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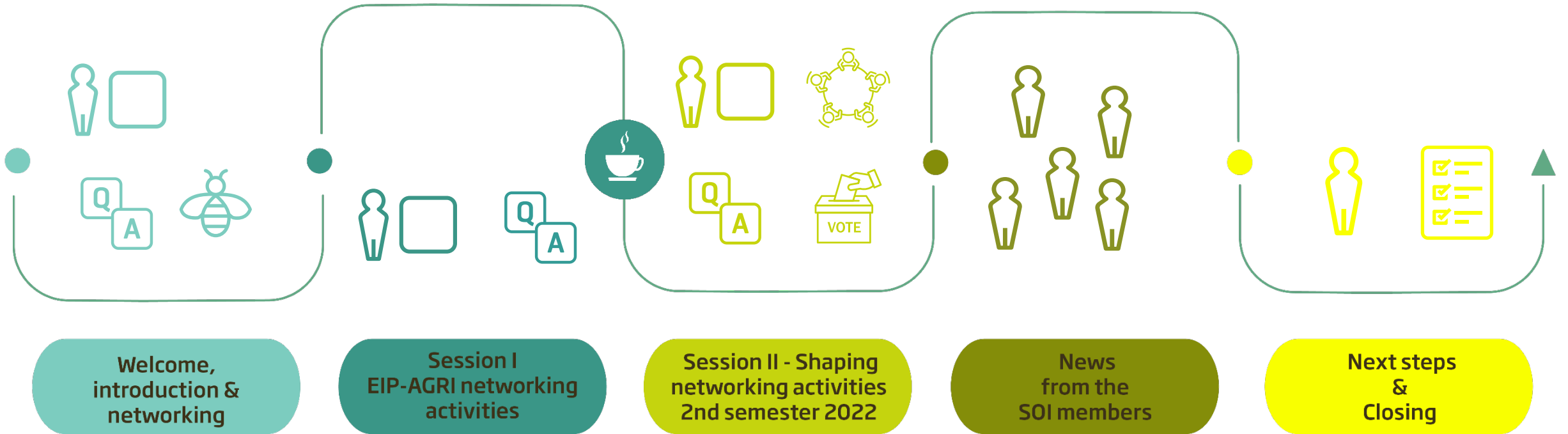
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## *Ideas for networking activities for the second half of 2022*

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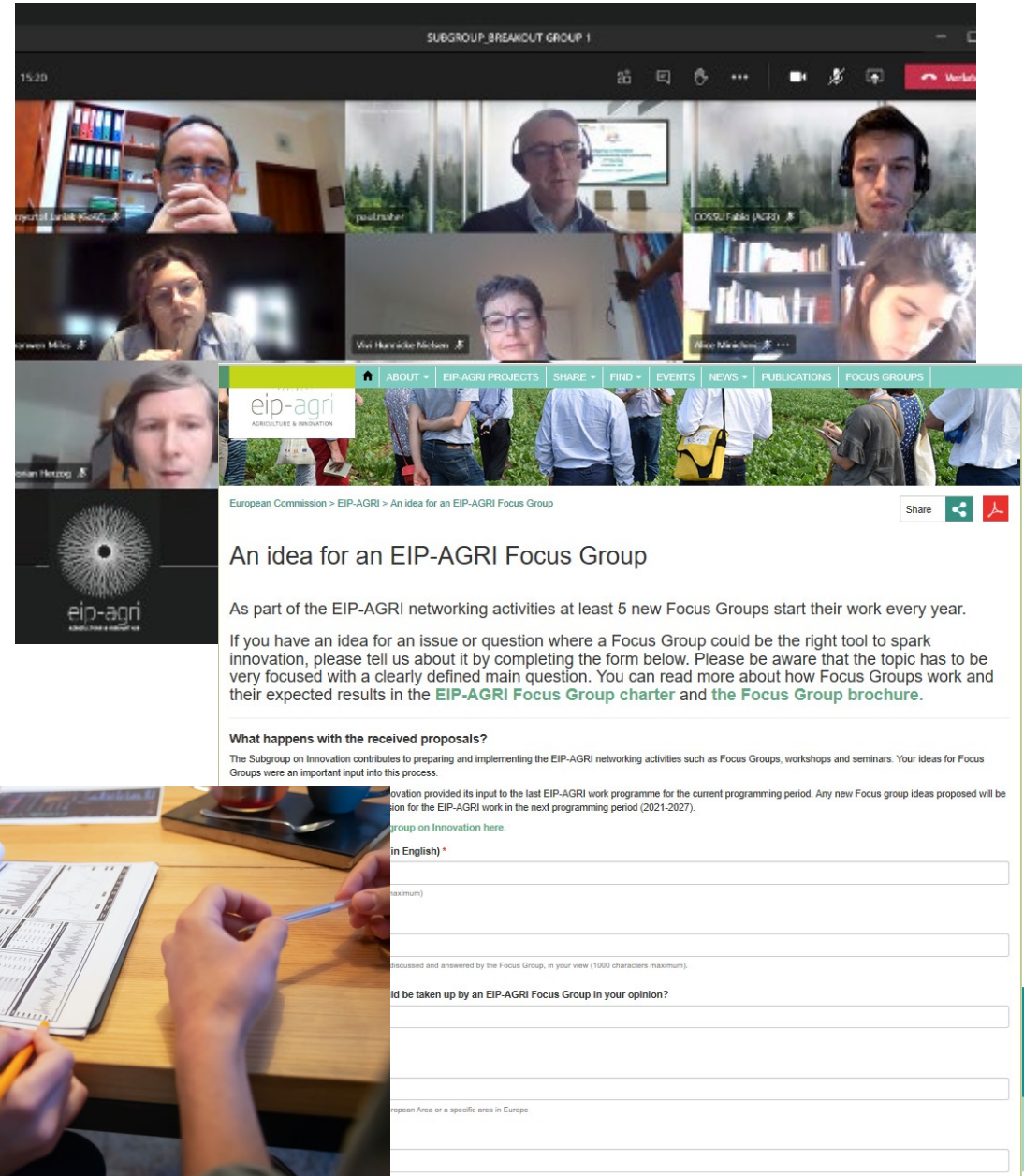


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## Sources of ideas

- Results of the discussions at the 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Subgroup on Innovation on 3 December 2020
- Inputs from the network collected through the EIP-AGRI website and networking activities
- Analysis carried out by the EIP-AGRI Support Facility



The image shows a composite of two screenshots. The top screenshot is a Zoom meeting interface titled 'SUBGROUP BREAKOUT GROUP 1' showing several participants in a grid view. The bottom screenshot is a webpage from the EIP-AGRI website, specifically a page titled 'An idea for an EIP-AGRI Focus Group'. The webpage content includes a navigation menu, a header image of people in a field, and a main text area that reads: 'An idea for an EIP-AGRI Focus Group. As part of the EIP-AGRI networking activities at least 5 new Focus Groups start their work every year. If you have an idea for an issue or question where a Focus Group could be the right tool to spark innovation, please tell us about it by completing the form below. Please be aware that the topic has to be very focused with a clearly defined main question. You can read more about how Focus Groups work and their expected results in the EIP-AGRI Focus Group charter and the Focus Group brochure.' Below this is a section titled 'What happens with the received proposals?' and a form with several text input fields and a dropdown menu.



# Booklet with ideas for future EIP-AGRI activities

## Ideas for future EIP-AGRI activities

20<sup>th</sup> SOI MEETING ON 14 DECEMBER 2021



### Introduction

This document presents a shortlist of potential topics for future EIP-AGRI networking activities, based on:

- 1) The discussion among members of the Subgroup on Innovation (SOI) during the meeting on 3 December 2020, and its results;
- 2) Inputs from the network collected through the EIP-AGRI website and networking activities;
- 3) Analysis carried out by the EIP-AGRI Support Facility (SF).

Analysis conducted by the EIP-AGRI Support Facility (SF) considered a combination of elements, namely: needs from the network, timing on the EU policy agenda and the CAP objectives, reflections from the SOI, as well as activities that were organised by the Service Point in the past or are now organised by the SF.

The shortlisting of topics was further guided by considerations such as:

- Relevance for EU Member States
- Added value of the activity
- No duplication of ideas
- Complementarity to other topics
- Interest for ongoing Operational Groups (OGs)
- Current policy context and future challenges

As a final output of this process, a number of topics was selected.

Below you can find the list of the 8 proposed topics, followed by a more elaborated description per topic.

#### List of topics for discussion:

1. AKIS implementation
2. International and cross-border collaboration
3. Position of farmers in the food supply chain
4. Soil - EU Mission: A Soil Deal for Europe
5. Farmland abandonment and land restoration for farming
6. Farm climate action plans
7. Supply chain & bioeconomy
8. Young innovative entrepreneurs in rural areas

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### TOPIC 1: AKIS implementation

#### Description

Currently, MSs are finalising their CAP Strategic Plans and will soon start implementing their AKIS interventions, so it is timely to start capacity-building and peer to peer exchange on this matter. Relevant actors, namely the NRNs, have expressed their need for support on this (e.g. in the last NRNs meeting on 18 November 2021). Therefore, it is most relevant to continue building a common understanding on AKIS and on what is needed to make it work, and to exchange and discuss on relevant interventions and set ups. The topic can be tackled at a more general level (for instance, with peer-to-peer exchange on a range of different types of AKIS interventions) or with a more specific scope (e.g. with a focus on the role of national CAP Networks and their contribution to the EU CAP Network). Additionally, during the SOI meeting in December 2020, the cluster on 'AKIS and digitalisation' was the most voted of all.

#### Possible type of activity

Possibilities vary from one or more seminars (or a conference) with breakouts organised by types of actors or per types of interventions for instance, to a series of workshops organised per EU macro-regions. Any of these possibilities can have either a live or virtual format.

#### Who to involve

CAP planners, AKIS coordination entities, MAs, NRNs/national CAP networks, maybe other types of actors (e.g. advisers, farmers / farmers' organisations, researchers, etc.) depending on the scope.

#### Related EIP-AGRI activities

EIP-AGRI Seminar "CAP Strategic Plans: the key role of AKIS in Member States"

EIP-AGRI Workshop "Enabling farmers for the digital age: the role of AKIS"

EIP-AGRI Seminar "Promoting creativity and learning through agricultural knowledge systems and interactive innovation"

In addition, the European Commission (DG AGRI) organised a series of one-day webinars available on the webinar event page: "Preparing the CAP Strategic Plans – the role of innovation networking in the Member States"

#### Related H2020 or EU projects (depending on the scope)

I2connect, AGRILINK, AgrISPIN, FAIRshare, EURAKNOS, EUREKA, AgriDemo-F2F, NEFERTITI, LIAISON, NEXTFOOD

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### TOPIC 2: International and cross-border collaboration

#### Description

Although various types of innovative collaborations are already ongoing and have been gaining increasing momentum in the last few years, there is still a need for further awareness, stimulus and peer-to-peer exchange on existing experiences. This need becomes even stronger when considering the opportunity that the new CAP will bring with international and cross-border OGs and the ambitions on a well-functioning EU-AKIS. As these are novelties in the coming programming period, awareness and capacity building are needed. Additionally, international and cross-border collaboration is quite demanding in terms of cooperation and coordination between MSs, which thus calls for an active role from the EU level in facilitating this process. Thus, fostering international and cross-border collaboration is needed, either: (1) focusing on promoting the new types of OGs in the upcoming CAP Strategic Plans, and/or (2) further stimulating collaboration between existing OGs and/or (3) having a stronger role in connecting different types of innovative projects. It is important to keep in mind that due to the need for an effective coordination between MSs/regions, a timely preparation is needed before calls for the new international and cross-border OGs can be launched. One option could be to organise a capacity building activity with discussions on what is needed to 'make it happen' at different levels (e.g., how to prepare calls for international or cross-border OGs), while looking at existing examples / good practices that showcase opportunities coming from cooperation across borders (e.g., EE international OGs, regional cross-border FR OGs, experiences from INTERREG, LEADER).

#### Possible type of activity

- capacity building event focusing on the new types of OGs
- cross-visit(s) and/or brokerage activities for already existing OGs, which could help them prepare further cross-border and international cooperation.

#### Who to involve (depending on the scope)

MAs, OG partners, advisers & innovation support services, farmers / farmers' organisations, researchers, etc.

#### Related EIP-AGRI activities

SEMINAR "CAP Strategic Plans: the key role of AKIS in MS"

All thematic workshops bring OGs and other relevant projects together around specific themes. Capacity building EIP events have also a component on international and cross-border collaboration since international and cross-border collaboration is at the core of EIP. Nevertheless, it is a topic that hasn't been tackled yet on its own /as the main single objective of an event.

#### Related H2020 or EU projects

In principle, the H2020 projects are encouraged to also help bring together smaller national projects like OGs: OK-NET, Arable, SheepNet and LANDMARK did so, for instance.

- **AKIS implementation**



- **International and cross-border collaboration**



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- **Young innovative entrepreneurs in rural areas**



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# Thank you

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