

A photograph of a vineyard at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. In the foreground, there are green grape leaves and dark, curling vine tendrils. The background shows a blurred view of the vineyard stretching towards the horizon.

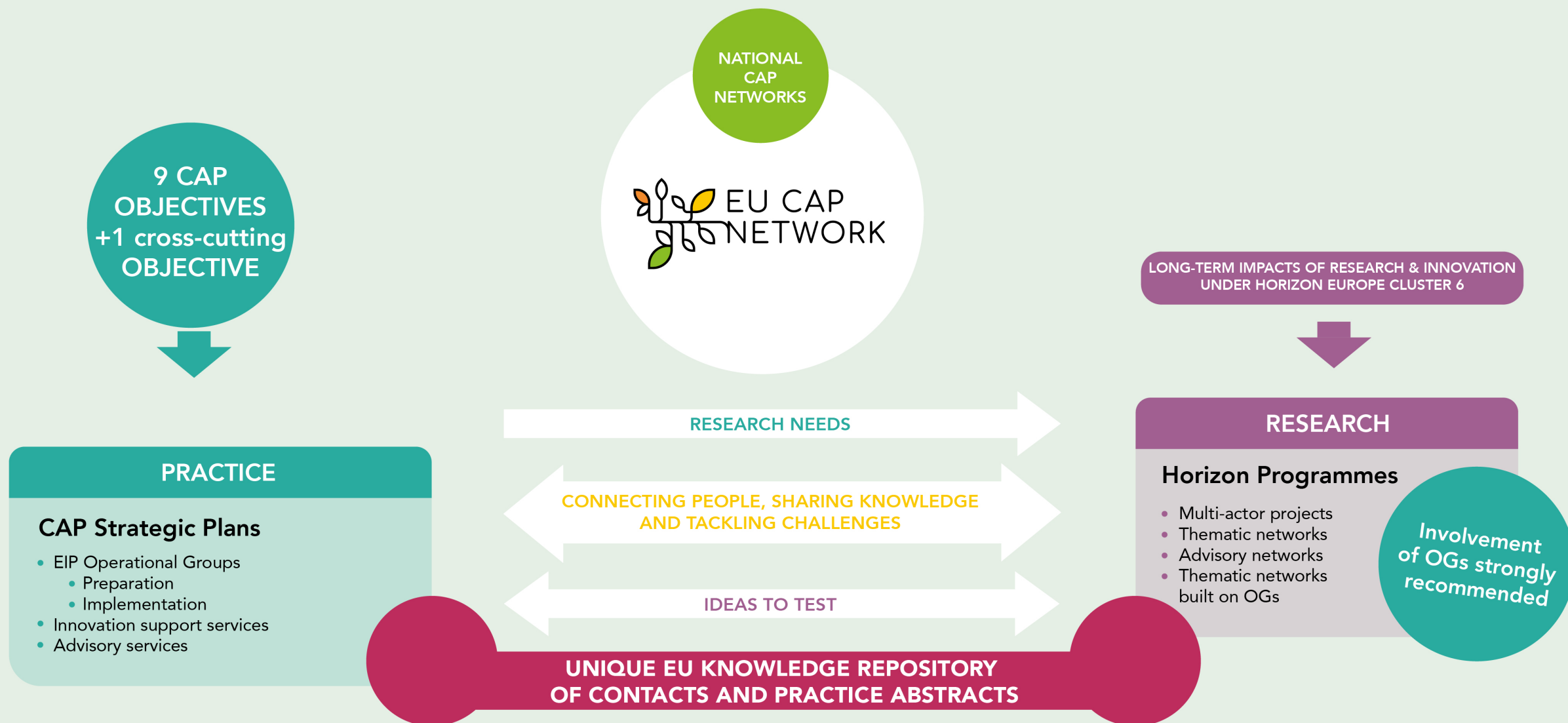
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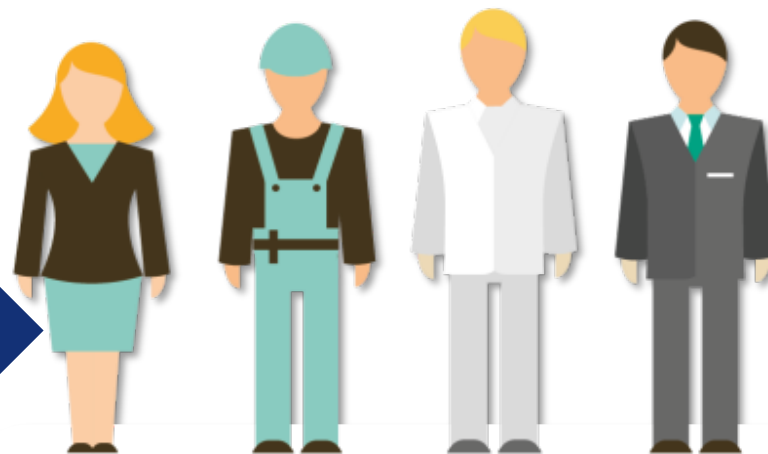
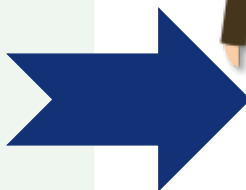
Anikó Seregélyi (European Commission, DG AGRI)

EIP-AGRI: bridging CAP and research policy



Operational Groups

working together for real solutions



OPERATIONAL GROUP

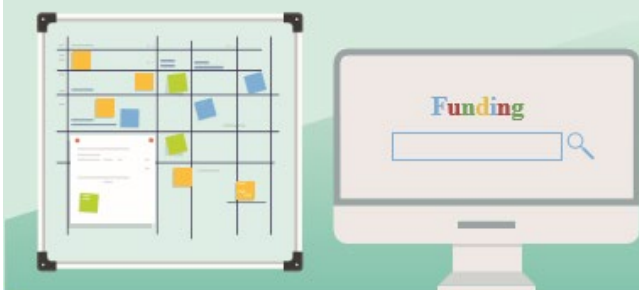


Steps in Operational Groups

- 1** Identify the problem or innovative idea
Find the right partners



- 2** Make a project plan
Complete the partnership
Prepare the RDP funding application



- 3** Start and run the project
Share intermediate results



- 4** Spread final results
Finalise project administration



EIP Operational groups based on 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



Co-creating and co-deciding

all along the project, from the beginning to the end

Innovation support services for the preparation and implementation of OG projects

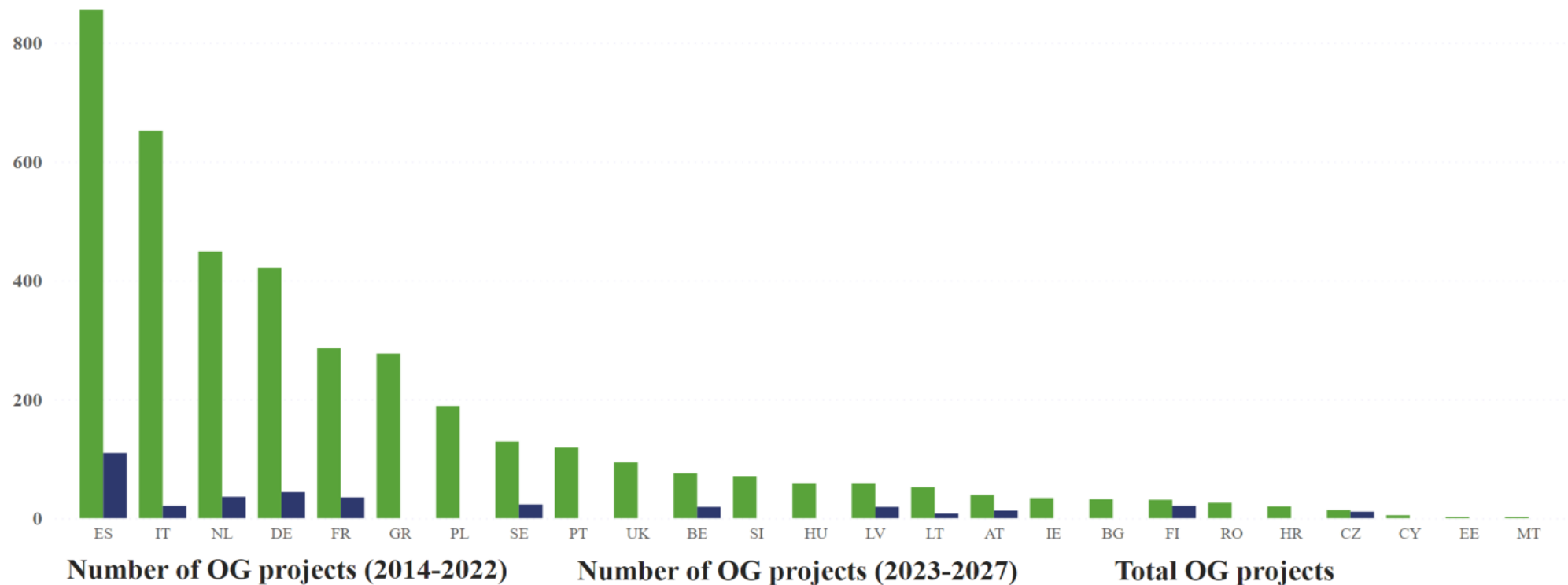


Over 4000
OG projects
implemented
across 25
Member States



Number of OG projects in the EU

Number of OG projects per Member State (both periods)



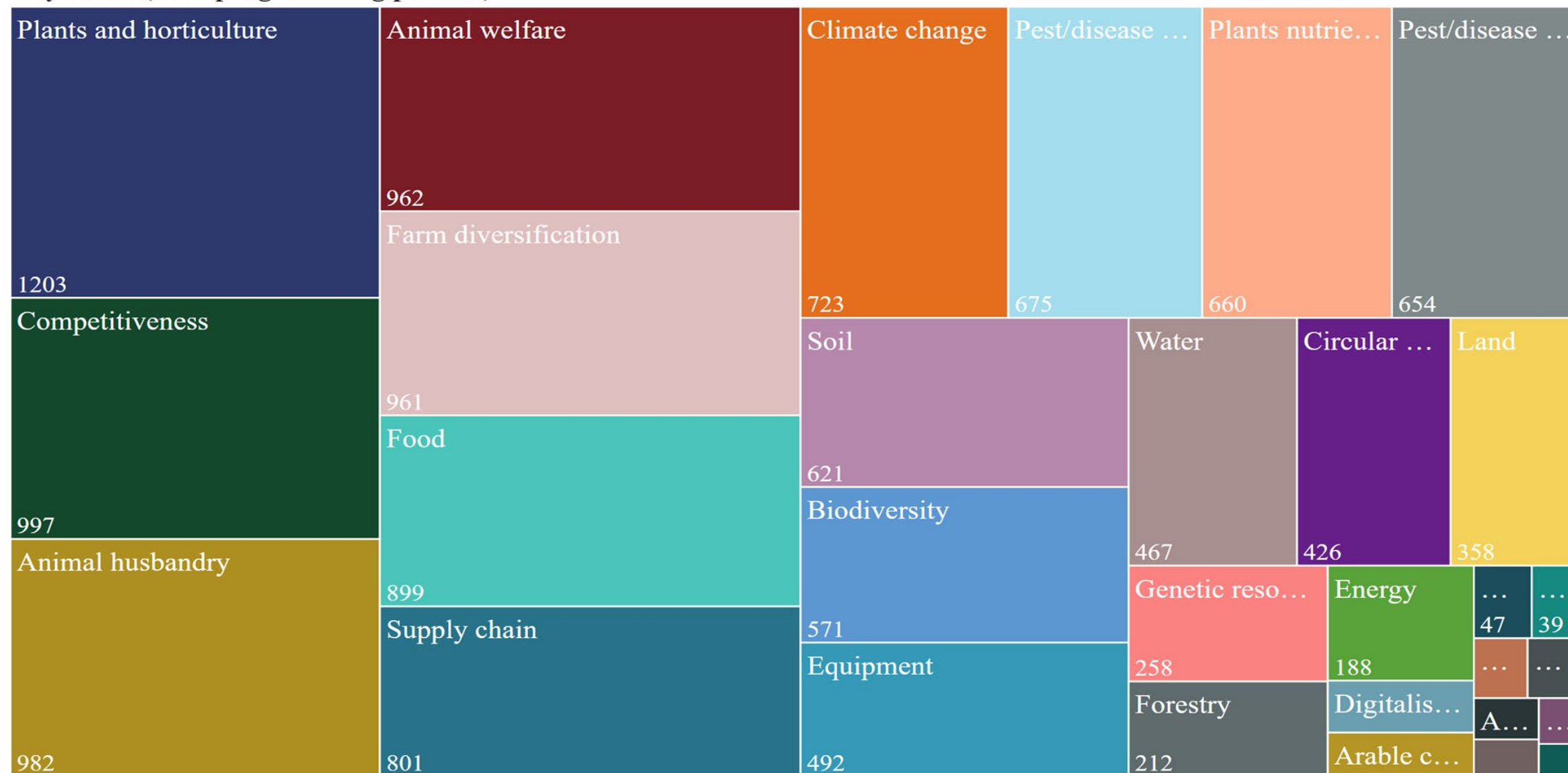
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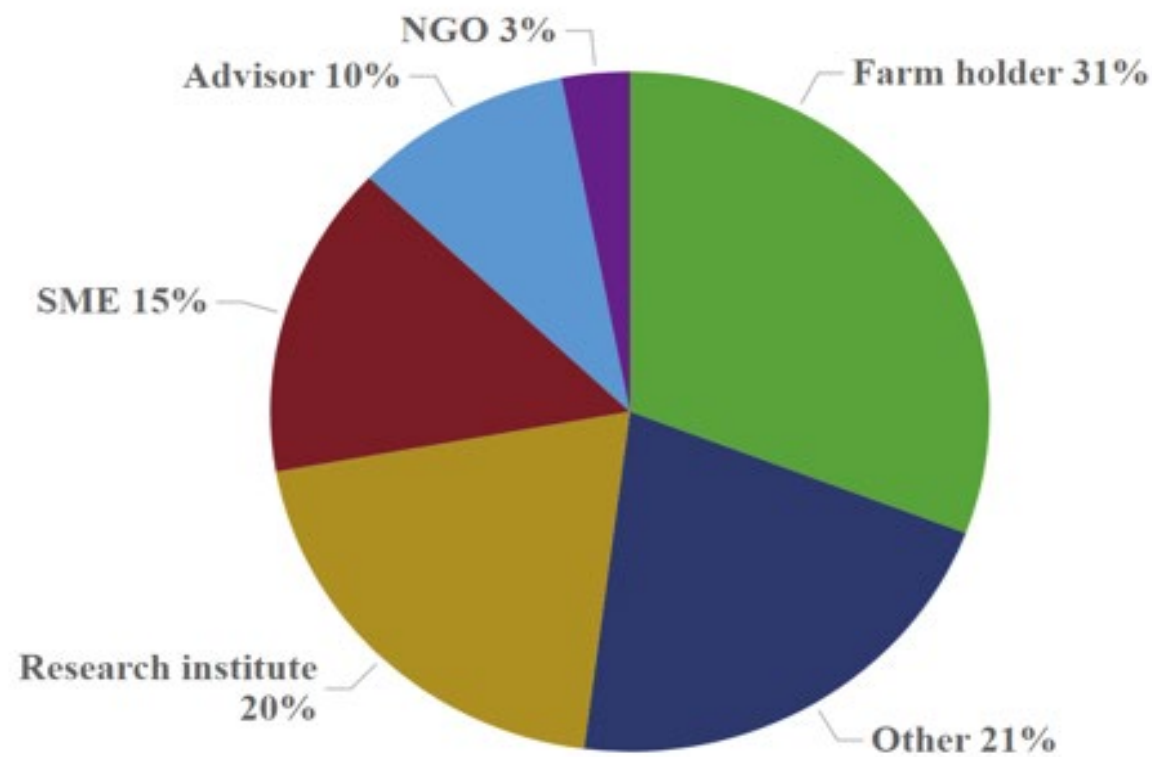
Keywords selected by the OG projects - EU

Keywords (both programming periods)



Type of partners in OG projects

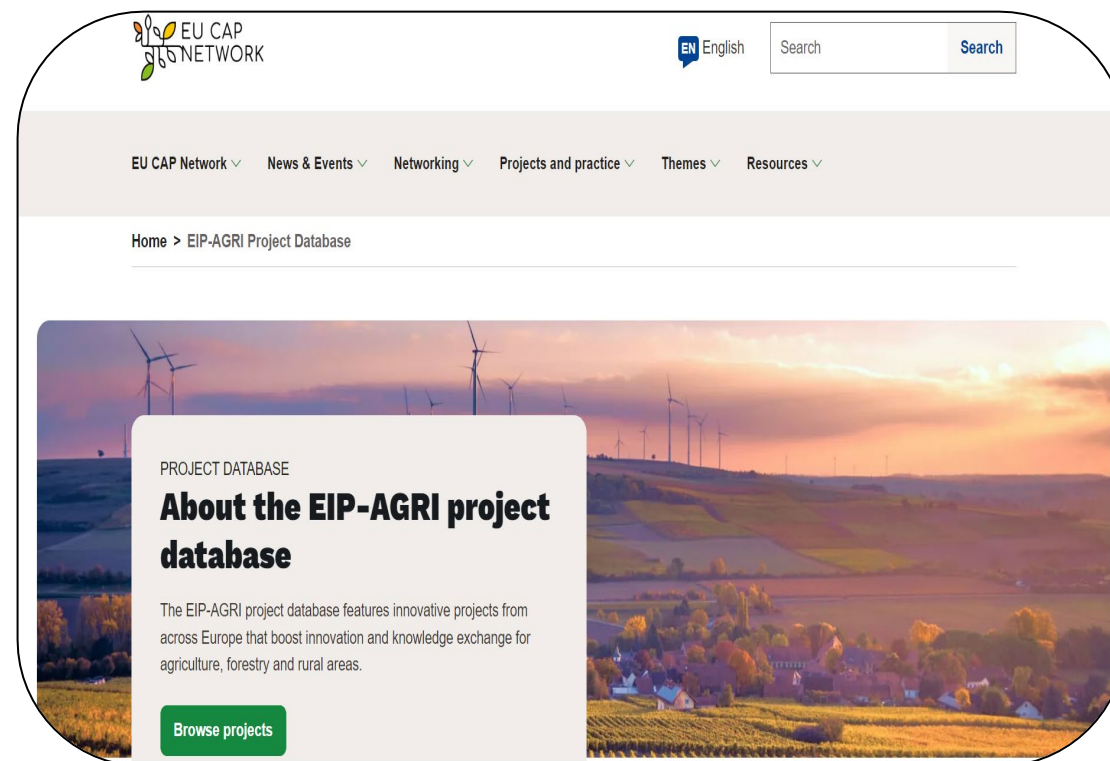
Types of partners in OG projects (2014-2022)



EIP-AGRI project database

- Launched December 2023 on the [EU CAP Network website](#)
- Over **3600** EIP OG projects and over **500** research and innovation Horizon multi-actor projects
- Regularly updated with new projects funded under **CAP 2023-2027** and **Horizon Europe**
- Search by keyword '**genetic resources**' – **251 projects**;
- Recently started OG:

[Development of an biological grape range for the Brandenburg wine region with climate-adapted dry, frost and fungus resistant grape varieties with testing of historical vines found in Brandenburg | EU CAP Network](#)





EIP-AGRI Innovation Awards 2024 for Operational Groups

Discover the winners and all the nominees

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EU CAP Network website - innovation

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- › Latest news
- › Upcoming events
- › Latest publications
- › Latest projects
- › Operational Groups (interactive innovation, OGs across borders etc.)
- › Horizon Europe (multi-actor projects, advisory networks etc.)

Operational Groups

Projects co-creating practical solutions for agriculture, forestry and rural communities

An EIP-AGRI Operational Group project (OG) is a group of people with complementary knowledge (e.g. practical, scientific, technical, organisational expertise, etc.) who co-create practical solutions for agriculture, forestry and rural communities in an innovation project. An Operational Group may include various actors from European Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS), including farmers, foresters, researchers, advisors, businesses, environmental groups, consumer interest groups or other NGOs to advance innovation for agriculture, forestry and rural areas. Operational Groups seize opportunities or find practical solutions for challenges that farmers, foresters or rural communities are facing in their everyday work. The group is composed of well-chosen partners whose expertise can help tackle the objectives of the project or help spread news on the activities and results of the project to a broader audience.

The current Common Agricultural Policy (2023-2027) provides

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Agrinnovation
Digital tools and technologies for future-proof EU farming, forestry and rural areas

- ➔ Spotlight on EIP-AGRI Operational Groups and Horizon multi-actor projects testing new digital solutions
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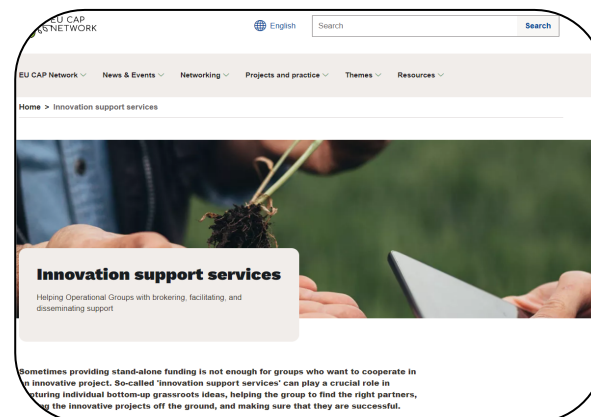
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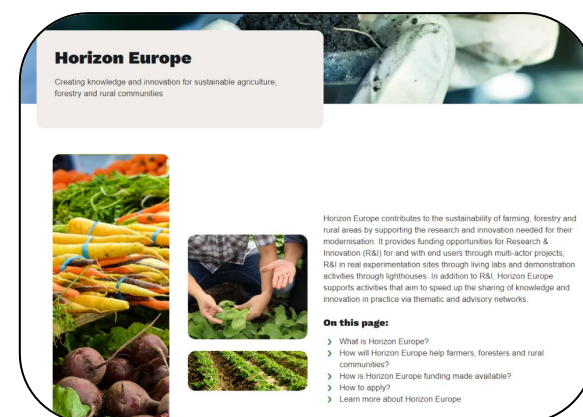
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Innovation support services
Helping Operational Groups with brokering, facilitating, and disseminating support

Sometimes providing stand-alone funding is not enough for groups who want to cooperate in an innovative project. So-called 'innovation support services' can play a crucial role in turning individual bottom-up grassroots ideas, helping the group to find the right partners, putting the innovative projects off the ground, and making sure that they are successful.



Horizon Europe
Creating knowledge and innovation for sustainable agriculture, forestry and rural communities

Horizon Europe contributes to the sustainability of farming, forestry and rural areas by supporting the research and innovation needed for their modernisation. It provides funding opportunities for Research & Innovation (R&I) for and with users through multi-actor projects; R&I in real experimentation sites through living labs and demonstration activities through lighthouses. In addition to R&I, Horizon Europe supports activities that aim to speed up the sharing of knowledge and innovation in practice via thematic and advisory networks.

On this page:

- › What is Horizon Europe?
- › How will Horizon Europe help farmers, foresters and rural communities?
- › How is Horizon Europe funding made available?
- › How to apply?
- › Learn more about Horizon Europe



EU CAP Network Focus Group

‘Local plant genetic resources in view of climate change and biodiversity loss’

2nd meeting | 20-21 May 2025 | **Chania, Greece**

All information on the Focus Group is available on the webpage:

<https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/focus-group-local-perennial-plant-genetic-resources-view-climate-change-and-biodiversity-loss>

