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Inspiring examples from Member States

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Interactive Session 3: Opportunities, enablers and support: inspiring 'how to' examples from CAP and beyond

The potential of activities under Horizon 2020 / Horizon Europe projects as tools for life-long learning

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Experience on Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe projects



Peer-to-Peer Learning: Accessing Innovation through Demonstration — **PLAID** under Horizon 2020 (January 2017 – June 2019)



Networking European Farms to Enhance Cross Fertilisation and Innovation Uptake through Demonstration" (**NEFERTITI**) (January 2018 – September 2022)



Connecting Advisers to Boost Interactive Innovation in Agriculture and Forestry (**i2connect**) (November 2019 – October 2024)

Experience on Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe projects



Project “Modernisation of Agriculture through more efficient and effective Agricultural Knowledge and Information Systems” (modernAKIS), Start: 01.09.2022, Duration - 84 months - 7 years



Project “A European-wide network of pilot farmers implementing and demonstrating climate smart solutions for a carbon neutral Europe” (Climate Farm Demo) ” , Start: 01.10.2022, Duration - 84 months - 7 years



Project “Connecting and mobilizing the EU agricultural advisory community to support the transition to Climate Smart Farming” (ClimateSmartAdvisors) – Start: 01.04.2023, Duration - 84 months - 7 years

Tools for life-long learning applied in Horizon 2020 / Horizon Europe projects

- * *On-farm demo events and peer-to-peer learning*
- * *Networking and exchange of experience*
- * *Communities of Practice*
- * *Cross visits*
- * *Collection and exchange practice-oriented knowledge on advisors and innovation support*
- * *Online modules for training*
- * *Design and preparation of learning material and toolkits*
- * *Holding of intensive advanced capacity building events/camps*



Tools for life-long learning

On-farm demonstrations

Why, what and who

- * **Why on-farm demonstrations?**
 - *Farmers / advisors prefer learning from each other*
 - *Make tacit knowledge of farmers / advisors explicit for other farmers/advisors and participants*
 - *Direct communication between farmers/advisors and participants*
- * **What are the main objectives?**
 - *Transfer and exchange knowledge in practice*
 - *Spreading innovations*
 - *Set up network, communication and social links between farmers*
- * **Who are the main target groups?**
 - *Farmers, also advisors are on focus*
 - *Advisors*



Tools for life-long learning

On-farm demonstrations

Benefits

- * Increasing the number of farmers who will apply the presented technologies / machines / processes and advisors during providing advisory services
- * Tangible evidence that supports what is being presented
- * More confidence in the knowledge and innovations presented - farmers believe other farmers, the same for advisors
- * Making tacit knowledge of farmers / advisors explicit for other farmers / advisors and participants
- * Opportunity for direct questions to the presenter/lecturer
- * Ensuring direct communication between participants and with presenters
- * Facilitating networking



Benefits from participating in Horizon projects for improvement the quality of the work of advisors and for life-long learning

- **Linking projects and practitioners** from research, education, advisory, farming practice and EIP Operational Groups in all EU member states
- Enhance advisors' **personal skills** (for example through I2Connect trainings)
- **Technical knowledge:** Exchange of experience and good agricultural practices between advisors through their participation in networks on specific issues
- Easy **access to new knowledge** permanently coming in through networking with (ex-) project partners
- **Cross-fertilisation**



Benefits from participating in Horizon projects for improvement the quality of the work of advisors and for life-long learning

- **Exchange of life-long learning tools** and practice on EU level and beyond
- **Improvement peer-to-peer learning** between advisors on EU level and beyond
- **Encourage wider use of available knowledge** and innovation on EU level and beyond
- **Many new developed tools** and acquired knowledge to support peer to peer learning and knowledge transfer to farmers, e.g. Farm Demo Training Kit (<https://trainingkit.farmdemo.eu/>)
- **Build capacities** of advisors on EU level

Good Practice Guidelines for Virtual Demonstration

WP4 : Increasing Access through Virtual Demonstration



Complement other existing instruments for skills delivery



- * **EIP-AGRI Operational Groups** including though participation in Horizon 2020 / Horizon Europe Communities of practice and Networks



- * **Interventions for training** advisors / farmers under EU countries' CAP Strategic Plans – trainings should be complementary, not overlapping



- * **Erasmus+** (the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe) – trainings should be complementary, not overlapping.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

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