

Update on EU CAP Network activities

Steering Group – 5th Meeting
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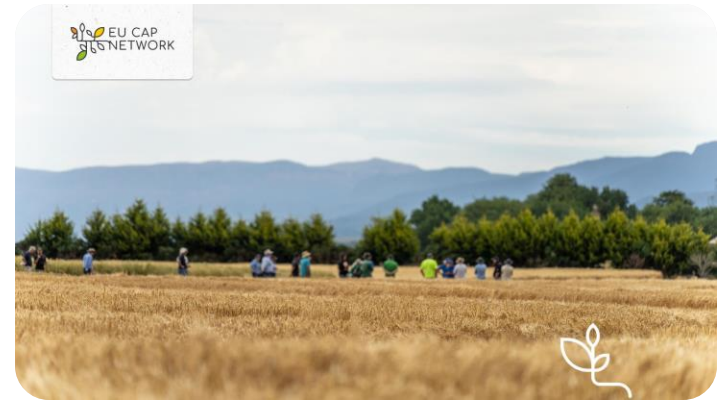




EU CAP Network seminar ‘On-farm demonstrations for peer-to-peer learning and innovation’ | 17 – 18 June 2025

179 participants from 24 EU Member States, Montenegro and North Macedonia (incl. farmers, researchers, advisors, and policy makers).

Promoting the use of on-farm demonstrations as an essential tool for peer-to-peer learning and improving the setting up and visibility of demonstration farms, as well as fostering their networks and connections with other relevant initiatives.



EU CAP Network Workshop ‘Innovation in logistics to improve the position of farmers in a supply chain’ | 20 – 21 May 2025

70 participants from 21 EU Member States, including 21 farmers, advisors, and researchers along with food processors, retailers and NGOs.

Identifying key challenges, drivers, emerging trends, and future scenarios of agri-food value chains in Europe, with a particular emphasis on logistics and enhancing the position of farmers.





EU CAP Network cross-visits - May 2025

Cross-visit 'Monitoring animal welfare'

Bologna, Italy | 08 – 09 May 2025

- › 26 participants
- › 14 EIP-AGRI OGs
- › 7 countries



Cross-visit 'Honeybees and other pollinators'

Cluj-Napoca, Romania | 07 – 08 May 2025

- › 22 participants
- › 9 EIP-AGRI OGs
- › 8 countries



Cross-visit 'Irrigation - optimising water use practices in annual (and perennial) crops'

Thessaloniki, Greece | 07 – 08 May 2025

- › 19 participants
- › 12 EIP-AGRI OGs
- › 8 countries



Good Practice Workshops



- > Assessment of environmental impacts of the CAP on 12-13 June in Hannover, DE.
 - > **Practices:** soil erosion (GR); Copernicus Land Monitoring (EEA); soil carbon stock (IT); Greening in ES (JRC), farmland biodiversity monitoring (DE).

- > Approaches to netting out CAP impacts on 16-17 October in Bucarest, RO.
 - > **Practices:** farm income variability; water quality (DE); distribution of CAP support (IT); distribution of policy effects (SE).





Highlights from analytical work...



- **Assesses** the generational renewal trends, key barriers, national policy instruments, national strategies.



- **Reviews** 60 evaluations (2018–2025)
- from 12 MS + UK
- In-depth appraisal of 8 evaluations
- **Shows** evaluation findings, good practices, methodological challenges

Read [more...](#)





6th National Networks Meeting

- The 6th NN Meeting took place on 1 and 2 October 2025 in Razlog, Bulgaria.
- The main focus was on thematic work of the NNs.
- There was a session on finding collaborations between NNs on certain themes, in which **17** collaborations were made!
- There was a follow-up from initiatives that came out of the Networking Hackathon (4th NN Meeting).



Thematic Groups

TG on Improving Water Resilience in Rural Areas through the CAP



- Objectives are to identify the most beneficial actions to improve water resilience including CAP interventions that could be used.
- The first meeting took place online on 18 September 2025.
- The second meeting will take place in person on 06 November 2025.
- #WaterResilience

TG on Unlocking the potential of Cooperation



- Objectives are to explore the success factors for unlocking the potential of cooperation in the CAP to increase business competitiveness, resilience and growth, particularly for small farmers.
- The first meeting took place online on Thursday, 25 September 2025.
- The second meeting will take place in person on Thursday, 11 December 2025.
- #Cooperation





Communication and Events

KPIs from July 2024 to June 2025

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Website KPIs

- › Continuous development:
 - › LAG Directory
 - › Portals on Digitalisation and Networking
 - › TNC Factsheets
 - › Tools for evaluators
- › Opportunities for stakeholders to contribute directly to:
 - › Horizon Projects
 - › LAG Directory

Total number of
pages

9919
+124%

Average
updates/day

16.5

**The numbers cover the period of 07/24-07/25*





Website KPIs

Year 2

Year 3

Year 4

Unique
Visitors

39 K

Visitors

115 K

Visitors

135.5 K

Page views

199.6 K

Page views

545.3 K

Page views

602,9 K





Social media KPIs

Number of
posts

3 K

Engagement

54.7 K

Engagement
rate

9 %

- A good engagement rate is included between 1% and 3%, as per the industry standards.
- The EU CAP Network posts' performance is **optimal**.

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Social media KPIs

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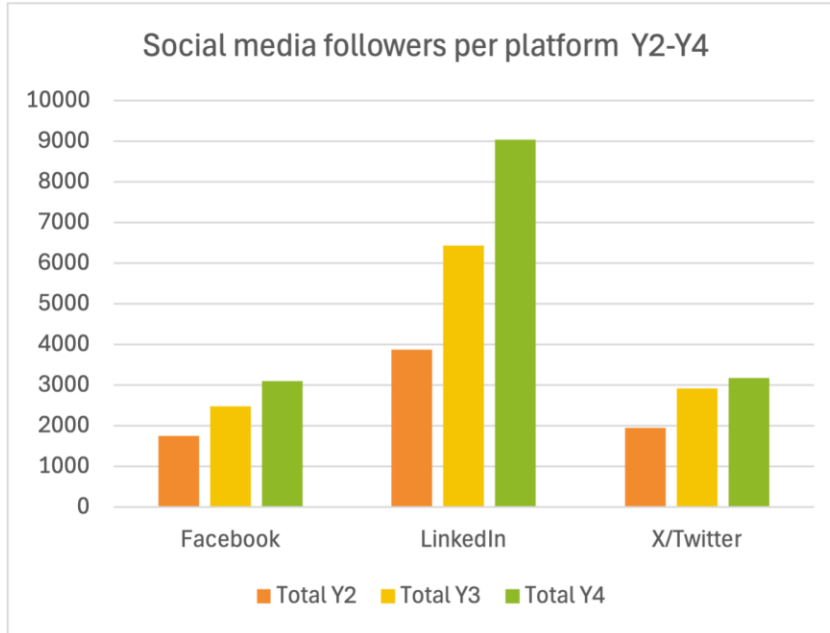
15.8 K

On all platforms

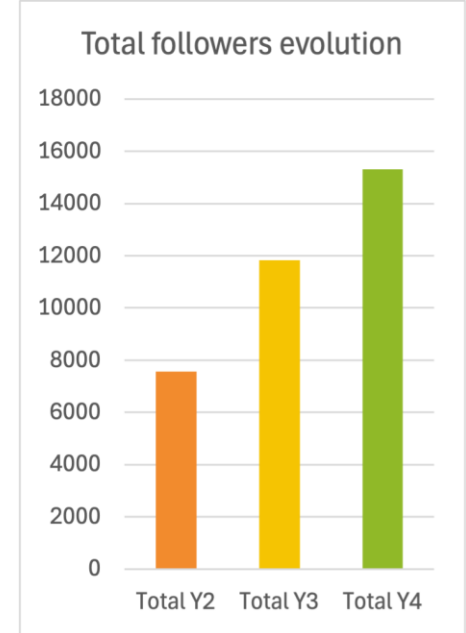
+ 3.6 K since July 2024

+30.7%

Social media followers per platform Y2-Y4



Total followers evolution

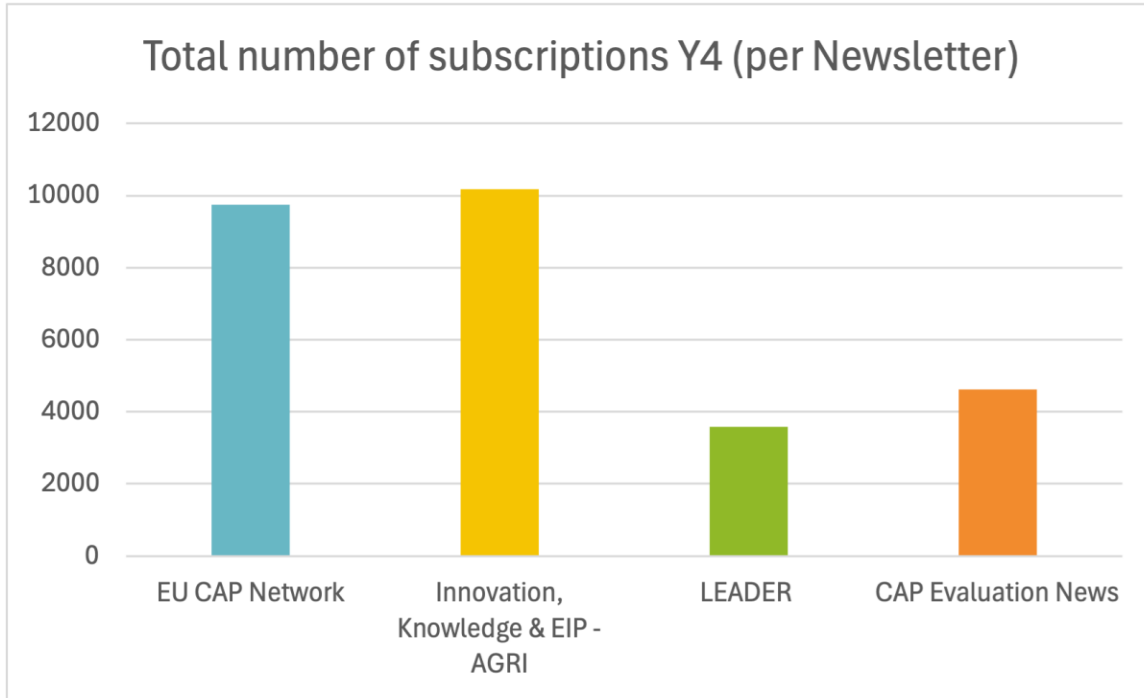


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Newsletters KPIs



Total number of subscriptions*

29,2 K

Opening rate Y4

Above 37%

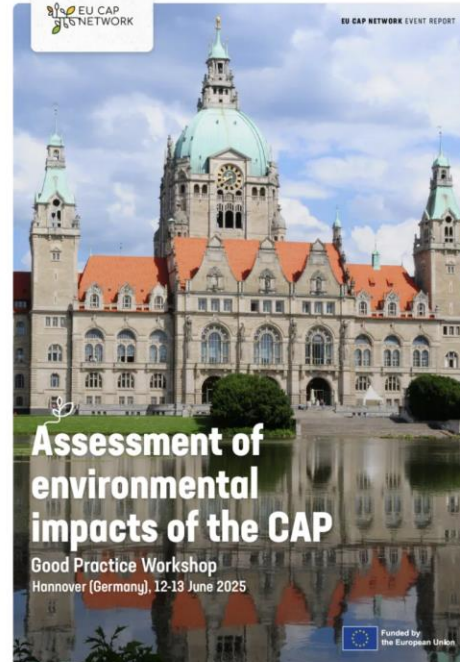
(industry standard 15-20%)

*The number includes Q1Y5





Publications



Year 4

Publications produced

469

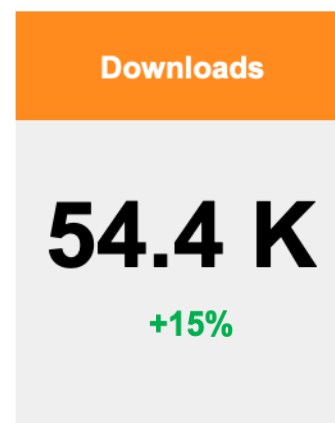
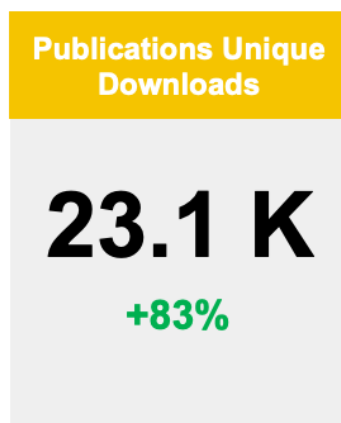
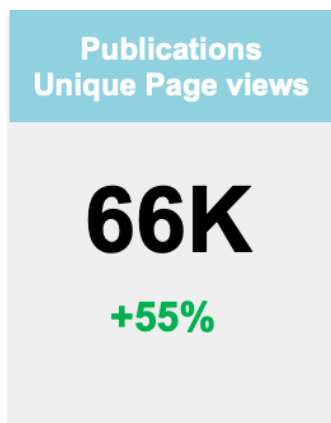
(more than 2 per working day)



Publications KPIs

Publications

Overall website



Unique page views: how many times a specific page is viewed by different users in a single visit

Unique download: refers to the number of times a specific file (e.g., PDF, dataset, report) is downloaded by distinct users.





Events KPIs

Events

30

Participants

2 066

In the EU CAP Network premises

9

Satisfaction rate

90.3%

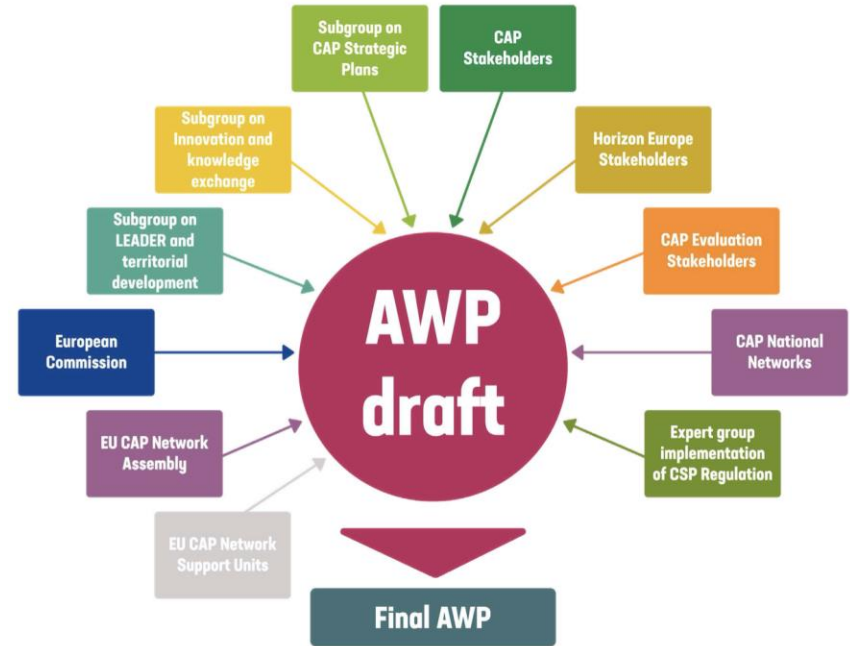


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Annual Work Programme July 2025 – July 2026



Read it online!

Scan to open the document online.



Upcoming activities – 3 Focus Groups



Forestry and forest health: new and emerging pests and diseases

1st meeting: 19-20 Nov,
Leuven (BE)



Innovative and sustainable ways to strengthen the role of farmers in revitalising the European wool value chain

1st meeting: 27-28 Nov,
Stockholm (SE)



Innovative on-farm energy production systems

1st meeting: 12-13 Nov,
Dublin (IE)

Objectives (general):

- Assess the current state of practice related to the topic, outlining challenges and opportunities,
- Take stock of the existing research in this field, identifying possible solutions to the challenges outlined,
- Identify needs from practice for further research,
- Propose ideas for potential EIP-AGRI Operational Groups





Seminar: Delivering the CAP today and beyond

- The Seminar took place in Brussels on 7 October.
- It involved 145 stakeholders from 26 MS and EU.
- Very interactive, participant-led format, strengthening stakeholder ownership and collaboration.
- 2 interactive sessions involved identifying success factors and obstacles in the implementation of the CAP, and what needs improvement to deliver on the CAP objectives.





Workshop on the Use of Simplified Cost Options in the CAP

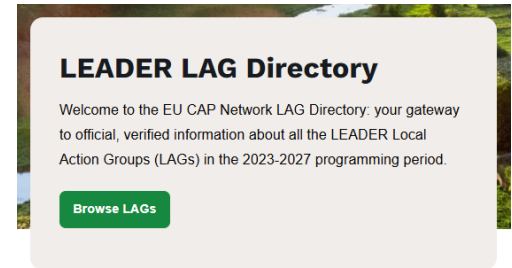
- › The [SCO Workshop](#) will take place in Brussels, on 20 November.
- › It will bring together Managing Authorities, Paying Agencies, auditors, LEADER stakeholders, and project beneficiaries.
- › Objectives of the Workshop are to share experiences of different approaches in the use of SCOs, and to discuss what needs to be put in place to encourage an increase in the use of SCOs in MS.
- › #SimplifiedCostOptions





LAG Directory

- We have an enhanced [LAG Directory](#), which is the only online platform providing reliable, up-to-date information about Local Action Groups (LAGs) across the EU.
- **New features** allow LAGs to:
 - Create an account.
 - Join a LAG profile.
 - Edit and enrich their profile with additional, relevant information, including the uploading of their cooperation offers.
 - Do an advanced search for other LAGs.
- These new features are designed to give LAGs control of their profiles' information and visibility, empowering them to take full ownership of the information.





Priority topics for AWP 2026 of Evaluation Helpdesk

no.	Topic	Objective	TWG	GPW
1	Assessment of CAP support to organic farming	GO1/GO2	x	x
2	Assessment of CAP contribution to competitiveness	GO1	x	x
3	Assessment of CAP contribution to risk and crisis management in the farming sector		x	
4	Evaluation of Green Architecture	GO2		x
5	Assessment of poverty reduction, social inclusion and rural areas' attractiveness	GO3	x	
6	Assessment of generational renewal		x	
7	Use of evaluation for ex-ante assessments and for preparing the next CAP	cross-cutting	x	x
8	Assessment of simplification		x	
9	Use of Artificial Intelligence in CAP evaluation			x
10	Netting out of impacts		x	

