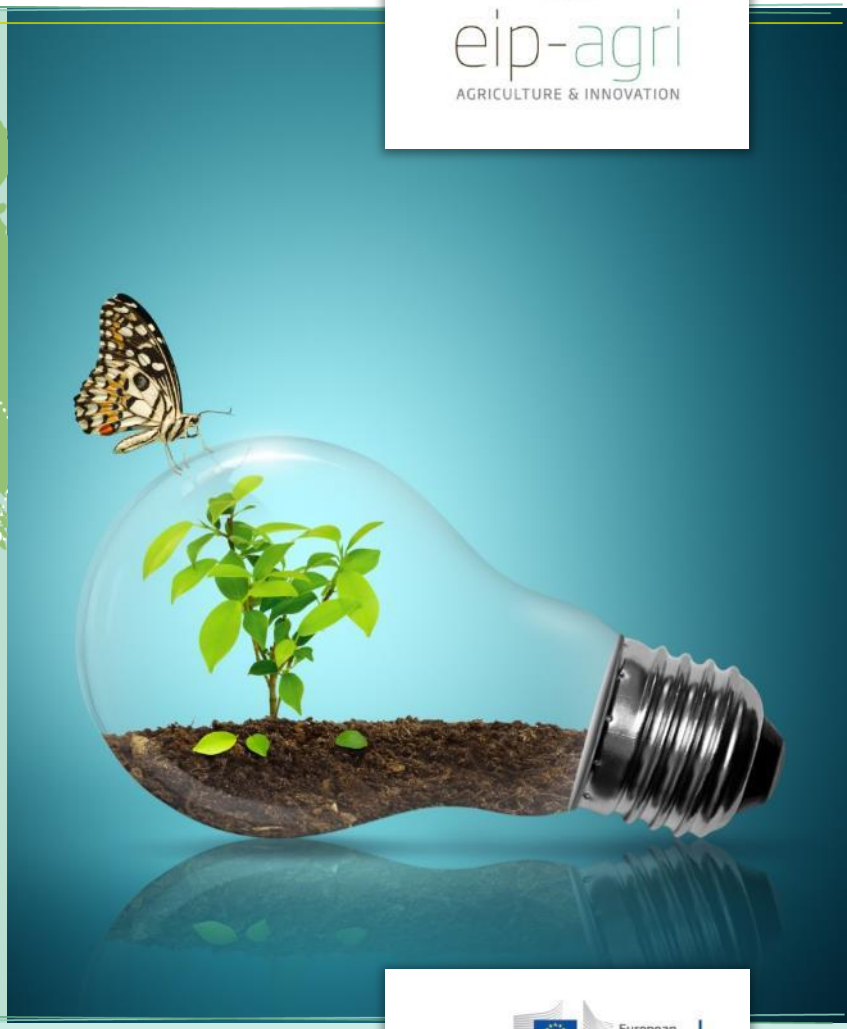

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