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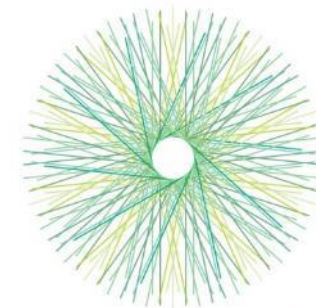
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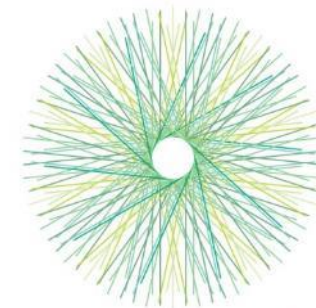
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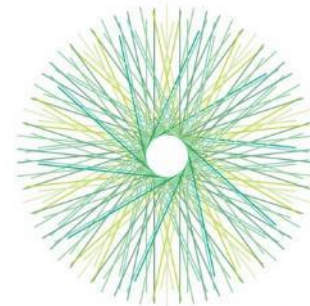
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Fostering a thriving Agricultural Innovation System in the EU



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Seminar:

EIP-AGRI: from Operational Group project to impact - Building the innovation ecosystem for the future” within the framework of the European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability (EIP-AGRI).

Objectives:

- Exchange experiences and practices among MAs and PAs in rolling out RDP support to OGs, focusing on approaches towards further simplification.
- Identify approaches and tools that are useful for MAs and PAs in respect to OG projects reporting, monitoring, controls and audits, while considering the needs of OG partners.
- Understand and exchange experiences on how OGs are creating awareness on their own project, and how they are networking and collaborating with other OGs and different entities.
- Increase the impact of OG projects by promoting the networking and collaboration among OGs and with other entities, the dissemination of OG results and their uptake by practitioners

Targets:

MAs, NSU/NRNs, PAs, OGs' members, SoI members

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17 – 18 October 2018, Spoleto (Italy)

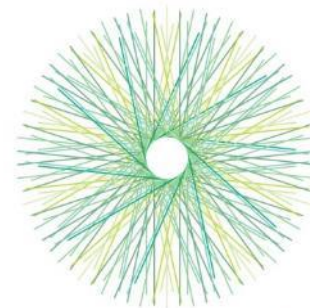
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Communicating the digital transformation in agriculture

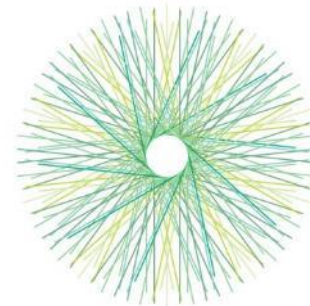
Digitisation Toolbox (ongoing)

Objectives:

1. Raise awareness and stimulate the understanding and uptake of digital technologies/solutions by farmers.
2. Facilitate the exchange of experiences and good practices with digital tools .
3. Collect information gaps and needs for further action/activities.
4. Propose a 'model' for communicating about digital opportunities



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Seminar:

Multi-level digital strategies for agriculture and rural areas

Networking activity built upon previous digitisation events promoted by DG AGRI in 2016 and 2017, in particular by the EIP-AGRI network. It aims at promoting multi-level strategic plans for digitisation in agriculture and rural areas.

Objectives:

1. Illustrate the framework and the process for developing strategic plans for digitisation that are multilevel (local- regional-national-European) and based on the needs of farmers, rural businesses and rural citizens.
2. Showcase and discuss existing examples.
3. showcase the tools developed at EU level (e.g. by the EIP-AGRI network and the ENRD and BCO) to accompany the digital transformation

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12 – 13 December 2018, Antwerp (Belgium)

EIP-AGRI Network Priorities in 2018



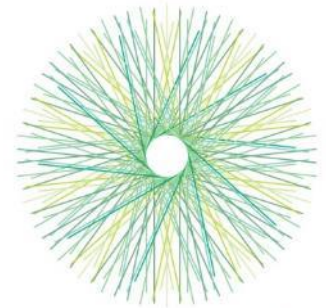
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Promoting innovation in managing natural resources and improving farm resilience



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Workshop: Innovative water management in agriculture

Objectives:

To promote cross-border knowledge exchange and networking:

- Among OGs dealing with water management, and between these OGs and relevant research projects

To assist Operational Groups working on water management questions to achieve their objectives by:

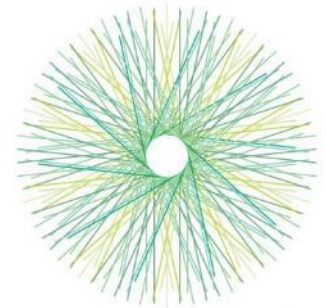
- Exchanging good practices
- Identifying common issues and questions
- Exploring potential solutions to common questions or potential answers to shared questions / potential solutions to common challenges;
- Connecting them to research projects dealing with relevant questions.
- Promoting further cooperation between partners from different OGs and research projects.

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30 – 31 May 2018, Almeria (Spain)



Promoting innovation in managing natural resources and improving farm resilience



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Focus Group: Non-chemical weed management

Scope:

- Strategies for non-chemical weed management in the medium/long term
- based on diagnosis of current risks
- taking into account climate change
- Focus on arable cropping systems and non-annual weeds
- Crop management, tillage/non tillage vs C-sequestration and herbicides use - Complementary crops or practices that help to diminish pest risk. Eg. Intercrop, agroforestry
- Weeding technologies, tools and digital aspects specific to the topic

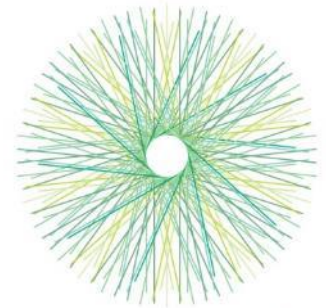


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Focus Group:

Protecting agricultural productions from frost damage

Scope:

- Focus on permanent crops and new climate patterns
- Innovative practices to be identified in connection with specific crops (apple trees, vineyards, cherry trees...)
- Use of new digital technologies to protect from frost damages
- Geographical approach taking into account climate change patterns.

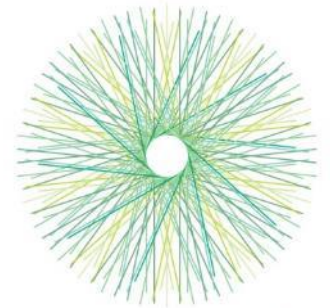


Date & Location

27-28 June 2018, Warsaw (Poland)



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Focus Group:

Pests and diseases of the Olive tree

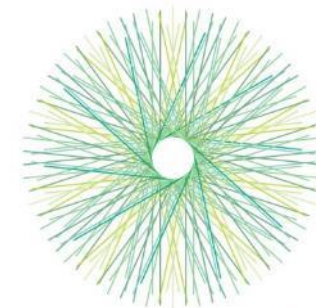
Scope:

- Make an inventory of the main pests and diseases affecting the olive trees, including their distribution and economic impact.
- Summarise, where possible, how expected climatic changes are likely to impact the distribution and occurrence of such pests and diseases as well as their impact on olive growing, regarding current practices, socio-economic results and environmental conditions.
- Take stock of good farming practices across different regions in Europe regarding the whole cycle of diseases and pests in olive production, including IPM strategies and organic olive production taking into account farmers' and advisers' experiences as well as the findings of potential innovation activities carried out by EIP operational groups and research projects in this field.
- Explore potential solutions to manage pests/diseases based on agro-ecological principles such as biodiversity.

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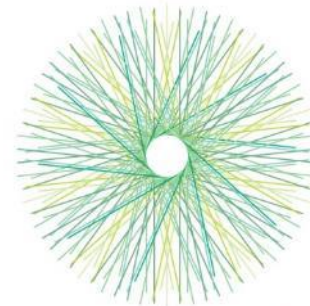
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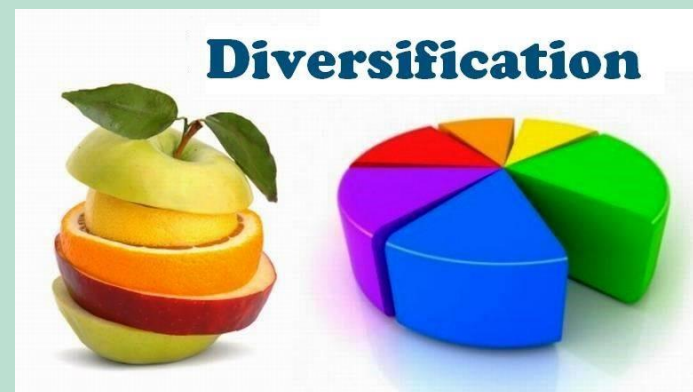


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Workshop:

Opportunities for farm diversification in the circular bio-economy

- Diversification as a way of managing risks
 - Strategies for optimising the use of biomass on the farm, consistently with the farm size and type
 - New uses of biomass from agricultural supply chains;
 - new products, new markets and related logistics
 - involvement of new entrants
 - digital aspects specific to the topic
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- Identify and showcase new ways of diversifying farm activities and income flows in the context of the circular bio-economy.

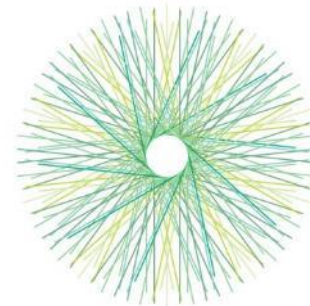


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January – February 2019, Vilnius (Lithuania)



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Focus Group: New feed for livestock

Scope:

- Which new types of feed (e.g. based on farm residues) can be effectively used by farmers in the EU?
- Are there alternative proteins to be used following the approach of the circular economy?
- How do livestock adapt to new feed?
- Which are the conditions needed to promote the use of new, more sustainable types of feed?
- Digital aspects specific to the topic



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07-08 June 2018, Helsinki (Finland)

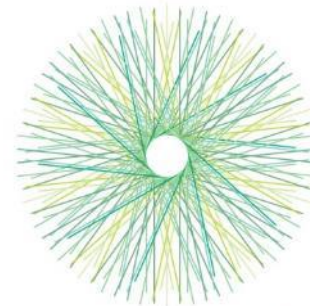
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Focus Group:

Reducing food loss on the farm

Scope:

- Focus on fresh fruit and vegetables
- Strategies for reducing food losses at farm level, from harvesting (included) to delivery of the product.
- How to organise the value chain in order to minimise losses?
- Strategies to market products which are not '1st' quality and are not accepted by main market channels.
- How can digital technologies help in reducing food losses on the farm?



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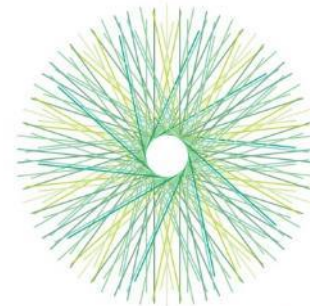
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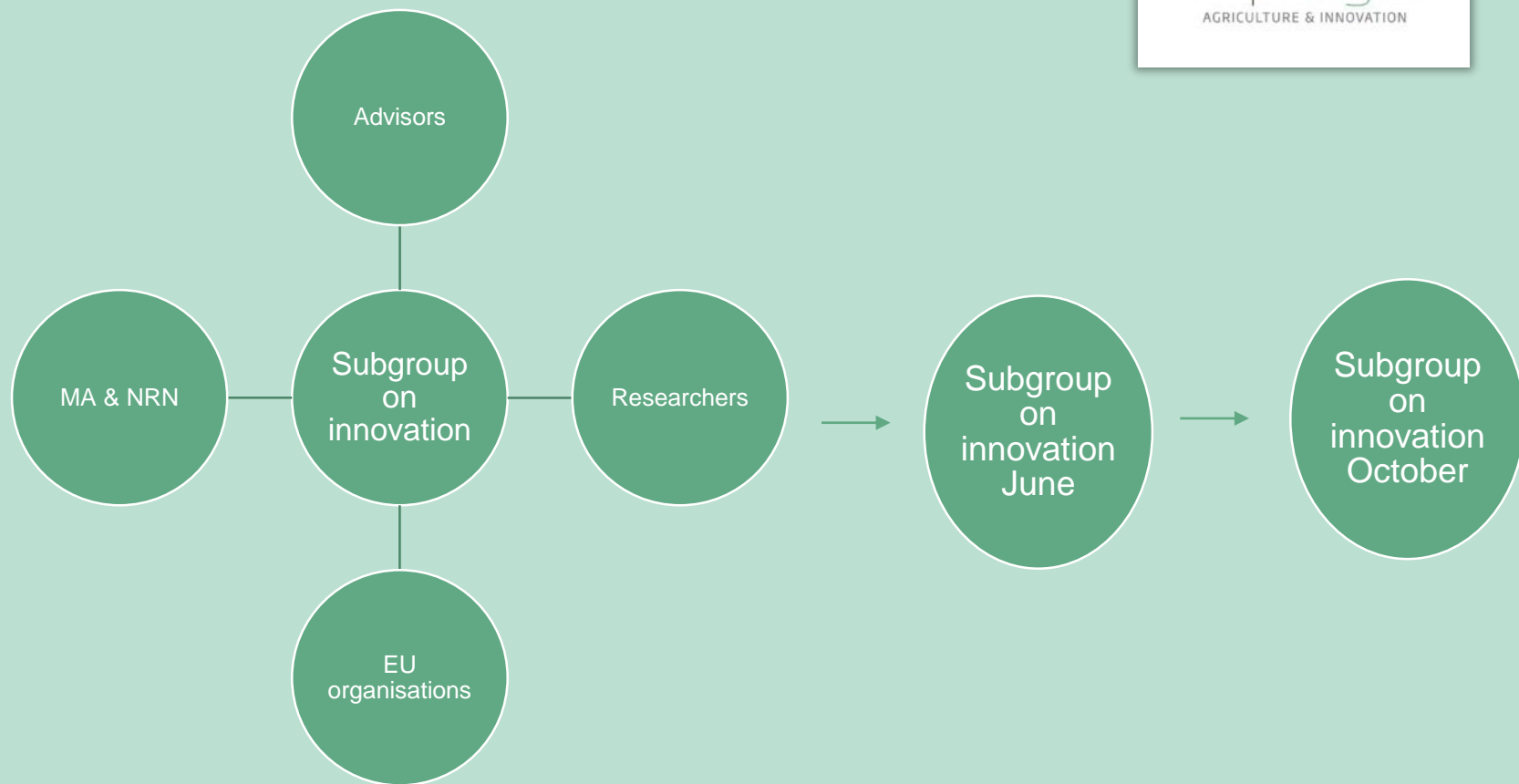


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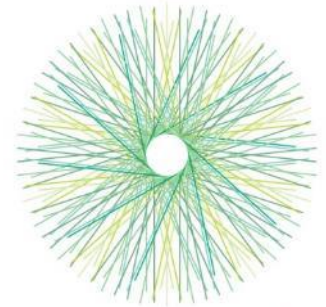


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