The European Innovation Partnership
„Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability“

Moving Agriculture Ahead!

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The specific case of agri-innovation

- Challenges to the sector
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  - Atomised sector - differentiated
  - Low Capital intensity
  - Skills and knowledge based development
- A well-established policy/funding framework

→ Strong starting point: core elements up and running
→ Need to go beyond linear lab-to-market approach
→ EIP based on interactive innovation model and knowledge exchange
Closing The Innovation GAP

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General Principles

The EIP shall provide challenge-driven solutions based on:

- **interlinking** existing innovation-related measures and initiatives
- **facilitating** communication among stakeholders and creating workable links between science and practice
- providing EU value added through networking and enhancing **complementarity**
- achieving **synergies** and enhancing effectiveness of existing instruments
- using a **lean governance** structure, based on **existing** mechanisms
Means

Rural Development Programmes:

- Establishing “operational groups” involving farmers, advisors, agribusiness, research, and NGOs
- **Bottom-up approach** towards defining composition and operational purpose of a respective operational groups
- Requirement of establishing **plan on expected** results and **sharing results** within EIP network

European Union Research Policy (Horizon 2020)

- **Research projects**, including on-farm experiments to provide the knowledge base for innovative actions
- **Practice-oriented formats** such as multi-actor projects, innovation brokers and centres, and thematic networks
Key Acting Entities Within the EIP

- Operational Groups -

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- Farmers
- NGOs
- Agri-business
- Advisors
- Researchers
Key dates and Time table

• 29 Feb 2012: Communication EIP
• 18 Jun 2012: Council conclusions EIP
• 31 Aug 2012: Tender for Network support publ
• 15 Oct 2012: Evaluation of Tender
• 19 Nov 2012: EIP Stakeholder event -250 part
• 6-7 Dec 2012: RD programming seminar for MA

• 15 Jan 2013: First meeting Sherpas of Steering Board
• 21 Feb 2013: First meeting Steering Board (tbc)
• 1st half 2013: Adoption SIP
• 1st half 2013: Commission Communication on SIP
• 1st quarter 2013: Launch of Network Facility/Service Point
• 2014: Implementation RD/HZ2020
Rural Development Policy:
• Cooperation
• Knowledge transfer
• Pilot projects
• Advisory services
• Investment

Research & Innovation Framework:
• Research projects
• Multi-actor projects
• Innovation brokers
• Thematic networks

EIP Network

Standing Committee on Agricultural Research (SCAR)

Member States Programmes

Rural Development Network Steering Group

Rural Development Committee

Horizon 2020 Programme Committee

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ETPs, ERA-Nets, JPIs, etc.