CAP Networks & the 7 Networking Objectives

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Networking Objectives

- Where do the National Networks (NNs) stand regarding the 7 Networking Objectives?

National CAP networks objectives

a) Increase stakeholder involvement in CSP implementation

b) Accompany MS in CSP implementation and transition to performance based delivery model

c) Improve quality of CSP implementation

d) Informing public and potential beneficiaries

e) Foster innovation, support peer learning, inclusion and networking of all in knowledge exchange/building

f) Monitoring & evaluation capacity and activities

g) CSP result dissemination

Method

> Source of information: Network Mapping Surveys Summary Report (Q4 2022)

> Gathered information pertaining to each Networking Objective

> Information categorised as either 1) planned, 2) opportunities, 3) challenges, or 4) needs for network support

> In many cases, points presented could be attributed to more than one Network objective

a) Increase stakeholder involvement

Planned:

› NSUs will involve farmers and their associations, researchers, advisory services, and others, e.g. climate and environmental actors (15 NSUs).

› Almost half of NSUs stated already have connections with Pillar 1 stakeholders (11 NSUs).

Opportunities:

› To strengthen collaboration/linkages with actors at National/EU CAP Networks, TNC, Horizon Europe, public services, and others (10 NSUs).

Challenges:

› How to successfully integrate and foster cooperation between an increased number of stakeholders (20 NSUs).

Needs for support:

› Ensure broader involvement of AKIS and other stakeholders at EU CAP Network activities (6 NSUs).

b) Accompany MS in CSP implementation

Planned:

Main CSP priorities that CAP Networks intend to significantly contribute to:

> Exchange knowledge and networking with AKIS stakeholders (27 NSUs)

> Support innovation in agriculture via EIP-AGRI OGs (19 NSUs)

> Support innovation in rural areas via LEADER and Smart Villages (15 NSUs)

> Contribute to CAP's environmental / climate objectives e.g. green architecture (14 NSUs)

> Contribute to EU level strategies, Green Deal, LTVRA, Rural Pact, F2F and others (14 NSUs)

b) Accompany MS in CSP implementation

Opportunities:

› To improve the flow of information, knowledge exchange, the transfer of innovations and cooperation between CAP stakeholders (12 NSUs).

Challenges:

› Different types of operational challenges that the new CAP Networks will be confronted with e.g. administrative, human resources (9 NSUs).

› Among them, NSUs will need to support more networking activities with limited financial resources (7 NSUs).

Needs for support:

› Share good practices between Member States e.g. on eco-schemes, agro-forestry measure, new methods / approaches (10 NSUs).

› Organise thematic working groups bringing together stakeholders from different MS (9 NSUs)

c) Improve quality of CSP implementation

Planned:

›   14 NSUs will implement animation & communication activities, e.g. disseminating good practice examples about CSP implementation.

›   NSUs will organise events and thematic activities, e.g. workshops, aimed at AKIS stakeholders and researchers (14 NSUs).

Challenges:

›   How to identify good practice examples and share them amongst rural stakeholders of both pillars of the CAP (5 NSUs).

Needs for support:

›   Strengthen the provision of exchanges on networking opportunities and information about other CAP Networks (19 NSUs).

›   Improve access for NSUs to information and resources e.g. contact lists, projects and LAG databases, inventory of implementation approaches on CAP interventions in various MS (6 NSUs).

d) Information to public and beneficiaries

Planned:

> Continue and expand of the use of digital tools and methods of communication by CAP Networks (21 NSUs).

Opportunities:

> To improve the flow of information and knowledge exchange between CAP stakeholders (12 NSUs).

Challenges:

> How to effectively communicating the EU Strategies (e.g. Farm to Fork) to the general public and all interested stakeholders (4 NSUs).

Needs for support:

> Need access to translated material and resources to improve the flow of information (5 NSUs).

e) Foster innovation, support peer to peer/ knowledge exchange

Planned:

> CAP Networks will support innovation in agriculture through disseminating information about EIP-AGRI OGs (19 NSUs).

> CAP Networks will prioritise supporting innovation in rural areas through LEADER, including Smart Villages (15 NSUs).

Opportunities:

> To promote innovation in agriculture, mainly in relation to implementing the AKIS (9 NSUs).

Needs for support:

> Share good practices on innovation and provide Guidelines on LEADER TNC (2 NSUs).

f) Monitoring and evaluation capacity

Planned:

> CAP Networks plan to contribute to the M&E of the CSP's implementation, in addition to disseminating its results (10 NSUs).

> Increase their focus on monitoring and demonstrating the impact of interventions and innovative projects (2 NSUs).

Challenges:

> The implementation requirements of the new monitoring and evaluation system (2 NSUs).

> How to communicate CAP evaluation results (1 NSU).

Needs for support:

> Manuals on monitoring and evaluation (1 NSU).

g) CSP result dissemination

Planned:

> Increased focus on monitoring and demonstrating the impact of interventions and innovative projects (2 NSUs).

> CAP Networks will place emphasis on raising awareness among consumers about safe, high-quality, locally produced and affordable food (2 NSUs).

> Disseminating local/regional actions concerning generational renewal at national level and sharing good practices (1 NSU).

Needs for support:

> Provide up to date information on members of the EU CAP Network and entities, international associations, researchers, advisors, projects from different MS (2 NSUs).

General reflections

› The CAP Networks already have ideas-plans to support most of the Network objectives. The exception being CSP result dissemination

› Joint activities between NNs, exchanging of knowledge and experiences between the NSUs, and collecting and sharing of good practice will play a critical role.

› Clear directions were provided to the EU CAP Network on the different types of support required by the NNs in realising the objectives, including:

› facilitating the exchange and flow of information among the Networks

› providing guidance and benchmarking

› increasing the NSUs' animation skills, and bringing together new stakeholders at EU and national level

› provision of good practices

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