Application form  
EIP-AGRI Innovation Awards 2024 for Operational Groups

Fields marked with * are mandatory.

This application form is dedicated to Operational Group projects (OG) wishing to submit an application to the EIP-AGRI Innovation Awards.

Applications to the awards should be coordinated among OG project partners so that **one single application per project** is provided. The OG is considered as the applicant. Each OG project can apply to only **one single category**.

**OGs must meet the following eligibility criteria** for its application to be considered.

**EITHER:**
The OG has concluded their activity, meaning that the project has ended and has concrete outcomes which can be new or improved practice, solution, product or process that can be applied by end users, replicated, implemented in other environments,

**OR**
The OG is at the final stages of its implementation (will be finished at latest 4 months after the closing deadline of the awards (closing deadline 8 February 2024) and already have concrete results/innovations to showcase.
General information on the EIP-AGRI Innovation Awards can be found on the [awards webpage](#) (please refer specifically to the guidelines).

**This call for applications is open until 8 February 2024, 23:59 CET.**

Nominees and winners will be invited to the awards ceremony which will take place during the [EU CAP Network Conference ‘EIP-AGRI Operational Groups: Innovation in practice’](#). Please note: We strongly encourage all Operational Groups which have developed innovative practices, solutions, products and processes to apply to both the awards and to the conference.

For any questions regarding the awards, please contact [award.innovation@eucapnetwork.eu](mailto:award.innovation@eucapnetwork.eu)

### Part A - Identification of the Operational Group project

When completing your application to the awards, you are applying on behalf of one single Operational Group project (OG). If you are involved in more than one OG, you can fill in more than one application form.

1. **What is the full official title of your Operational Group project?**

   

2. **What is the title of your Operational Group project in English?**

   

3. **In which country is your project located?**

   - Austria
   - Belgium
   - Bulgaria
   - Croatia
   - Cyprus
   - Czechia
   - Denmark
   - Estonia
   - Finland
   - France
   - Germany
   - Greece
   - Hungary
   - Ireland
   - Italy
   - Latvia
   - Lithuania
4. If applicable, in which region(s) is your OG being implemented?

5. What are the start and end dates of your OG?

   * Start date

   * End date

6. Please provide the link to any webpage(s) with information about your OG, and links to other social media channels featuring your project.

Part B – Identification of the OG representative(s)

If your Operational Group is selected as one of the nominees for the awards, the OG will automatically be invited to take part in the conference (including the exhibition) and awards ceremony on 7-8 May 2024 in Estoril (Portugal). Please tell us who would represent your OG, if your OG were to be a nominee.
Two representatives may attend if at least one participant is a farmer or forester. Otherwise, only one participant per Operational Group project will be invited. Would you like to provide information for two representatives (the second one being a farmer or forester)?

- Yes (two representatives)
- No (one representative)

Are you, the person filling this application form, one of the representatives? If not, we ask you for your contact details further below.

- Yes (I am one of the representatives)
- No (I am not one of the representatives)

**Representative 1:**

1. Mr/Ms/Mx
   - Mr
   - Ms
   - Mx

2. First name

3. Family name

4. Country
   - Austria
   - Belgium
   - Bulgaria
   - Croatia
   - Cyprus
   - Czechia
   - Denmark
   - Estonia
   - Finland
   - France
   - Germany
   - Greece
   - Hungary
   - Ireland
   - Italy
   - Latvia
   - Lithuania
   - Luxembourg
Malta
○ Netherlands
○ Poland
○ Portugal
○ Romania
○ Slovak Republic
○ Slovenia
○ Spain
○ Sweden
○ Other country

* Other country, please specify

5. Email address

Repeat email address

6. Phone number
Your number will not be shared or published. It will only be used for internal purposes in case we would need to reach you.

7. Please indicate your main professional activity

at most 2 choice(s)

- Farmer/farm manager or farm worker
- Forester/forest manager or forest worker
- Rural entrepreneur (other than farmer or forester)
- Advisor on technical, economic, environmental and/or social dimensions for farmers/ foresters
- Innovation support agent and/or innovation broker
- Researcher
- Civil servant
- IT expert and/or technology developer
- Press media collaborator
- Other type of profession

Farmer/farm manager or farm worker

Could you indicate how much of your working time you spend on your farm (in percentage %)
Forester/forest manager or forest worker

Could you indicate how much of your working time you spend on your forest (in percentage %)

Advisor on technical, economic, environmental and/or social dimensions for farmers/foresters

- Private advisor
- Public advisor

Could you indicate how much of your working time you spend on your advisory work (in percentage %)

Innovation support agent and/or innovation broker

Could you indicate how much of your working time you spend on this (in percentage %)

Researcher

Could you indicate how much of your working time you spend on this (in percentage %)

If other, please specify

8. Do you represent an organisation?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please indicate the name of your organisation

What type of organisation?

- Farmers’ organisation / association
- Foresters’ organisation / association
- Advisory organisation (on technical, economic, environmental and/or social dimensions for farmers/foresters)
- Innovation Support Service
- Research organisation
- Local Action Group (LEADER LAG)
- Other type of organisation
• Public or private advisory organisation?
  ○ Public
  ○ Private

• Public or private research organisation?
  ○ Public
  ○ Private

• Other type of organisation
  ○ Climate/ environment/ nature organisation or agency
  ○ Educational or continued professional development organisation (including vocational training)
  ○ IT and/or technology related organisation / company
  ○ Industry-related organisation/company
  ○ Consumer organisation
  ○ Other type of organisation

• If other, please specify

• Country (main offices/ headquarters)
  ○ Austria
  ○ Belgium
  ○ Bulgaria
  ○ Croatia
  ○ Cyprus
  ○ Czechia
  ○ Denmark
  ○ Estonia
  ○ Finland
  ○ France
  ○ Germany
  ○ Greece
  ○ Hungary
  ○ Ireland
  ○ Italy
  ○ Latvia
  ○ Lithuania
  ○ Luxembourg
  ○ Malta
  ○ Netherlands
  ○ Poland
  ○ Portugal
  ○ Romania
  ○ Slovak Republic
Representative 2 (farmer or forester):

1. Mr/Ms/Mx
   - Mr
   - Ms
   - Mx

2. First name

3. Family name

4. Country
   - Austria
   - Belgium
   - Bulgaria
   - Croatia
   - Cyprus
   - Czechia
   - Denmark
   - Estonia
   - Finland
   - France
   - Germany
   - Greece
   - Hungary
   - Ireland
   - Italy
   - Latvia
   - Lithuania

Other country, please specify

Organisation website
* Luxembourg
* Malta
* Netherlands
* Poland
* Portugal
* Romania
* Slovak Republic
* Slovenia
* Spain
* Sweden
* Other country

* Other country, please specify

* 5. Email address

* Repeat email address

* 6. Phone number
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* 7. Please indicate your main professional activity
  at most 2 choice(s)
  - Farmer/farm manager or farm worker
  - Forester/forest manager or forest worker

Farmer/farm manager or farm worker

Could you indicate how much of your working time you spend on your farm (in percentage %)

Forester/forest manager or forest worker

Could you indicate how much of your working time you spend on your forest (in percentage %)

* 8. Do you represent an organisation?
Yes
No

* If yes, please indicate the name of your organisation

* What type of organisation?
  - □ Farmers' organisation / association
  - □ Foresters' organisation / association
  - □ Advisory organisation (on technical, economic, environmental and/or social dimensions for farmers/ foresters)
  - □ Innovation Support Service
  - □ Research organisation
  - □ Local Action Group (LEADER LAG)
  - □ Other type of organisation

* Public or private advisory organisation?
  - □ Public
  - □ Private

* Public or private research organisation?
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* Other type of organisation
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Finland  France  Germany  Greece  Hungary  Ireland  Italy  Latvia  Lithuania  Luxembourg  Malta  Netherlands  Poland  Portugal  Romania  Slovak Republic  Slovenia  Spain  Sweden  Other country

* Other country, please specify

* Organisation website

Person completing this form

In case the person filling this application is not one of the two representatives listed above, than please also let us know your name, email address and telephone number in case we need to contact you for further information.

* 1. Mr/Ms/Mx
   - Mr
   - Ms
   - Mx

* 2. First name

* 3. Family name
Part C - EIP-AGRI Innovation Awards questions

1. Which category of the competition would you like to apply to? (OGs can apply only to 1 category which aligns with their main focus)

   Please refer to the guidelines on the awards webpage where you can find details on each of the categories

   - Category 1: Sustainable management of natural resources in farming practices
   - Category 2: Business models in food supply chains
   - Category 3: Animal welfare and husbandry
   - Category 4: Climate change mitigation and adaptation
   - Category 5: Sustainable forest management
   - Category 6: Digitalisation

2. What is the challenge or practical problem your OG is tackling, or what opportunity it is addressing?

   1000 character(s) maximum

3. What is the concrete innovative solution, practice, product, process your OG developed to tackle the challenge or address the opportunity? Please describe the innovative character of your solution and why this innovation is important for farmers/foresters, the sector, society, region etc.

   3000 character(s) maximum
4. How were practitioners involved in the development of your solution, practice, process or product? Which type of partners did you choose to ensure input of complementary knowledge (practical, organisational, scientific, etc.) as needed for the objectives of the project?

5. Dissemination

5.1. How did you disseminate the project results outside the project? Please describe this as specifically and concretely as possible. (max.1000 characters). Please list any relevant communication activities and outlets where your project was highlighted or involved in (list of articles, events, communication tools, references, etc.).

5.2. Please describe what were the concrete results achieved through these dissemination activities (e.g. other farmers/foresters started implementing the innovation, or you received feedback from other practitioners on how to adapt or further improve the innovation).

6. Transferability, scalability and market value creation of innovative outcomes.
You are encouraged to respond to all of the following questions with as much detail as possible. You need to show significant results in at least one of the following characteristics:
6.1. Transferability - Please describe how your OG results are adapted and implemented OR can be adapted and implemented in another context, such as a farm, a region, etc. Please be as specific and concrete as possible.

1000 character(s) maximum

6.2. Scalability - Please describe how your OG results are implemented or can be implemented at a larger scale (keeping in mind that scalability is understood as the capacity of an innovation to accommodate growing needs or to expand without experiencing unfavourable effects on its performance in the context where the innovation is being innovated, or in another context). Please be as specific and concrete as possible.

1000 character(s) maximum

6.3. Market Value creation - Value creation is related to the establishment or improvement of market opportunities through the project results, for example through improved quality, product diversification/differentiation, adapting to changing market demands, innovations in packaging, logistics and processing. In this context, how did your OG result create new added value? Please be as concrete and as specific as possible, giving examples where applicable.

1000 character(s) maximum

You can also upload up to 2 photos from your OG project to support your application

Maximum 2 files
Only files of the type png,jpg,jpeg,gif,bmp are allowed

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