

EU CAP Network brokerage event

'Partnering for innovation with impact in agriculture and rural areas'

AGENDA

Update 22 April 2025

29-30 April 2025 | **Prague, Czech Republic**

Innovation and Knowledge exchange | EIP-AGRI



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Objectives of the event

The scope of the EU CAP Network brokerage event 'Partnering for innovation with impact in agriculture and rural areas' lies within the topics in the calls for funding under the Horizon Europe R&I Cluster 6 Work Programme 2025, potentially with high interest for EIP-AGRI Operational Groups (OGs) and practitioners. The topics have been grouped in the following thematic areas:

- › **Digital and data technologies**
- › **Sustainable, healthy and resilient crop and livestock production**
- › **New business models and value chains**
- › **Circular water management and soil health**

In addition to Horizon Europe, other funding opportunities will be explored to enhance further innovation and collaboration across the sector. These include the European Institute of Technology (EIT), the European Innovation Council (EIC), the Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU), and other relevant European and national, private and public funding mechanisms.

The aim of this EU CAP Network brokerage event is to support:

- › the preparation of high-quality proposals for the Horizon Europe Cluster 6 calls in the fields of agriculture and rural areas, creating linkages between EIP-AGRI Operational Groups and Horizon projects, and
- › the identification of opportunities for scaling up and scaling out innovations already developed under Horizon and the CAP, thereby maximising their contribution to a more competitive, sustainable and resilient agriculture, and rural areas.

The event is organised by the EU CAP Network, with a focus on innovation, knowledge exchange and EIP-AGRI, in collaboration with the [Czech University for Life Sciences Prague](#) (CZU).

Further information on [the brokerage event webpage](#).



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Timing	Day 1: Tuesday 29 April 2025
8.30 – 9.00	Registration
9.00 – 9.20	Welcome and introduction to Day 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Welcome words <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › <i>Michael Komárek, The Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CZU)</i> › <i>Diego Canga, European Commission, DG AGRI</i>
9.20 – 9.30	Getting to know each other
9.30 – 10.10	Horizon Europe R&I Cluster 6 Work Programme (2025) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Overview of the programme – <i>Ana Patricia Lopez Blanco, European Commission, DG AGRI, F.2 Research and Innovation</i> › AKIS explained – <i>Joanna Kiszko, European Commission, DG AGRI, D.1 Rural areas and networks</i> › AKIS in the WP – <i>Ana Patricia Lopez Blanco, European Commission, DG AGRI, F.2 Research and Innovation</i>
10.10 – 11.30	Interactive sessions – Exploring Horizon Europe opportunities in four thematic areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Digital data and technologies – <i>Francesco Iadecola, European Commission, DG AGRI, F.2 Research and Innovation</i> › Sustainable, healthy and resilient crop and livestock production – <i>Paola Alejandra Eulalio & Susana Gaona Saez, European Commission, DG AGRI, F.2 Research and Innovation</i> › New business models and value chains – <i>Fanny Le Gloux & Ana Patricia Lopez Blanco, European Commission, DG AGRI, F.2 Research and Innovation</i> › Circular water management and soil health – <i>Benjamin Van Doorslaer & Jelena Vidovic, European Commission, DG AGRI, F.2 Research and Innovation</i>
11.30 – 12.00	Coffee break
12.00 – 12.50	Parallel session: How to become a good project coordinator? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › The role of coordinator in Horizon Europe projects – <i>Astrid Guiffart, European Research Executive Agency (REA), European Commission</i>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Experience with the Coordination of a Horizon Project – <i>Sylvain Sturel, Chambres d'Agriculture France</i>
12.00 – 13.10	Parallel session: Matchmaking, consulting and working together <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Personal meetings: one-on-one meetings to discuss your project ideas with potential partners and build collaborations, speed dating, networking activities
13.10 – 13.20	EIP-AGRI Operational Group projects and Horizon Europe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Overcoming challenges for the involvement of EIP-AGRI Operational Groups in Horizon Europe projects – <i>Susanne von Münchhausen, Eberswalde University of Sustainable Development</i>
13.20 – 13.30	Conclusion of the morning session
13.30 – 14.30	<i>Networking lunch</i>
14.30 – 18.00	Parallel field visits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Field visit 1: Digital and data technologies ➤ Field visit 2: Sustainable, healthy and resilient crop and livestock production ➤ Field visit 3: New business models and value chains ➤ Field visit 4: Circular water management and soil health
19.00 – 21.00	<i>Networking dinner</i>

Timing	Day 2: Wednesday 30 April 2025
8.30 – 9.00	Registration
9.00 – 9.10	Welcome and introduction to day 2
9.10 – 10.30	EU funding opportunities for the agri-food, and bio-based sectors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ CBE JU & opportunities for the primary sector – <i>Ana Ruiz Sierra, Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking</i> ➤ Funding opportunities for the Food and Agritech sector in the EIC Work Programme 2025 – <i>Ivan Stefanic, European Innovation Council</i> ➤ Scaling Impact: EIT Digital as a Catalyst for Agri-Innovation in Europe – <i>Elena Contioso-Fleming, EIT Digital</i>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> › EIT Food, a mission-based approach for a sustainable, resilient, and consumer-centric European funding service – <i>Mario Rocco, EIT Food</i> › Accelerate opportunities and innovation for agri-food businesses in Europe and beyond – <i>Stelios Dritsas, EIT Climate-KIC</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.45	<p>Innovation market</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> › Project showcases: innovative solutions ready to be scaled up and transferred to new contexts › Personal meetings: one-on-one meetings to discuss your project ideas with potential partners and build collaborations, speed dating, and network activities › Expert consultations with Horizon NCPs: tailored advice on EU funding opportunities and project development › EU Innovation Ecosystem: individual consultations with representatives from CBE JU, EIC, EIT Digital, EIT Food, and EIT Climate-KIC
12:45 – 13:00	Evaluation and closing
13.00 – 14.30	Networking lunch and goodbye

