



# EU CAP Network Conference 'EIP-AGRI Operational Groups: Innovation in practice'

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INTERACTIVE INNOVATION



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Workshop 2 'Facilitating: ensuring a smooth-  
running Operational Group project'

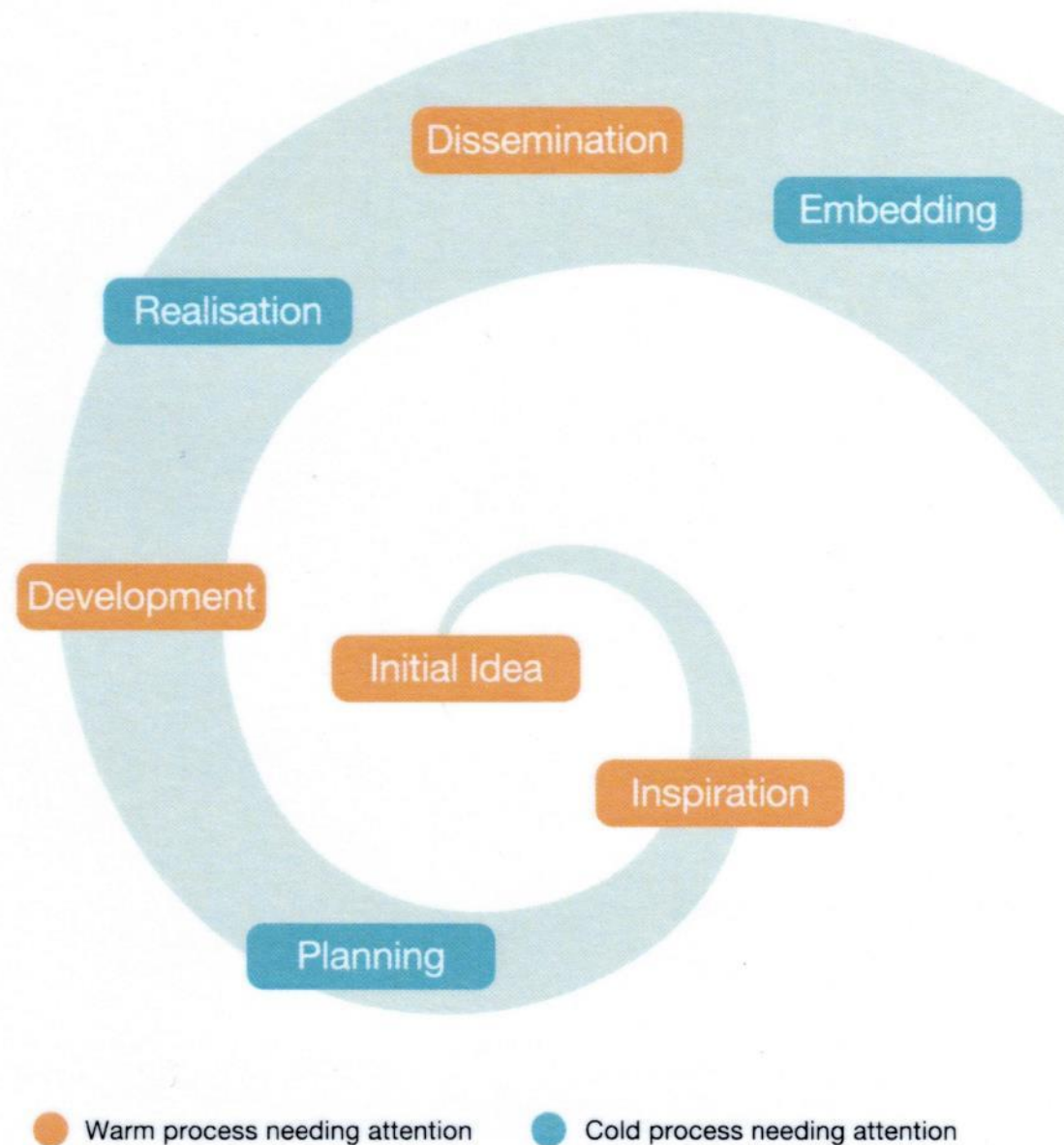
Some outcomes from the i2connect project  
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## Adopting an appropriate mindset & attitude

- Not knowing solutions beforehand
- Being aware that it is an iterative process
- Taking risks (courage)
- Learning from failures
- Having confidence in the group (collective intelligence)
- Showing empathy and curiosity
- Creating a trustful environment
- Being aware of ambiguities & diverging interests

# The Spiral of Initiative

- **Basic assumptions:**
  - The capacity to innovate depends on the quality of relationships between AKIS partners.
  - Advisors and innovation support agents play an essential role in strengthening such relationships.
  - Key competences are:
    - ❖ *To recognise interaction patterns*
    - ❖ *To act accordingly in the situation*
- **Innovation process implies an expanding network involving different actors in different phases.**
- **Distinguish between:**
  - **Warm phases:**
    - ❖ *People with ambitions meet, inspire others, experiment...*
  - **Cold phases:**
    - ❖ *People plan, organise, negotiate, struggle for acceptance...*



## What can i2connect offer to EIP-agri OGs?

- **A pool of trained experts:**

- 75 trainers
- 545 advisors
- 42 managers
- 51 students & teachers

- **An EU-wide network of advisors to exchange with:**

- 975 advisory organisations
- 3,500 advisors registered so far

- **Online resources to support innovation:**

- Toolbox
- Competency framework for advisors
- Inspiring examples (195)
- Good practices (30)
- AKIS country reports (29)

*& many other inspiring reports...*

- **Communication & dissemination via our website & social media**



Advisory Services  
Database



AKIS country  
reports



Practical cases



Learning platform



Library

# **EU CAP Network conference**

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All information on the conference is available on the event webpage:

<https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/events/eu-cap-network-conference-eip-agri-operational-groups-innovation-practice>

