

# *Agricultural genetic resources in rural development*



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# What is available for genetic resources?

## **Horizon 2020**

*Call SFS-7-2014/2015: Genetic resources and agricultural diversity for food security, productivity and resilience*

*Call SFS-5-2015: Strategies for crop productivity, stability and quality*

*but also:*

*Call ISIB-2: Closing the research and innovation divide: the crucial role of innovation support services and knowledge exchange (known as: "Thematic networks")*

## ***ISIB 2 -2015: Closing the research and innovation divide: the crucial role of innovation support services and knowledge exchange***

- ***5 networks*** on specific themes to be proposed bottom-up: *Synthesising, sharing and presenting best practices and research results focusing on themes and issues that are near to be put into practice, but not known or tested by practitioners*
- Networks in the **range of 2 Mio** Euro on specific themes to be proposed bottom-up
  - **Projects must develop end-user material:**
    - for **broad dissemination to practice** (such as info sheets in a common format and audio-visual material)
    - that is **long-term available** and **easily understandable**,
    - Should feed into **the EIP network** (impact on "skills": input for education and a research web-database for end-users)

# What is (also) available for genetic resources? The Rural Development Policy

*Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)*

- *Agro-Environment-Climate (AEC) measure (Art. 28)*
- *Co-operation measure (Art. 35), in particular via the European Innovative Partnership (AGRI-EIP)*

***! Measures in RDPs are decided by  
Managing Authorities***

# Rural development

*Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 of the European Parliament and the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)*

*Detailed in:*

***Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 807/2014***  
*supplementing Regulation (EU) No 1305/2013 ... -> Art.8 (Gen Res)*

***Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 808/2014*** *laying down rules for the application of Reg. 1305/2013 ... -> Content of rural development programmes: list of eligible breeds and plant genetic resources (!: only relevant for farmers and "similar")*

## Agri-environment-climate - Art. 28

- **Beneficiaries:** *farmers, groups of farmers, groups of farmers and other land managers, other land managers and their groups*
  - ✓ *support to rear local breeds in danger of being lost to farming or to preserve plant genetic resources under threat of genetic erosion*
  - ✓ *endangered breeds limited to: cattle, sheep, goat, equidae, pigs, birds*

## Genetic resources – Art.28(9)

- *"Support can also be provided for the conservation and for the sustainable use and development of genetic resources in agriculture for operations not covered by the provisions under paragraphs 1-8. Those commitments may be carried out by **beneficiaries other than those referred to in paragraph 2**".*
- *Conditions of Art.28(1-8)(= endangered local breeds and PGR under threat) do not apply to the support under para 9.*
- *Beneficiaries: those of local breeds/plant varieties + other beneficiaries such as **scientific institutions and research centres***
- *No obligation to rear farm animals*
- *If the support concerns farm animals, they can be other than categories mentioned for local breeds (the latter are eligible too) and they do not need to be endangered.*

## Genetic resources – Art.28(9) – eligible actions

- *Activities of a more gene preservation-oriented nature and more focused on research-like activities linked to genetic resources protection:*
  - ✓ *Targeted actions: action promoting the in situ and ex-situ conservation, characterisation, collection and utilisation of genetic resources [...]*
  - ✓ *Concerted actions: actions promoting the exchange of information for the conservation, characterisation, collection and utilisation of genetic resources [...]*
  - ✓ *Accompanying actions: information, dissemination and advisory actions involving NGOs and other stakeholders, training courses and technical reports*
- *The above also applies to forest genetic resources [Art.34(4)]*
- *Operations should not be covered by other funding (No double funding!!)*

## Co-operation - Art. 35

*1. Support under this measure shall be granted in order to promote forms of co-operation involving at least two entities and in particular:*

*a).....*

*b)....*

*c) the establishment and operation of operational groups of the EIP for agricultural productivity and sustainability (EIP-AGRI)*

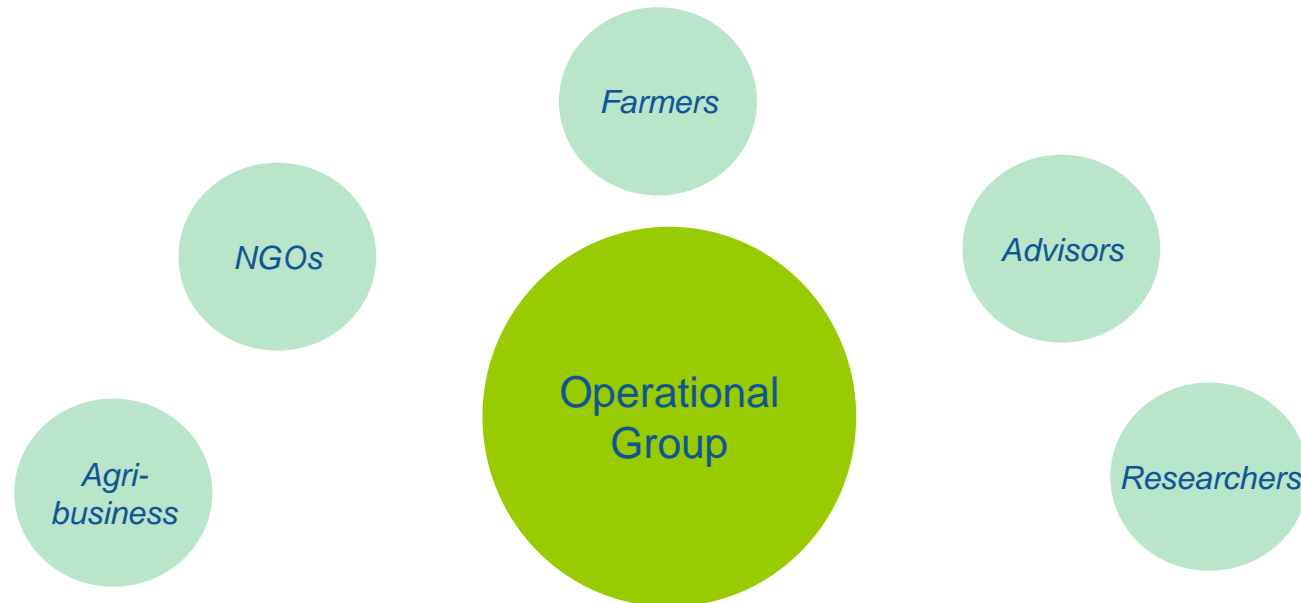


## ***EIP – AGRI in short***

- Commission Communication (COM (2012) 79)
- **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**
  - + Link actors via an EIP Network
    - ✓ Bottom-up approach
    - ✓ Multi-actor
    - ✓ Partnership & networking
- **Funding:** Existing Union policies
  - > Rural Development
  - > Research & Innovation "Horizon 2020"



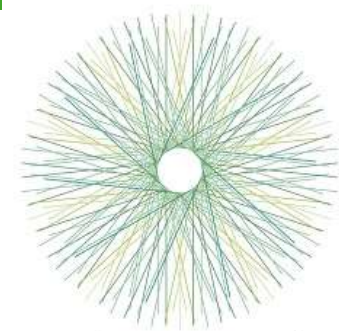
## ***Key Acting Entities Within the EIP - Operational Groups -***



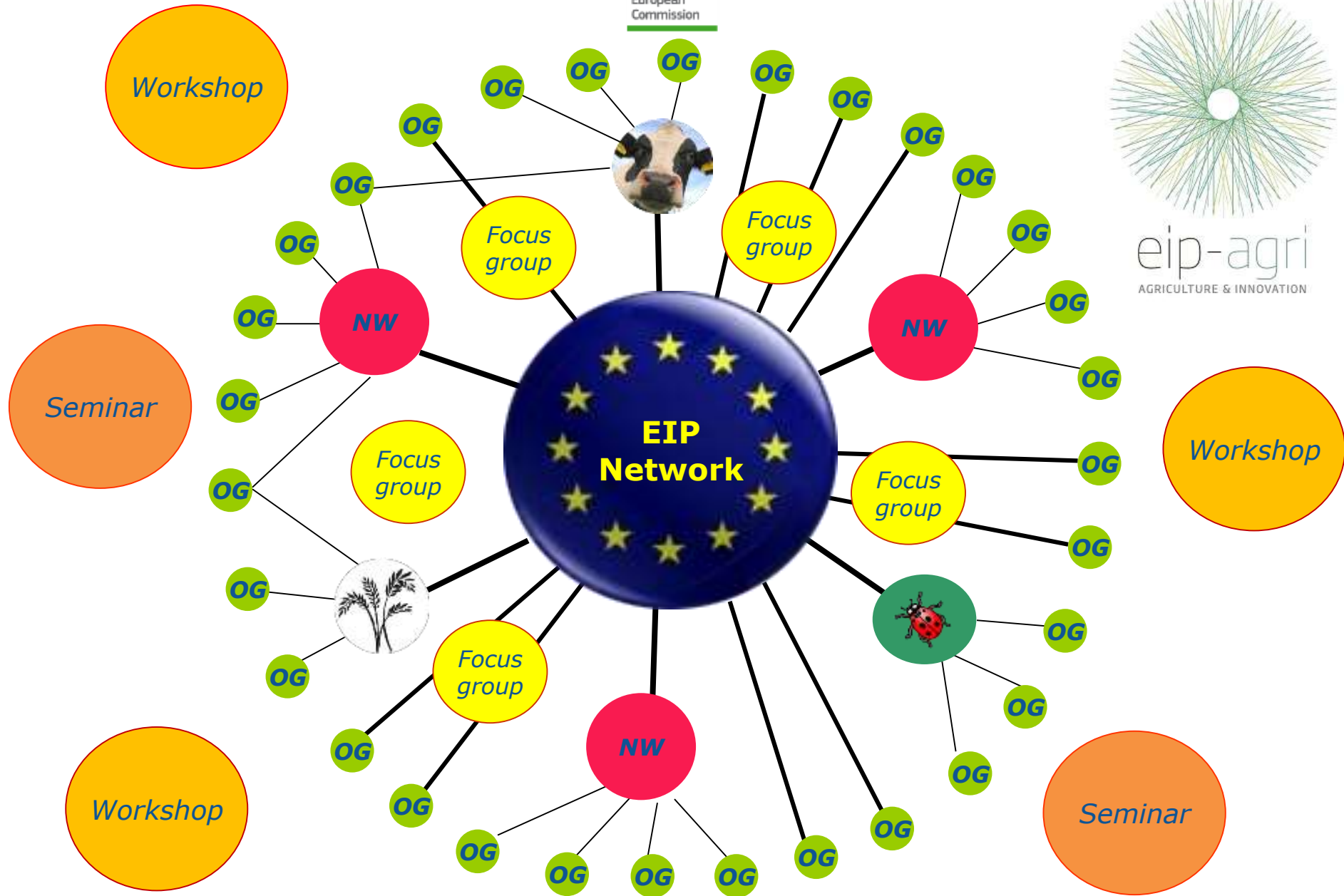
- *"Operational Groups" are no stakeholder networks, no stakeholder boards, no thematic coordination groups, nor discussion groups*
- *"Operational Group" = a team composed of those **actors relevant for that particular project**, working together in an interactive innovation project and producing concrete results*

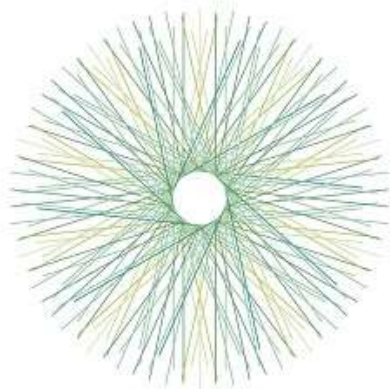


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# ***Building the EIP Network: the Service Point and the EIP website***

<http://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/>

# The EIP website is live!



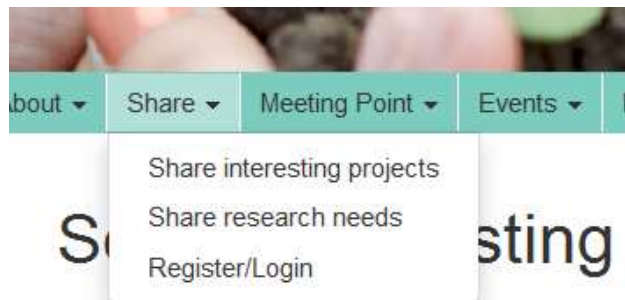
**THE ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION IN EUROPE**

- SHARE WITH US** information about you, your projects and projects ideas, research needs, etc.
- SEARCH AND FIND** funding opportunities, partners, interesting projects... on EIP-AGRI Meeting Point
- FOCUS ON** practical innovative solutions to problems and opportunities provided in the EIP-AGRI Focus Group chapter
- DEEPEN YOUR KNOWLEDGE** by different EIP-AGRI related publications in our library
- STAY UP TO DATE** on innovation related agricultural topics and read about the latest EIP-AGRI news and events

*Still work in progress...*

# Interactive functions

## Share



***Share your research needs to make them visible to other potential partners through the meeting point.***

## Search

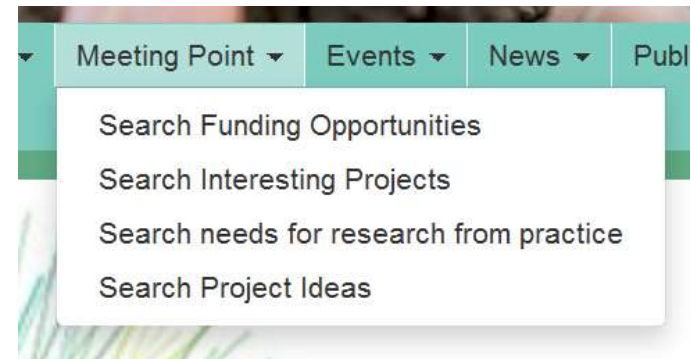
***Find projects***

***Find funding sources***

***Find partners***

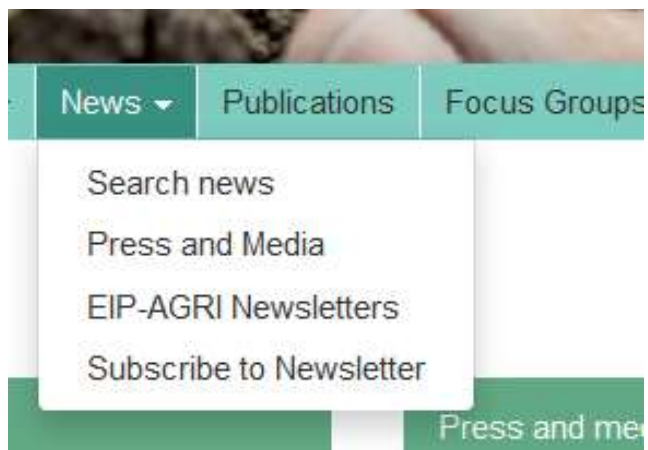
***Find project ideas from other users***

***Check the needs for research from practice***



# Information on-line

## News



- ***Subscribe to our monthly newsletter***
- ***Read past newsletters***
- ***Search press articles and press releases***

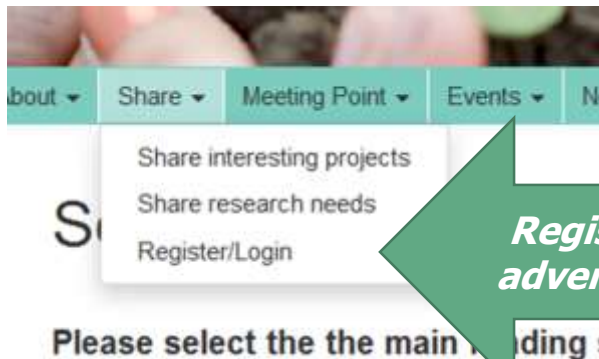
## Events



- ***Information on workshops, focus groups and other events organised by EIP-Agri***
- ***European calendar – upcoming events related to the EIP network***



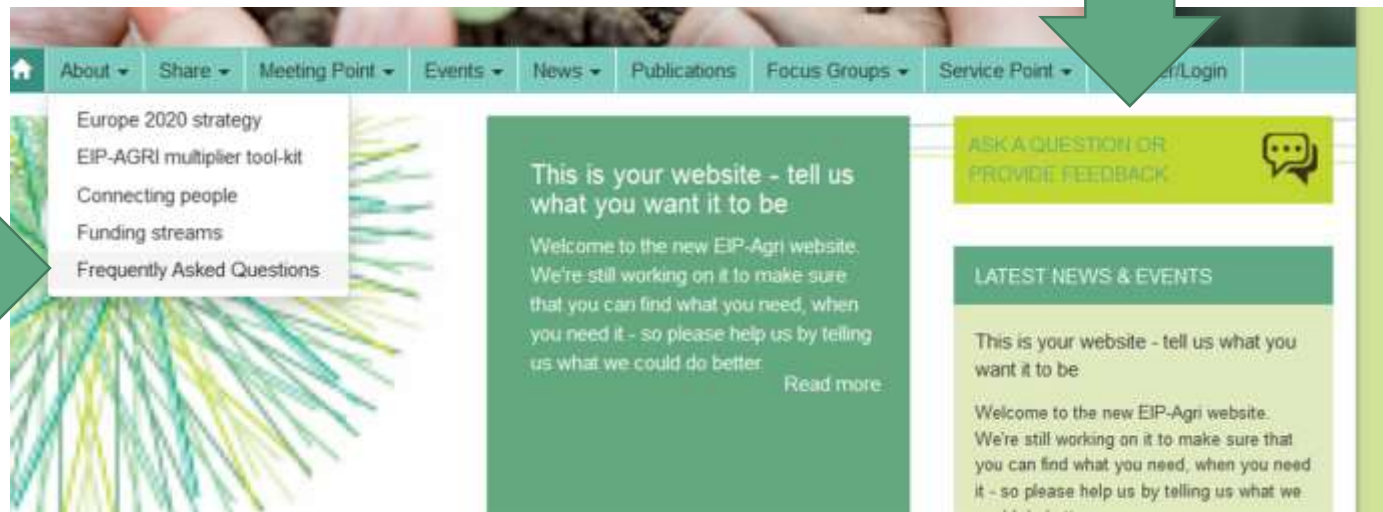
# Get involved



*Register on the website and advertise your project results*

*Ask a question or provide feedback*

*Frequently Asked Questions*



***Thanks for your attention!***

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