

Meeting of the SWG SCAR AKIS Strategic Working Group on Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems

Good practices & challenges of knowledge
exchange activities in the **current** period
+ plans for the **future** e.g. in
CAP AKIS Strategic plans

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Which good practices for knowledge exchange activities work well in your country/region?

Some context information: **397** OGs - about **120** million euros (partners: 48,8% of farmers)

259 pilot projects - about 75 million euros

In Italy this approach had a good success!

Good practices:

1. Dedicated networking activities: **NRN National Focus** about

- Cereals
- Viticulture
- Green chemistry and bioeconomy
- Zootechnics

Objective of Focus: knowledge exchange between different type of actors (farmers, experts, researchers, consultants and civil society)

Methodology: focus groups, seminars, territorial meetings, interviews, statistical analysis

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2. INNOVARURALE website:

- Content: repository of information about AKIS (documents, OGs DataBase, training)
- Possibility to sign up and receive news about selected topics
- Possibility to share innovations and search for partners

3. Rur@Lab: tool for extensionists and consultants to design and manage teaching materials to be used in vocational training courses (not an e-learning platform!)

- Co-designed and tested with *professional farming organizations*



Which challenges for knowledge exchange activities do you see in your country/region?

- 1. Governance:** A strong coordination both at regulatory level and implementation level is necessary. It will be essential to promote not just a coordinated strategy using all available tools but also an institutional coordination (e.g. shared and similar procedures, shared criteria of selection). A first attempt is the AKIS national group!
- 2. Training:** It is necessary training all AKIS actors (not just farmers and extensionists) about methodological tools to work together in the system

Which knowledge exchange activities would you like to see planned in the CAP AKIS plan of your country/region?

At the moment Italian CAP AKIS plan is in progress. The Ministry of Agricultural Policies and the regions are discussing the context analysis and the SWOT analysis.

In general, some important issues to be planned are:

- Coordination between AKIS instruments
- Coordination between regions (e.g. at interregional level) about some specific production sectors and cross-cutting issues
- Moreover, some regions noticed the importance of a greater use of practical exchange activities (such as on-farm demonstration and farmer-to-farmer exchanges) instead of more traditional training instruments

Discussion:

All comments and suggestions very welcome!



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attention!
and for your active participation
and commitment!**

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