



Conference 'EIP-AGRI Operational Groups: Innovation in practice'

- › Date: 6 - 8 May 2024
- › Location: Estoril, Portugal
- › Main goals: to highlight the successful implementation of the EIP-AGRI through Operational Group projects, and to learn from this experience for the implementation of projects under the CAP 2023-2027
- › Participants: close to 550 from all Member States, including representatives of over 175 Operational Group projects
- › Agenda incl. field visits to 4 different locations, plenary sessions, innovation exhibition, ceremony for the EIP-AGRI Innovation Awards 2024, and 7 parallel workshops



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7 Parallel workshops on :

- › Developing innovative ideas into project proposals.
- › Facilitating a smooth-running OG project.
- › Involving farmers and foresters from start to finish
- › Supporting OGs throughout the project
- › Sharing results for better uptake in practice – during and beyond the lifespan of the project
- › Inspiring OGs to collaborate with other innovative projects
- › Fostering transnational OGs



EIP-AGRI Innovation Awards 2024 for Operational Groups

> Six award categories:



Sustainable management of natural resources
in farming practices



Business models in food supply chains



Animal welfare and husbandry



Climate change mitigation and adaptation



Sustainable forest management



Digitalisation



Public favourite award



EIP-AGRI INNOVATION AWARDS

7 MAY 2024



> Call for applications was open between 18.12.2023 – 08.02.2024

- 240 applications received from 23 EU Member States
- **Five nominated projects per category (30 in total)**



EIP-AGRI Innovation Awards 2024 for Operational Groups

- Awards ceremony in Estoril, Portugal
 - Five nominated projects per category (30 in total)
 - 1 winner in each category



Colorado Beetle Catcher: Sustainable Machine Pest Control (The Netherlands)



Cultivation, harvesting and processing of hemp straw and hemp seeds (Germany)



Parsutt – Parma ham high sustainability standard (Italy)



SUBALMA (Spain)



Illaun Farm Forest Alliance (Ireland)



Precision farming in Brandenburg (Germany)

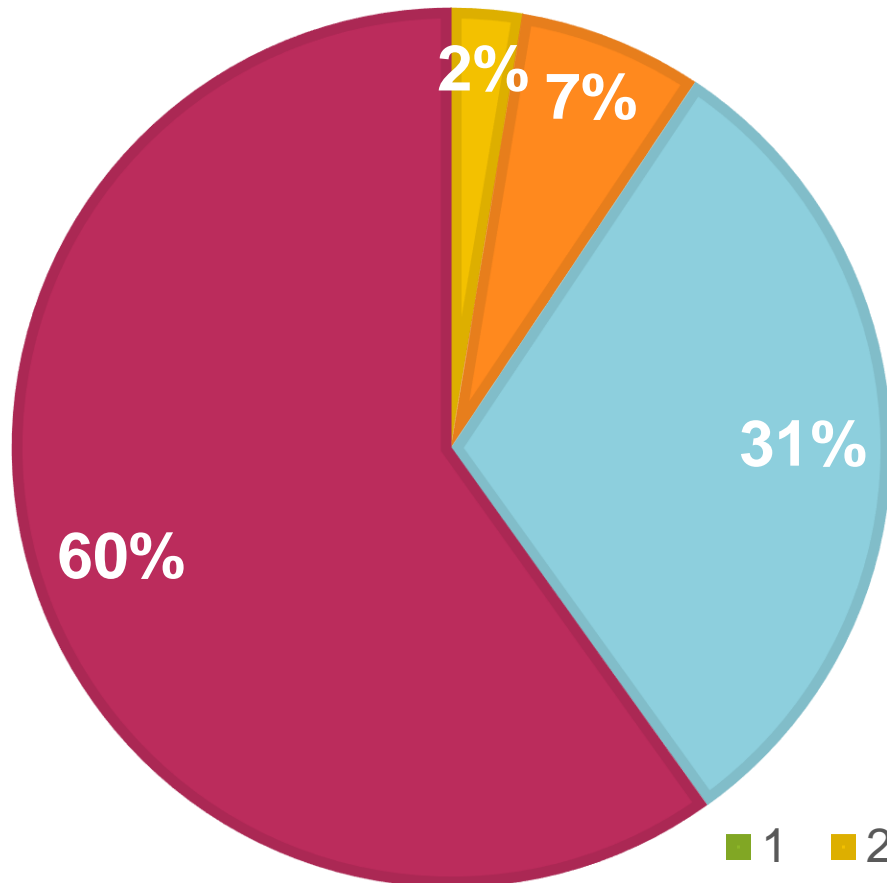


SHEEP-UP – Ovine bio-diversity in Veneto (Italy)

Conference & Awards Ceremony: Evaluation

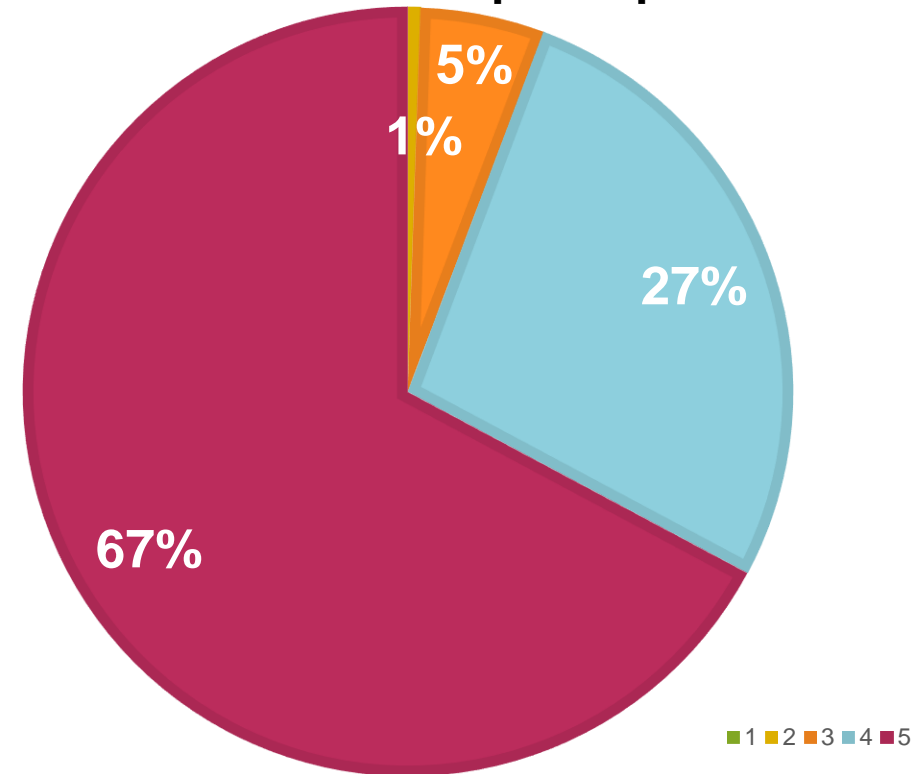
Preliminary results on 14 May 2024

Overall, how satisfied are you with the format of the conference?



1 2 3 4 5
1 = not at all – 5 = very much

Did the conference offer you enough opportunities to exchange ideas with other participants?



EIP-AGRI FOCUS GROUPS

FG 50 on regenerative agriculture for soil health

- How can regenerative agriculture practices help farmers to restore, protect and improve soil health and productivity?
- 2nd meeting held on 23 – 24 April 2024 in Odense (Denmark)

FG 51 on crops associations including milpa and protein crops

- How to integrate crop associations into existing cropping systems and farm landscapes to increase farm resilience and efficient use of natural resources while reducing the dependency on external inputs?
- **2nd meeting to be held on 29 – 30 May 2024 in Toulouse (France)**

FG 52 on competitiveness and resilience of mountain areas

- Which innovative approaches and innovations linked to agriculture, forestry and bioeconomy can foster the competitiveness and the socio-economic and environmental resilience of mountain areas and their communities?
- 2nd meeting held on 06 – 07 March 2024 in Cluj-Napoca (Romania)

