

Update on EU CAP Network activities

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Seminar

Robotics and Artificial Intelligence in farming and forestry



Utrecht (Netherlands) 19 - 20 February 2025. 183 participants (24 MSs)

Aim: showcase European **cutting-edge AI and robotic technologies**, highlighting their role in enhancing productivity, profitability, and sustainability.

Main conclusion: work with and for farmers, making AI and robotics affordable, interoperable, and scalable.



Brokerage Event

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



Prague (Czech Republic) 29 - 30 April 2025. 171 participants (23 MSs)

Aim: preparation of **high-quality proposals for the Horizon Europe Cluster 6 calls**, creating linkages between EIP-AGRI Operational Groups and Horizon projects, and Exploring other **funding opportunities for scaling innovations** developed under Horizon and the Common Agricultural Policy.



Good Practice Workshop

Exploring the potential of simulation models for assessing the CAP



- Bari (Italy), 3-4 April 2025, 69 participants (21 Member States)
- **Aim:** to showcase how simulation models can be used for evaluating the CAP, to network and exchange
- **Main conclusion:** simulation models are most useful for policy design and impact assessment and the best approach is to combine them with other tools



CAP Evaluation Insights on Generational Renewal

- Review of topic-related **evaluation findings** (stemming from **26 Member States and UK evaluations**)
- Based on **evaluation in-depth appraisals**, it builds an inventory of policy instruments in relation to GR and it identifies successful strategies to foster GR
- **Topics for 2025: Organic farming** (September) and **General Objective 1** (January 2026)



Capacity-building events

- “Assessment of Result-based Interventions (RBI)”, 17 and 24

February

- 67 participants from 20 Member States

- Outcome of Thematic Working Group 7

- Learning Portal on RBI available online



Examples of RBIs in the CAP Strategic Plans

| Result-based scheme | MS | Type | |
|---|----|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Management based on results | AT | ENVCLIM - Pure | Biodiversity |
| Result-oriented extensive management of permanent grassland with evidence of at least four regional characteristics | DE | Eco-scheme - Pure | |
| Result-oriented reward of more than four species of wild flora | DE | ENVCLIM - Pure | |
| Habitats and endangered bird species in Natura 2000 sites | PL | ENVCLIM - Hybrid | |
| Valuable habitats outside Natura 2000 sites | SI | Eco-scheme - Pure | |
| Priba (lapwing) nest protection | SI | ENVCLIM - Hybrid | Animal welfare |
| AGRI-environment-climate payments — Biodiversity and landscape | FI | ENVCLIM - Pure | |
| Improved condition for fattening pigs | PT | ENVCLIM - Pure | Biodiversity, Soil quality |
| Montado management by results | IE | ENCLIM, COOP - hybrid | Biodiversity, Water, Soil quality |
| ACRES Cooperation | FR | ENVCLIM - Hybrid | Water quality, Climate change |
| Transition of practices | | | |

- “Rough estimates of the climate change mitigation potential of the CAP Strategic Plans (EU-27) over the 2023-2027 period”, Oct-Nov 2024
- 2 rounds of basic and advanced sessions
- 230 participants



Publication highlights

- Thematic report - Assessment of sectoral support within the CAP (March)
- Guidelines - Assessment of CAP contributions to sustainable productivity (April)
- Study on simplification and administrative burden for farmers under the CAP (May)
- Report - Rough estimate of the climate change mitigation potential of the CAP Strategic Plans (EU-27) over the 2023-2027 period (May)
- Study on assessment of generational renewal strategies across EU Member States (September)



Farm Sustainability Data Network (FSDN) Workshop

- Brussels, 12 February 2025, 88 participants (25 Member States)
- **Aim:** To exchange on challenges and good experiences related to the transition from Farm Accountancy Data Network (FADN) to FSDN.
- **Main conclusions:**
- FSDN is a big achievement
- A need to improve the usefulness of FSDN data for both policy and farm-level decisions
- Ensure that all stakeholders work together to improve data access and sharing.
- Showcased good practices related to the use of FADN/FSDN data for CAP management and evaluation at the national and EU level
- Jointly delivered by Implementation and Evaluation colleagues



[Videos available on website](#)



5th National Networks Meeting

- › Nafplio, Greece, 19-20 March, 73 participants (26 Member States)
- › Main topics:
 - › Identification, collection, and dissemination of good practices;
 - › Organisation of good practice competitions;
 - › Follow up on the initiatives presented during the 4th NN Meeting (Rural Ambassadors, Maxnet, Evaluation roadmap, Conference on digital tools)



Website: keeps growing!

› NNs may now [translate EU CAP Network publications!](#)

› New portals released:

- › [Digitalisation Portal](#)
- › [Networking](#)

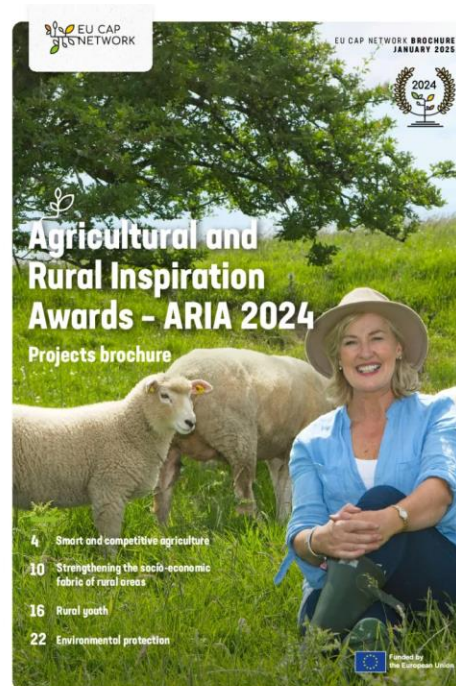
› Coming soon:

- › New functionalities for the LAG Directory
- › New Partner Search Tool for LAGs
- › Improved website menu



Publications

- Magazines:
 - EU CAP Network #3
 - Agrinnovation #11
- Brochures
 - ARIA 2024
 - Horizon calls 2025
- And many more...
- For more details see the Publications Digest



Annual Communication Survey

› Objectives:

- › Gather stakeholders' feedback
- › Assess the positioning of the EU CAP Network
 - › *Are we on the right platforms?*
 - › *Are the messages shared in a satisfactory manner?*
- › Inform stakeholders about all opportunities available

Annual Communication Survey

Survey to gather feedback on communication activities



Stakeholders' Feedback Analysis

We will analyse feedback and suggest improvements/initiatives accordingly



Communication Action Plan

The Action Plan for Y5 will be directly based on stakeholders' feedback



2025 Thematic Groups

➤ Economic Vulnerability of Farming



➤ Effective Approaches for Simplification within the CAP

➤ Valuing the Wider Contribution of Farmers



Seminar

‘On-farm demonstrations for peer-to-peer learning & innovation’



Veneto (Italy) 17 - 18 June 2025.

Aim: promote the use of on-farm demonstrations as an **essential tool** for peer-to-peer learning and to improve the setting up and visibility of demonstration farms, as well as to foster their networks and connections with other relevant initiatives.



Focus Group

'Local perennial plant genetic resources in view of climate change and biodiversity loss'



Chania, Greece 20 - 21 May 2025. Second meeting.

Main question: How can the conservation and utilisation of **local under-utilised varieties of perennial crops** be attractive and profitable for farmers and thereby contribute to biodiversity-friendly sustainable farming under climate change?

