

1st European CAP Network workshop 'National networking for innovation'

AGENDA

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National CAP Networks are key players in Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS), and they have the same objectives and tasks related to the AKIS strategy as the EU CAP Network, as defined in the CAP Regulation under Article 126. Even if National Networks have gained experience with EIP-AGRI throughout the previous programming period, the concept of AKIS is much broader and may be new to them. Also, the role of National CAP Networks to improve AKIS at national level needs further support, as shown in the Network Mapping Surveys Summary Report (2023). The issue was also stressed during the first National CAP Networks meeting in Croatia (22-23 March 2023): National Networks need capacity building, support in peer-to-peer learning and the identification of good practices in order to create a good understanding on AKIS. This includes finding all aspects of their role in the AKIS and getting inspiration on how to effectively support well-functioning AKIS in Member States and thus better perform to meet their objectives, according to Article 114.

In this context the EC – DG AGRI and the EIP-AGRI Support Facility are organising a **1st workshop on national networking** to discuss and exchange with National CAP Networks on their **role in the Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (AKIS)** and the related tasks and objectives as stipulated by Art. 126(3)(e) and 126(4)(d)(e). Other topics to be addressed could be networking approaches and tools to support a well-functioning AKIS, exchange on ongoing and planned networking activities with a view to identifying synergies and complementarities and needs for support from the EIP-AGRI Support Facility at EU level.

The objectives of the workshop are:

- › Discuss and exchange ideas with National CAP Networks on their role in the Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation System (AKIS) and the related tasks and objectives as stipulated by Art. 126(3)(e) and 126(4)(d)(e);
- › Share different networking approaches and tools to support a well-functioning AKIS, and exchange ideas on ongoing and planned networking activities with a view on identifying synergies and complementarities, such as cross-border and transnational cooperation;
- › Stimulate further collaboration between National CAP Networks and the European CAP Network in the context of networking for innovation and knowledge exchange.

More information available on the [event webpage](#)



Timing	Wednesday 29 November 2023 Day 0
19.00 – 21.00	Welcome reception in the Nordic Hotel Forum offered by the Centre of Estonian Rural Research and Knowledge (METK)

Timing	Thursday 30 November 2023 Day 1
8.00 – 9.00	Registration
9.00 – 9.10	Welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Marko Gorban - Secretary General of the Estonian Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture</i>
9.10 – 10.00	Setting the scene: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › European CAP Strategic Plan framework for National CAP Networks' role in AKIS – <i>Inge Van Oost - DG AGRI, D.1 Rural areas and networks, European Commission</i> › Estonian approach to national networking for innovation and knowledge exchange – <i>Pille Koorberg, Centre of Estonian Rural Research and Knowledge (METK – Estonian CAP Network)</i> › Q&A
10.00 – 10.40	Introduction to the breakout session on supporting well-functioning AKISs: practical approaches for National CAP Networks leading to enhanced networking within AKISs Inspiring examples from Member States <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › <i>Johanna Rohrhofer, Austrian CAP-Network, Austria</i> › <i>Tuija Kallio, Finnish Rural Network, Finland</i> › <i>Maura Farrell, University of Galway Ireland</i> › <i>Margo Weckx, Flemish CAP Network, Belgium</i>
10.40 – 11.10	Coffee break
11.10 – 13.00	Parallel breakout sessions on supporting well-functioning AKISs for National CAP Networks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Sharing understandings of the nature of the challenge of supporting a well-functioning AKIS › Sharing different networking approaches and good practices to support a well-functioning AKIS



13.00 – 14.00	<i>Networking lunch</i>
14.00 – 14.40	<p>Introduction to the breakout session on National CAP Networks' roles and their key tasks within national AKIS</p> <p>Inspiring examples from Member States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › <i>Frida Sporre, Swedish Board of Agriculture, Sweden</i> › <i>Matej Štepec & Joži J. Cvelbar, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, Slovenia</i> › <i>Inge De Bo, Horizon Europe project 'EU-FarmBook'</i>
14.40 – 16.30	<p>Parallel breakout sessions on National CAP Networks' roles and their key tasks within national AKIS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Fostering innovation and knowledge exchange in agriculture and rural development › Involving all stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identifying and targeting all relevant stakeholders ○ How to better connect with researchers and advisors › Supporting peer-to-peer learning › Supporting knowledge exchange and knowledge building processes › Collecting information and facilitating dissemination and networking of funded structures and projects, such as EIP Operational Groups
16.30 – 17.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
17.00 – 17.30	Reporting back and reflections from Day 1
19.00 – 21:00	<i>Networking dinner</i>

Timing	Friday 1 December 2023 Day 2
8.30 – 9.00	Registration
9.00 – 9.10	Morning energiser
9.10 – 9.25	<p>Introduction to the breakout session on transnational collaboration</p> <p>Inspiring example</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › <i>Konstantin Mihhejev, Nordic-Baltic Network to Innovate</i>



9.25 – 10.15	Breakout session on transnational collaboration (part 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Stimulating collaboration between National CAP Networks, identifying synergies and complementarities › Identifying opportunities for collaboration between National CAP Networks and the European CAP Network
10.15-10.30	European Horizon framework supporting transnational cooperation for AKIS and introduction to the poster session <i>Natalia Brzezina, DG AGRI, F.2 Research and Innovation, European Commission</i>
10.30– 11.00	Poster session EIP-AGRI Horizon multi-actor projects supporting AKIS interactions, Thematic and Advisory Networks for transnational knowledge flows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › <i>Livia Kránitz, Horizon Europe project 'modernAKIS'</i> https://modernakis.eu/ › <i>Anita Beblek, Horizon Europe project 'ATTRACTISS'</i> https://attractiss.eu/ › <i>Inge De Bo & Mark Redman, Horizon Europe project 'EU-FarmBook'</i> https://lnkd.in/dqTmpTF8 › <i>Kaie Laaneväli-Vinokurov, Horizon Europe project 'PREMIERE'</i> https://lnkd.in/ecAPHNgE › <i>Francisco Javier Rodríguez Rigueiro, Horizon Europe thematic network 'AF4EU'</i> https://af4eu.eu/ › <i>Lotta Fabricius Kristiansen, Horizon Europe thematic network 'B-Thenet'</i> https://www.bthenet.eu/ › <i>Francesca Giannetti & Solaria Anzilotti, Horizon thematic network 'FOREST4EU'</i> https://www.forest4eu.eu/ › <i>Stefan Gunnarsson, Horizon Europe thematic network 'BroilerNET'</i> https://broilernet.eu/ › <i>Sergio Ponsá & Victor Carbajal, Horizon Europe thematic network 'NUTRI-KNOW'</i> https://www.nutri-know.eu/
11.00 – 11.25	Coffee break
11.25 – 12.15	Breakout session on transnational collaboration (part 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Identifying practical scenarios for National CAP Networks to activate/support cross-border and transnational cooperation, enhancing cooperation with National Contact Points (Horizon Europe) › Sharing good practices and promising future approaches for transnational approaches leveraging AKIS, including



	creating opportunities for EIP-AGRI Operational Groups using various instruments
12.15 – 13.00	Feedback, evaluation and closing remarks
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Networking lunch</i>
14.00	End of the workshop

