

Work on good practices

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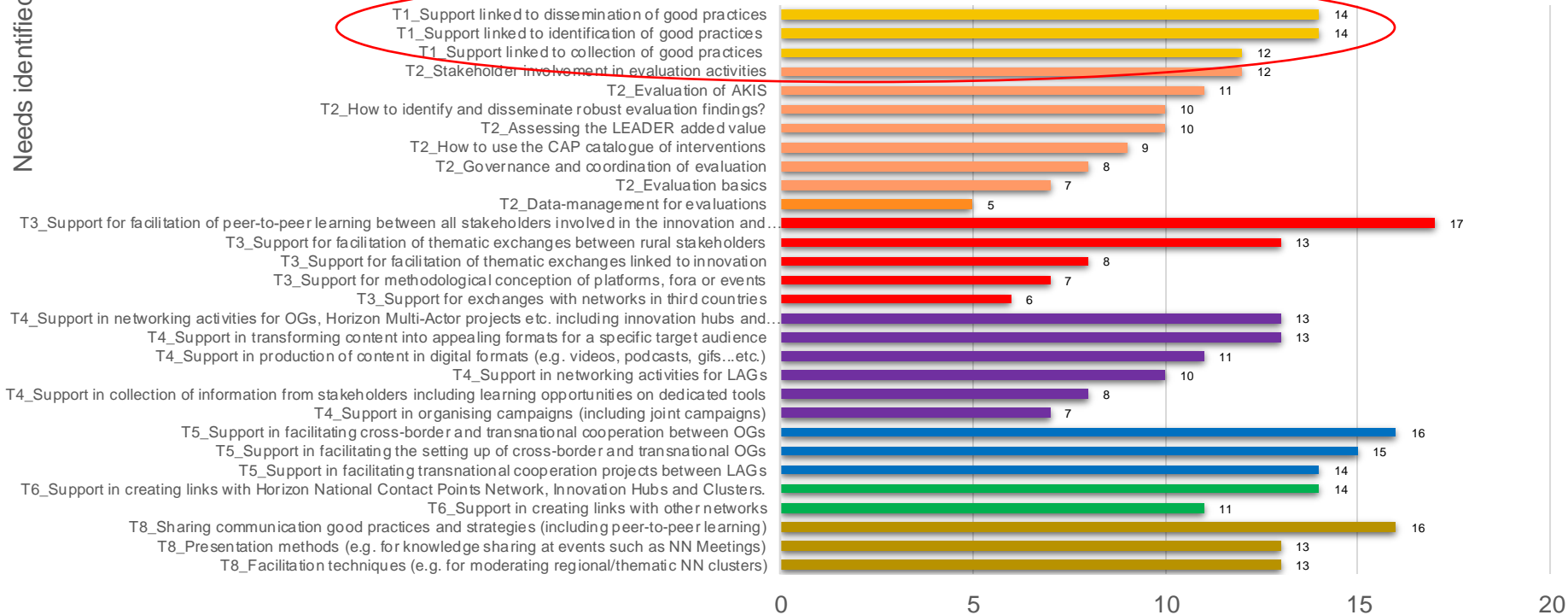
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Why this topic?

Needs identified



Source: https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/events/eu-cap-network-event-3rd-national-networks-meeting_en#tab_id=tab-presentations

Number of responses



What do we mean by good practices?

› Various definitions

› Definition for the purposes of this meeting:

➔ successful and inspirational CAP-funded projects



Legal basis

Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 / Article 126 on describes one of the tasks of national and European CAP networks as:

4. *(a) collection, analysis and dissemination of information **on actions and good practices implemented or supported under CAP Strategic Plans** as well as analysis on developments in agriculture and rural areas relevant to the specific objectives set out in Article 6(1) and (2);*



Theory behind the practice

Good vs best practices

- A good practice has proved to be successful, and which is of potential interest to other beneficiaries. ‘Proved successful’ is when the good practice has already provided **tangible and measurable results** in achieving an objective.”¹
- Best practices are evaluated as ‘best’ according to specific criteria agreed² → ARIA nominees (24 nominees / year)

Sources: Adapted definitions!

¹ <https://www.interregeurope.eu/good-practices>

² <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/dyna/bp-portal/?form=MG0AV3>



Identification & Collection

- National experts
- ARIA competition
- Innovation Awards
- National Networks
- CAPI CP staff
- Thematic Groups
- Events



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Agriculture & Rural Inspiration Awards 2024
Application form

Competition category
Please assign only one category from the drop-down menu.
Choose an item.

Project title

Summary description of project (max. 200 words)
Please explain the project in 200 words as if you were talking to a friend. The word limit should indicate 1) what was the project about, 2) what did it do (activities) and 3) what were the achievements.

Context (max. 200 words)
Please give some background information about the beneficiary and the situation in which this project was needed.

Aims & Objectives (max. 100 words in bullet points)
In response to the context set out above, what did the project/activities aim to achieve, what did the project/activities do to achieve this, and what were the results?
Please list planned activities here, they will be covered below.

Activities of the project (max. 400 words)
Please list the project activities, preferably in bullet points, and give a short explanation for each of them (e.g. training activities, the project organised XX workshops on the topics XYZ, or action presented (e.g. the applicant/project promoter is an individual farmer, but then other farmers join for demonstration) that received multiple sources of funding, please be clear about the uses and scope of each type of CAP support).

Please list and explain the activities undertaken in chronological order.

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Collection of good practice examples
TEMPLATE

Good practice example name/title

Context (max. 200 words)
Please give some background information about the project promoter (e.g. individual farmer, private farmer, business, cooperative, Operational Group, LAG...), the situation, and other information to understand why this project was needed.

Aims & Objectives (max. 100 words in bullet points)
In response to the context set out above, what did the project/activities aim to achieve (e.g. reduce GHG emissions, create employment, increase competitiveness, etc.)?
Do not list planned activities here, they will be covered below.

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Dissemination

➤ Good Practice database

➤ https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/good-practice/search_en

➤ ARIA

➤ https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/campaign/agricultural-rural-inspiration-awards-aria-2024_en

➤ EIP-AGRI awards

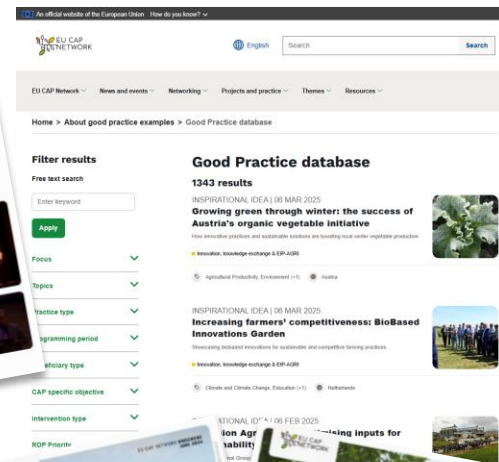
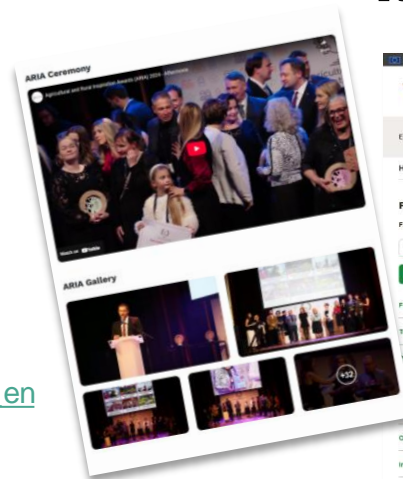
➤ https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/campaign/eip-agri-innovation-awards-2024_en

➤ Project brochures

➤ https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/publications/search_en?f%5B0%5D=focus%3A1&f%5B1%5D=type%3A98

➤ Social media

➤ [Facebook](#) / [X](#) / [YouTube](#)



Common challenges & limitations

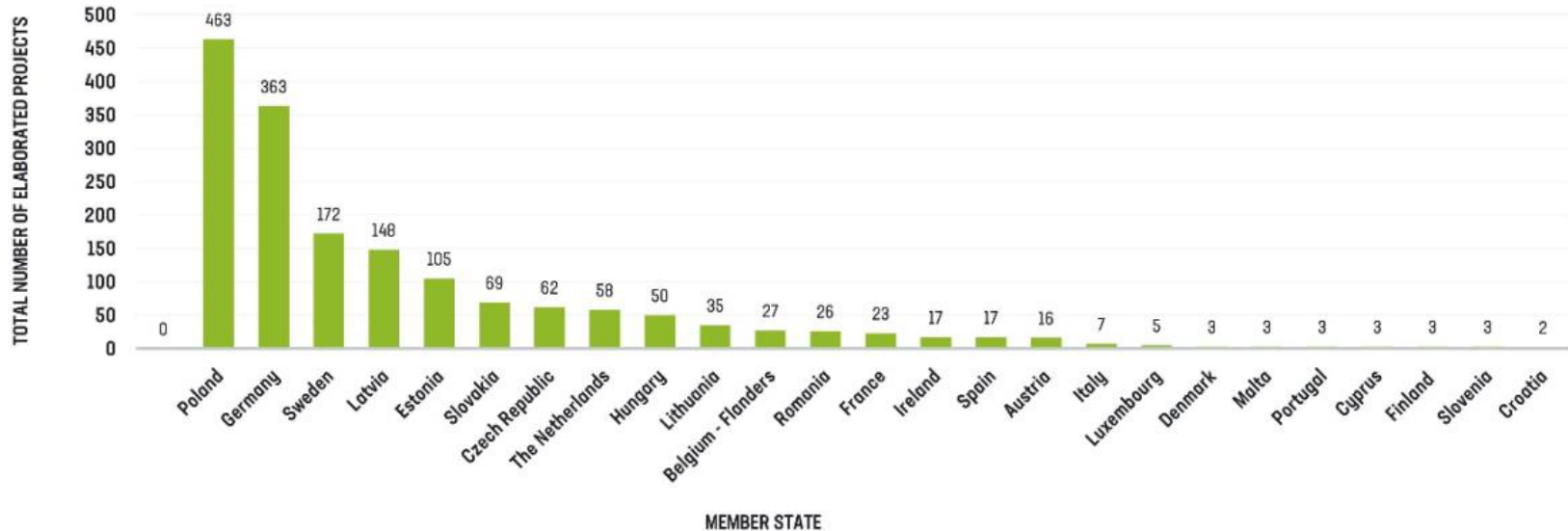
- Some measures / interventions are easier to capture as GPs than others (e.g., M04, M19 vs M13, EAGF examples)
- Differences between Member States (some MS focus on LEADER, lack of resources/capacity to contribute)
- Quite often lack of quantitative results
- Delay in availability of CSP funded GPs (same issue in 2014-2020 programming period)





Good practices collection at the NN level

Total number: **1683** elaborated projects in 2023



Challenges & limitations at the NN level

- › Defining a good practice and project evaluation criteria
- › Finding projects that really serve as examples - not all projects are demonstrative and attractive
- › Hard to get good practices outside the LEADER and especially area-based projects.
- › Data availability and quality- Difficulties accessing databases, obtaining timely and accurate information
- › High demands on time and human resources.



Challenges & limitations at the NN level

- › Good practice promotion - low interest among people, limited outreach on social media, finding right communication methods
- › Measuring impact and replicability
- › Reluctance to participate
 - › Beneficiaries, especially farmers, are not interested in sharing their projects and initiatives.
 - › Low interest in joining good practices awards at national and EU level.
 - › Some beneficiaries are busy or fail to promote their projects, for various reasons.



Thank you for your attention

