

# Ad-hoc national expert group meeting 2025

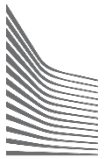
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# Introduction to the EIP-AGRI concept and to the purpose of the ad-hoc expert group

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A photograph of a hand holding a small green seedling in a field of crops. In the background, a man in a blue shirt is working in the field. The image is overlaid with a green geometric shape on the left and several horizontal green bars on the right.

# A Vision for **Agriculture and Food**

## 4 priority areas

- 1 **Attractiveness:** Building an attractive sector that ensures a fair standard of living and leverages new income opportunities
- 2 **Competitiveness & resilience:** A competitive and resilient sector in the face of global challenges
- 3 **Sustainability:** Future-proofing the agri-food sector that works hand in hand with nature
- 4 **Fairness:** 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***



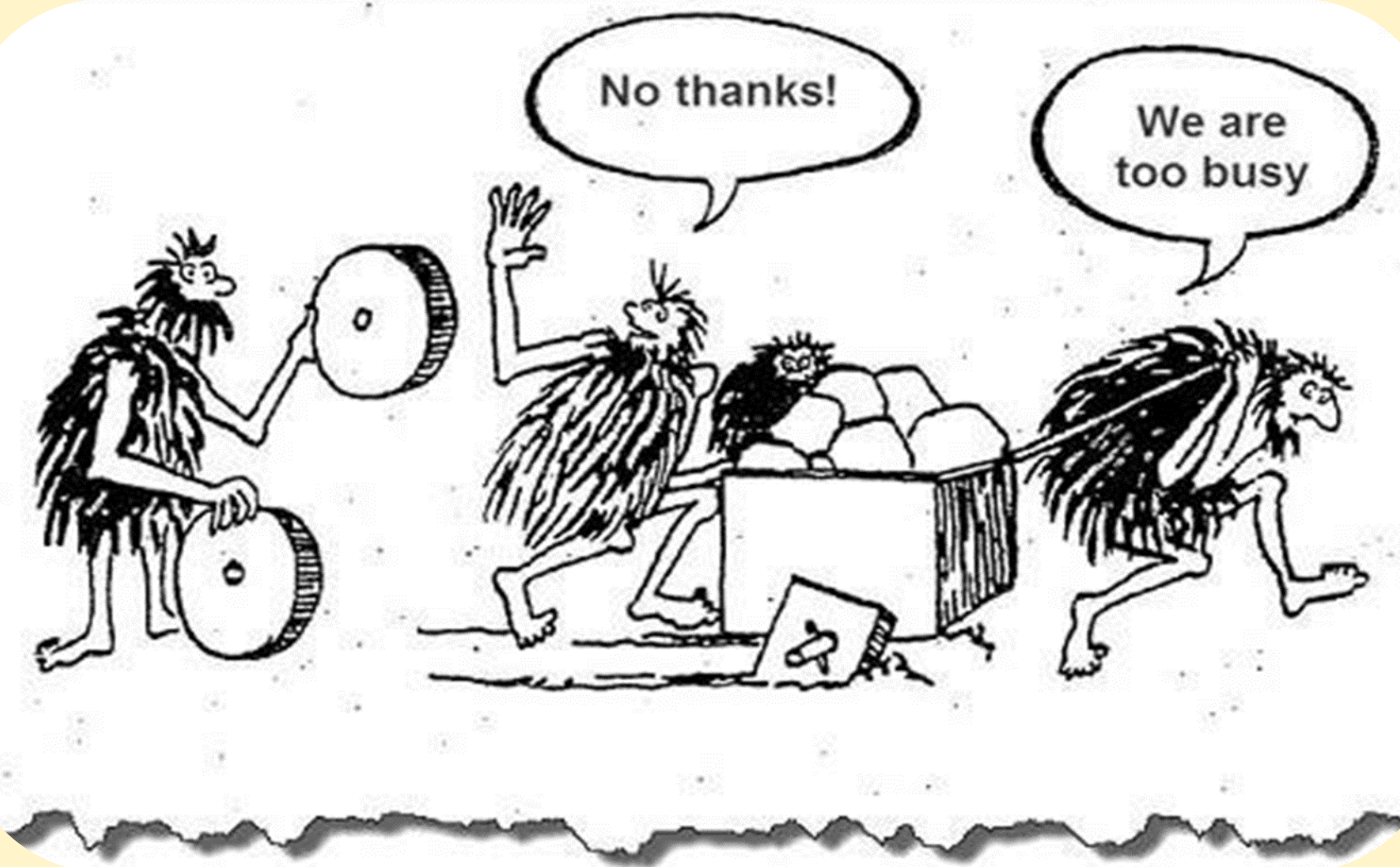
# Vision for Agriculture and Food

## Creating an enabling environment



**“New knowledge and innovations must reach farmers and other food system actors more quickly and at a wider scale, with concrete on-farm and on-site applicability of innovative solutions...”**







## European Innovation Partnership for agricultural productivity and sustainability (EIP-AGRI)

- **Launched** by the European Commission in 2012
- **Aim:** Speed up innovation in agriculture and make it more sustainable and productive
- **How:** Close the innovation gap between research and practice by:
  - promoting the **interactive innovation model** in projects under CAP and Horizon
  - linking actors via the **EU CAP Network** (previously EIP-AGRI Network)



# The interactive innovation model



## Bottom-up approach to innovation

focusing on actual needs from farmers, foresters or rural communities that require an innovative solution



## Complementary knowledge

bringing together partners with different expertise (multi-actor approach)



## Co-creating and co-deciding

all along the project, from the beginning to the end

Common Agricultural Policy (CAP):  
**Operational Group projects**

EU research and innovation  
framework programme (Horizon):  
**Multi-actor projects**



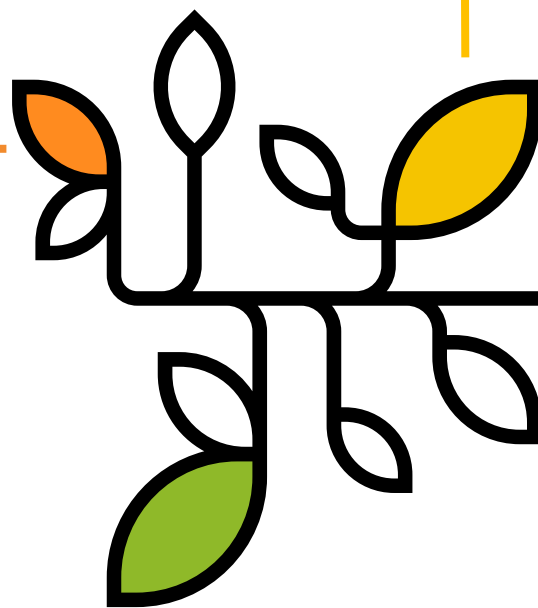
Over **4000**  
**OG projects**  
implemented  
across 25  
Member States





Innovation & knowledge  
exchange – EIP-AGRI

Evaluation



# EU CAP NETWORK

*A forum to share knowledge and information  
about agriculture, forestry and rural development  
with the aim to support **the implementation of  
the CAP Strategic Plans (2023-2027)***

CAP Implementation



# What is an EU CAP Network Focus Group?

- A temporary group of selected experts focusing on a specific topic moderated by DG AGRI and the EIP-AGRI Support Facility
- Runs for approximately one year and meets twice
- Produce a final report with the outcomes
- Objectives of Focus Groups:
  - **Taking stock of the state of play of practice** in the field of the Focus Group activity, listing problems and opportunities.
  - **Taking stock of the state of play of research** in the Focus Group's field, summarising possible solutions to problems listed.
  - **Identifying** needs from practice and possible directions for further research.
  - **Highlighting** priorities for innovative actions by suggesting potential practical Operational Groups or other project formats to test solutions and opportunities, including ways to disseminate the practical knowledge gathered.





# Focus Groups



# Purpose of ad-hoc meeting

- › To help identify **key challenges, questions or needs** to tackle related to innovation and knowledge exchange from a specific geographical/regional perspective, and to provide input to prepare the call texts of **three new Focus Groups**:
  - › Forestry and forest health: Addressing new and emerging pests and diseases and integrating non-native and unconventional tree species
  - › New innovative and sustainable ways to use wool and revitalize the European wool value chain
  - › Innovative on-farm energy production systems
- › To build up **networks of national experts** in specific fields





# Call for Focus Group experts

- Call for experts for the three new Focus Groups planned for early June 2025
- Experts in this meeting invited to apply and spread the call among own networks



# **EU CAP Network**

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**Online meeting**

All information on the ad-hoc meeting is available on the event webpage:

<https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/events/ad-hoc-national-expert-group-meeting-2025>

