

# Meeting of the SCAR SWG AKIS

Experiences with EIP Operational Groups in current Rural Development programme 2014-2022  
and Plans for the OG calls in the future CAP plan 2023-2027

Member state: **Austria**

**25-26/10/2022**



# 1. Experiences with EIP OGs in 2014-2022

## Content of calls - topics like

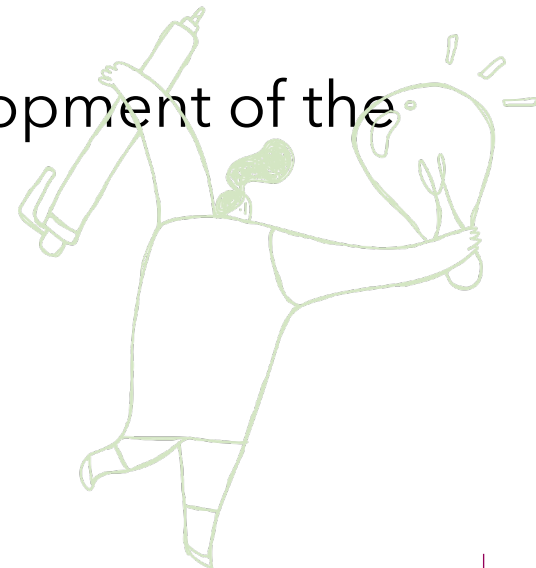
- Agriculture 4.0 - interlinking information /data with production-technical processes for the purpose of optimisation and/or efficiency increase
- Reduction of emissions in agricultural practice
- Increase of the welfare of farm animal
- Improving the risk management on farms
- Biodiversity and management
- Climate-relevant approaches in agriculture
- Addressing societal challenges in the context of agriculture
- Improving market opportunities along the agricultural value chain
- Strengthening the circular economy



# 1. Experiences with EIP OGs in 2014-2022

## Outcomes and Acceptance

- 5 calls
- 2-stage selection procedure
- about 150 applications
- 39 Operational Groups - 39 Innovation projects
- 16 projects concerning the establishment of the OG / development of the project plan
- Approved funding amount in total EUR 14.9 million



# 1. Experiences with EIP OGs in 2014-2022

- Management and Administration: Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management
  - Paying Agency: Agrarmarkt Austria
  - Support: National network office
- Many new cooperations and interesting projects
- great challenges in administration





## 2. Plans for EIP OGs/O.1 projects in 2023-2027

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- How will your calls be different from the current period?
  - Ongoing application (open-topic), calls only in connection with the Bio top-ups
  - 2 phases, decoupled
    - 1st phase: Presentation of the idea and optional application (structure OG)
    - 2nd phase: Innovation project of the Operational Group
  - Funding period max. 4 years
  - Max. EUR 400,000 for both phases
  - Flat rate of EUR 10,000 in phase 1 (min. 2 actors from different fields)

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2 interventions for OG

77-6: European Innovation Partnership (EIP-AGRI) - Multi-actor approach in the agricultural sector

77-3: rural innovation ecosystems - Multi-actor approach in the non-farm sector with two strands:

- Building of rural innovation supporting networks (management capacity building)
- Rural innovation partnership: Implementing innovative concepts and projects

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Any specific novelties you want to introduce? for instance rural innovation, knowledge network for AKIS actors, biodiversity result-based testing to prepare CAP AECM / (eco) schemes, etc

## 2. Plans for EIP OGs/O.1 projects in 2023-2027

4 fields of action for the further development of the Austrian AKIS:

- knowledge generation and processing: strengthening the knowledge base, increasing practical relevance and target-group-oriented processing
- knowledge transfer: accelerate the transfer and exchange of knowledge in AKIS, especially through education and counselling.
- digitalisation: drive forward the digital transformation of Austrian agriculture and forestry and smart villages.
- networking: improve networking and exchange among AKIS actors in order to use synergies and increase the impact of their activities





# 3. Any further comments/suggestions

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# Discussion

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**All further comments and suggestions are very welcome!**



# Thank you for your attention

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