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Two men are standing in a vineyard, looking at a tablet. One man is wearing a blue shirt and suspenders, and the other is wearing a checkered shirt and a hat.

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A photograph of a hand holding a small green seedling in the foreground. In the background, a man in a blue shirt is working in a field of large green plants under a bright sky. The image is overlaid with a green L-shaped graphic on the left and several horizontal green bars on the right.

A Vision for **Agriculture and Food**

4 priority areas

- ① Building an attractive sector that ensures a fair standard of living and leverages new income opportunities
- ② A competitive and resilient sector in the face of global challenges
- ③ Future-proofing the agri-food sector that works hand in hand with nature
- ④ Valuing food and fostering fair living and working conditions in vibrant rural areas

Enabling environment: putting research, innovation, knowledge and skills at the heart of Europe's agri-food economy

Creating an enabling environment

- Further advancing the transition through **digitalization**
- Using **knowledge, research and innovation** as catalysts for change
- Strengthening **AKIS** and supporting **advisory services**

Main actions

EU Digital Strategy for Agriculture

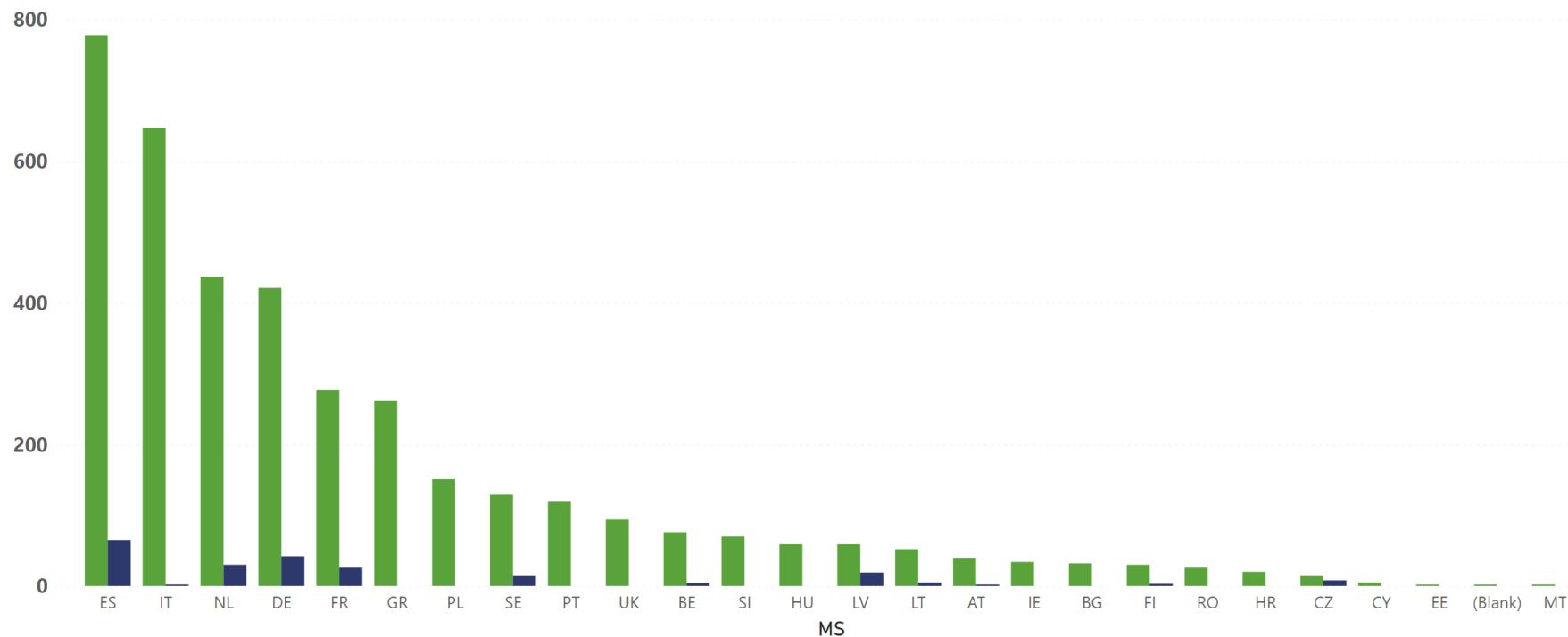
EU strategic approach to R&I to improve the competitiveness of agriculture, forestry and rural areas

CAP supporting AKIS with EIP-AGRI as cornerstone

Strengthening the role of independent advisors

OG project – state of play

Number of OG projects per Member State (both periods)



Number of OG projects (2014-2022)

3,835

Number of OG projects (2023-2027)

220

Total OG projects

4,055

OG project – budget (CAP 2023-2027)

Total budget of projects
(2023-2027)

104.0M

Lowest budget

44.68K

Median budget

494.39K

Average budget

481.40K

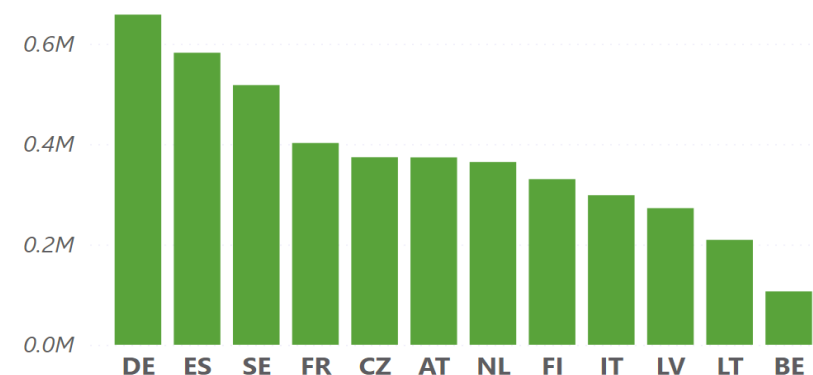
Highest budget

3,890.20K

Member State

All

Average project budget per MS (2023-2027)

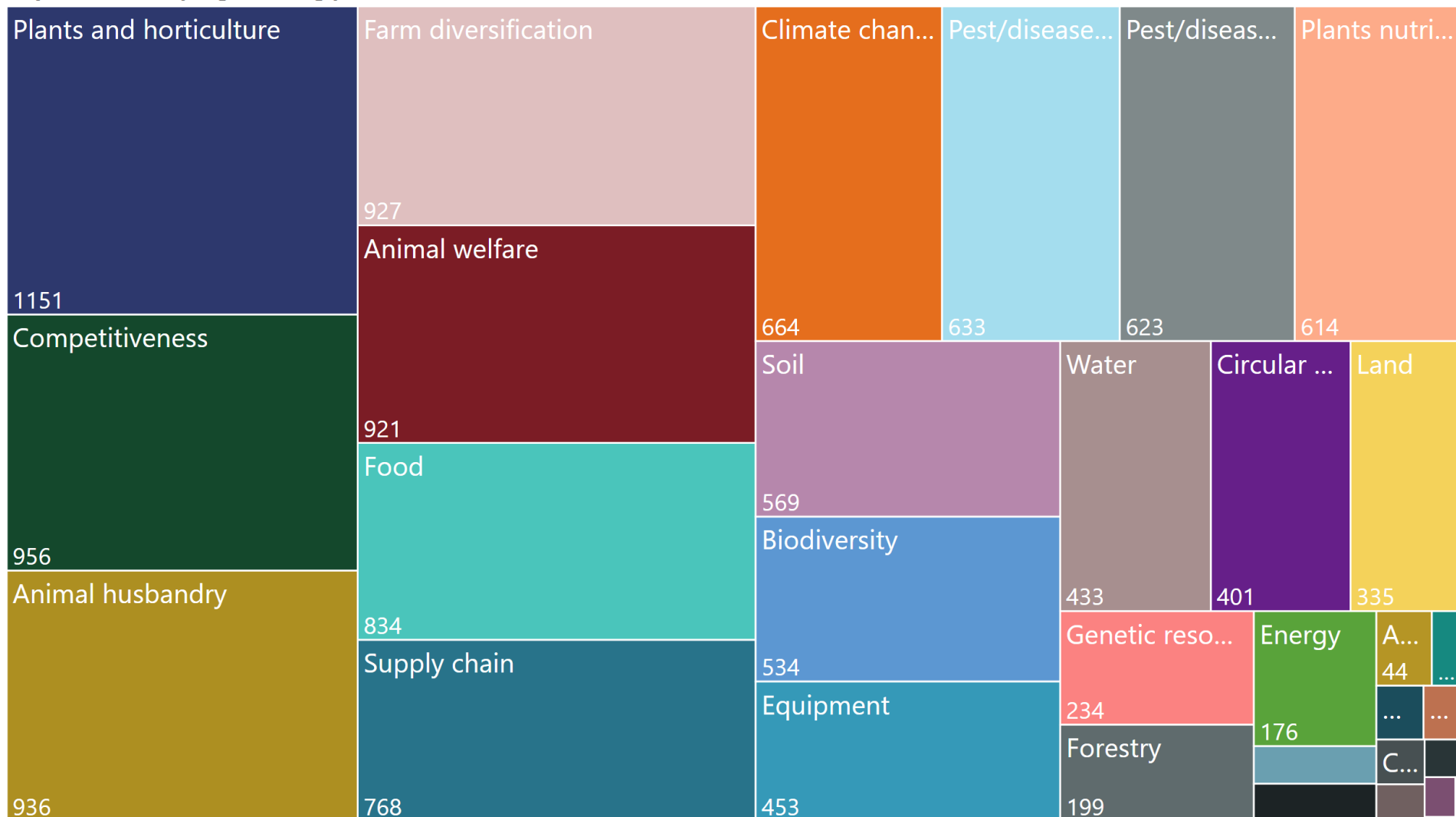


Median project budget per MS (2023-2027)



OG project – themes

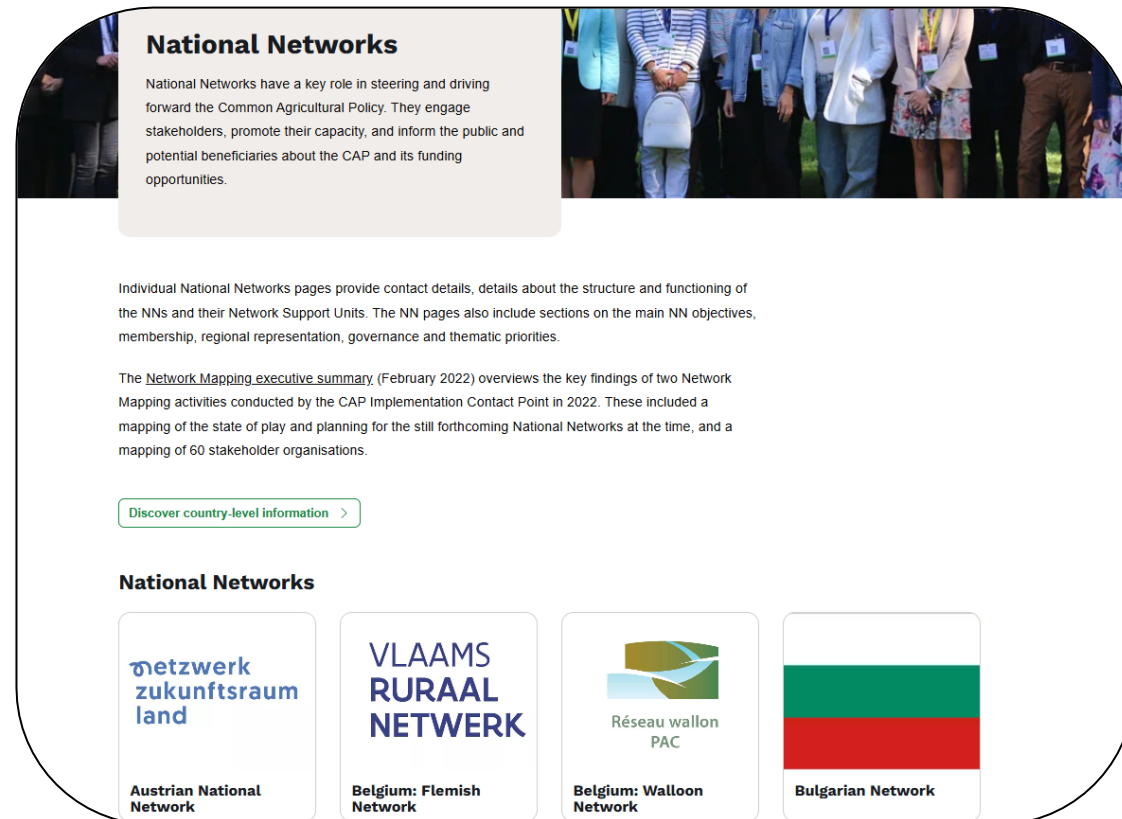
Keywords (both programming periods)



Website – National CAP Networks

Dedicated page on National Networks – contact details to NNs and country data on CAP

New networking pages under development – launched spring 2025



National Networks





National Networks have a key role in steering and driving forward the Common Agricultural Policy. They engage stakeholders, promote their capacity, and inform the public and potential beneficiaries about the CAP and its funding opportunities.

Individual National Networks pages provide contact details, details about the structure and functioning of the NNs and their Network Support Units. The NN pages also include sections on the main NN objectives, membership, regional representation, governance and thematic priorities.

The [Network Mapping executive summary](#) (February 2022) overviews the key findings of two Network Mapping activities conducted by the CAP Implementation Contact Point in 2022. These included a mapping of the state of play and planning for the still forthcoming National Networks at the time, and a mapping of 60 stakeholder organisations.

[Discover country-level information >](#)

National Networks

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Austrian National Network
- 
Belgium: Flemish Network
- 
Belgium: Walloon Network
- 
Bulgarian Network



Latest publications

› EIP-AGRI challenges (videos)

- › [EIP-AGRI Challenge: Regenerative agriculture for soil health](#)
- › [EIP-AGRI Challenge: Crop associations including Milpa and protein crop](#)

› Press articles

- › [Increasing farmers' competitiveness](#)
- › [Climate adaptation on the ground: Increasing farmers' resilience to climate change](#)
- › [Go nuts! The sustainable use of by-products from forestry](#)
- › [Improving the meat quality of pigs and broiler chickens | EU CAP Network](#)

› Reports

- › [EU CAP Network cross-visit 'Climate adaptation on the ground - innovative solutions to build farm resilience'](#)
- › [EU CAP Network cross-visit 'Use of agricultural and forestry residues for creating alternative sources of income for farmers and foresters'](#)
- › [EU CAP Network Workshop 'Promoting pollinator-friendly farming'](#)

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Flash
report after
events



Seminar on 'Robotics and Artificial Intelligence in farming and forestry'

- › Utrecht, The Netherlands | 19-20.02.2025
- › 183 participants | 24 countries
- › 3 main goals of the seminar: demonstration, learning and networking
- › Key activities:
 - › Field visits: Demonstrated AI & robotics in real-world applications across Flevoland, Foodvalley, Betuwe, and South Holland.
 - › Poster session: 26 projects showcased innovative solutions, highlighting farmer-researcher-industry collaboration.



Key messages

AI and robotics are essential for the future of European agriculture

Farmer-driven innovation

Accessible, adaptable technology

Supportive policies & funding



Workshop on 'National networking for innovation and knowledge exchange', 29-30 January 2025, Reims France

Aim: foster exchange and peer-to-peer learning on good practices in networking for innovation and knowledge exchange, namely in respect to:

- Strategies for sharing and upscaling OG outcomes,
- Support for transnational collaboration and knowledge sharing between Operational Groups (OGs), and between OGs and other innovative projects,
- Setting-up of cross-border and transnational OGs.
- Two field visits:

[OG 'Harmony'](#)

[OG 'CarbonThink'](#)



A photograph of a vast vineyard under a warm, golden sunset sky. In the lower-left foreground, two men are standing among the grapevines. One man, wearing a grey cap and a light blue shirt with suspenders, is looking down at a tablet held by the other man. The second man is wearing a white hat and a checkered shirt. The vineyard rows stretch far into the distance, and a line of trees is visible on the horizon.

Thank you for your attention!