European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability (EIP): New Opportunities for Agricultural Science?

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- Focus on **productivity** and sustainability
- A new concept to bridge the gap
  - between research and innovation, Horizon 2020 and other research programmes and
  - between local and regional innovation action funded through different sources, private, rural development, cohesions funds
  - A new concept to bridge the gap

- Implementation on different levels simultaneously
EIP implementation on EU-level: research based

- DG-Agri initiated EIP Agriculture but the concept follows the logic of DG-Research concepts
  - Steering board and thematic Focus Groups
  - Expert panels develop research plans
  - Calls for cross-disciplinary scientific consortia

- However, the theoretical framework of Horizon 2020 is similar to EIP implementation on the national/regional level
EIP implementation on the regional level

- Based on Operational Groups (OGs) involving actors such as farmers, scientists, advisers, NGOs, enterprises of the agriculture and forestry sector

- Funding by the Rural Development Programmes (CAP-second pillar)

- No extra funding within the second pillar!

- Target group of RDPs: Mainly farming and forestry – very limited opportunities for research
EIP Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability implementation

Workshop

Seminar

Focus group

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EIP Network

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Perspectives for Ag-Science?

- Need of cross-disciplinary cooperation: Farmers – local/regional research stations – scientists - advisory services – SME technicians
- Depending strongly on open-minded practitioners, scientists and other stakeholder
- Very limited budget for EIP out of the second pillar
- Theoretical idea: combining different funding sources
- Complex concept: vertical and horizontal structures?
- Scientists potential roles: connector, facilitator, interpreter, reporter, project partner