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# Subgroup on Innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability

16<sup>th</sup> meeting

10 March 2020

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08:00 – 09:00	Registration and welcome coffee
09:00 – 09:15	Welcome and introduction
09:15 – 09:35	<b>Session I: the European Green Deal</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General presentation &amp; presentation of the 'Farm to Fork' Strategy</li><li>• Q&amp;A</li></ul>
09:35 – 10:35	<b>Session II: achievements and challenges of the Subgroup on Innovation: experiences from the members</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General introduction</li><li>• Sharing experiences of Subgroup members</li><li>• Interactive discussions on achievements and challenges</li></ul>
10:35 – 11:05	Coffee break
11:05 – 12:05	<b>Session II: continuation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sharing experiences of Subgroup members</li><li>• Interactive discussions on achievements and challenges</li></ul>
12:05 – 12:30	<b>Session II: feedback on experiences with the Subgroup</b>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break



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Lunch break

13:30 – 14:30

### Session II: continuation

- Interactive discussion: translating the Subgroup experiences into future priorities

14:30 – 15:00

### Session III: Presentation of the study 'Farmers of the Future' and the symposium 'Spotlights on Young Farmers'

- General presentation of the results of the study
- General presentation of the results of the symposium
- Q&A



15:00 – 15:20

### Session IV: the EIP-AGRI Service Point workplan 2020

- General presentation of the workplan 2020, with special focus on the activities to be launched in the first half of the year
- Information on the upcoming seminar on AKIS



15:20 – 15:50

Coffee break

15:50 – 16:05

### Session V: Feedback on recent activities

- **Workshop 'Small is smart' – Innovative solutions for small agricultural and forestry holdings**
- Seminar 'New skills for digital farming'



16:05 – 16:15

Next steps and closing



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# ***Workshop 'Small is Smart'***

## ***Innovative solutions for small agriculture and forestry holdings***



**Bucharest, Romania**  
29-30 October 2019

Sergiu Didicescu  
EIP-AGRI Service Point



# What was it about?

Recognising the integral part small scale farms play within Europe's countryside: preserving landscape diversity whilst providing a livelihood for millions of people who nurture and protect century's old countryside, rural traditions and customs.

- share examples of where innovative solutions had been successfully adopted by small farm and forestry holdings,
- better understand how farmers could be supported to adopt innovations and what activities might best enable this,
- which areas of the support environment could be strengthened to improve uptake of innovations and best practice.



# Who?

- 100 participants
- 17 countries
- Strong Southern ( $\approx 30\%$ ) and Eastern ( $\approx 30\%$ ) Europe presence

## Participants background

- Farmers & farmer organisations, foresters (25)
- Researchers (18)
- Advisors (17)
- NGO's (12)
- Innovation support actors (9),
- Operational groups (7)
- Other (12)



# Outcomes

Set of answers and practical recommendations for the following:

- What types of **collaboration support** small farmers **to innovate**, and how?
- How can small farmers be supported to utilise **digitalisation** as a means to innovate?
- Which methods of **knowledge sharing** work best for small farmers?
- What type of **advisory** services best support small farmers?
- What type of **innovation support** would best help small farmers?