

2nd EU CAP Network workshop ‘National networking for innovation and knowledge exchange’

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The 2nd EU CAP Network workshop on ‘National Networking for Innovation and Knowledge Exchange’ brought together 97 participants from 26 Member States, including national and regional managing authorities, national and regional CAP networks, Member States’ AKIS coordination bodies, paying agencies, innovation support services and advisors. The workshop aimed to foster peer-to-peer learning and explore best practices in networking for innovation and knowledge exchange.

The first day of the event started with an **overview of the French AKIS and the activities of the French national and regional CAP Network**. This was followed by a series of **inspirational examples** presented by Member States and regions, showcasing effective strategies for sharing OG outcomes and upscaling OG outcomes. These examples explore ways to better communicate and connect with schools, advisors’ training interventions, journalists, innovation support services, innovative investment measures, national and EU multi-actor projects, and impact accelerators for scaling up OG results. Later in the afternoon, participants had the opportunity to discuss with peers about best **practices to support the sharing and upscaling of OG outcomes** in their own national or regional context and to identify new initiatives that they would like to implement. Participants enjoyed the fresh ideas and take aways for their own countries.

Participants also had opportunity to visit two OG projects: the [OG ‘Harmony’](#), a new data-exchange application for assessing and follow-up the health status of cattle to prevent infection during transport and the [OG ‘CarbonThink’](#), an innovative method for assessing carbon sequestration and reduction of emission of greenhouse gases in arable farming.

The second day of the event focused on:

- cross-border and transnational collaboration through **matchmaking** on existing OGs, forming partnerships for Horizon Europe calls, and organising specific thematic initiatives such as a **thematic knowledge hub** on animal welfare, cross-visits abroad and more.
- fostering the establishment of **cross-border and transnational OGs**. This session sparked significant interest among participants, leading to a further development of early ideas [previously identified by the Subgroup on Innovation and Knowledge Exchange \(SolKE\)](#).

Overall, during the two days of the workshop, there was a lot of engagement from participants to advance the discussions further.

