

Meeting of the SCAR SWG AKIS

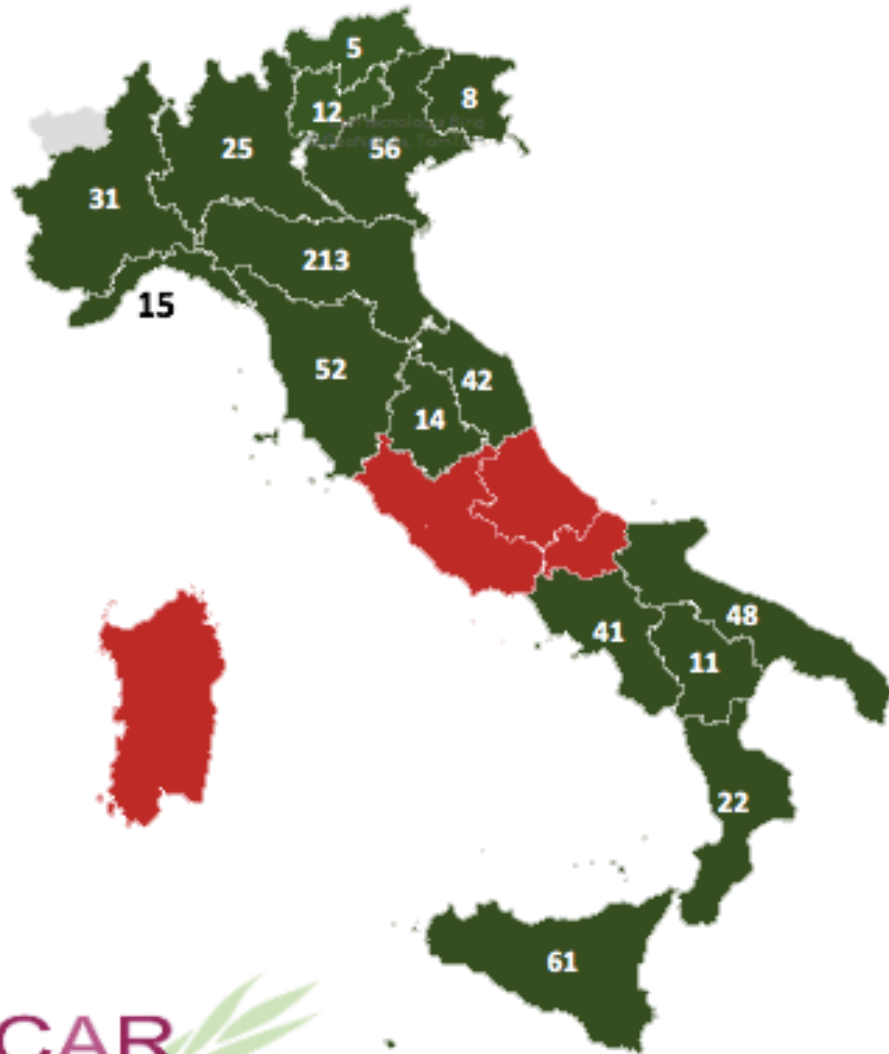
Experiences with EIP Operational Groups in current Rural Development programme 2014-2022
and Plans for the OG calls in the future CAP plan 2023-2027

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1. Experiences with EIP OGS in 2014-2022 (1)

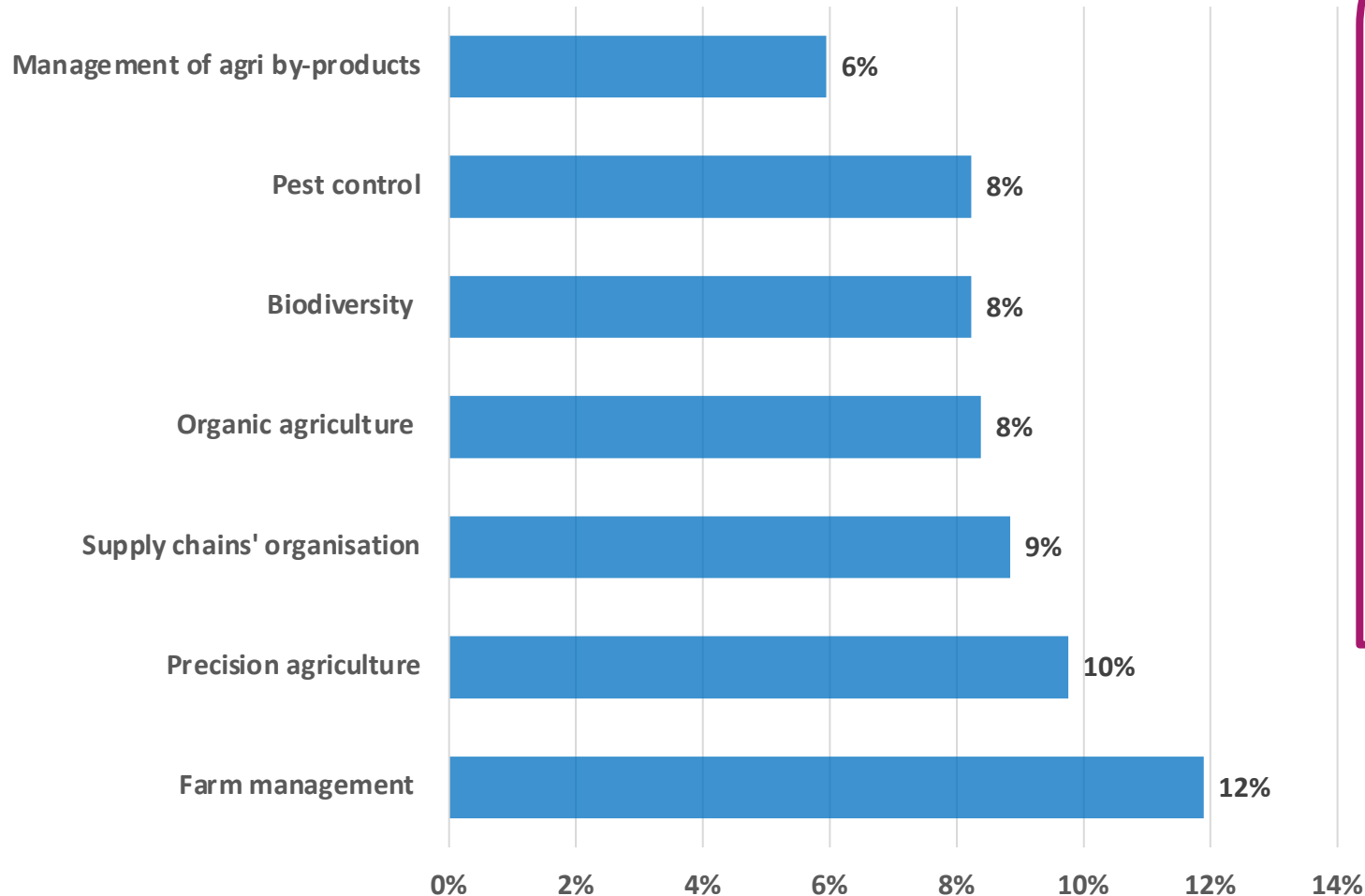


- 636 OGS initially envisaged.
- 656 OGS implemented in 15 regions and 2 autonomous provinces
- 4 regions are still selecting OGS.
- 1 region (Valle d'Aosta) did not implement the OGS.



1. Experiences with EIP OGs in 2014-2022 - Main themes

400 OGs



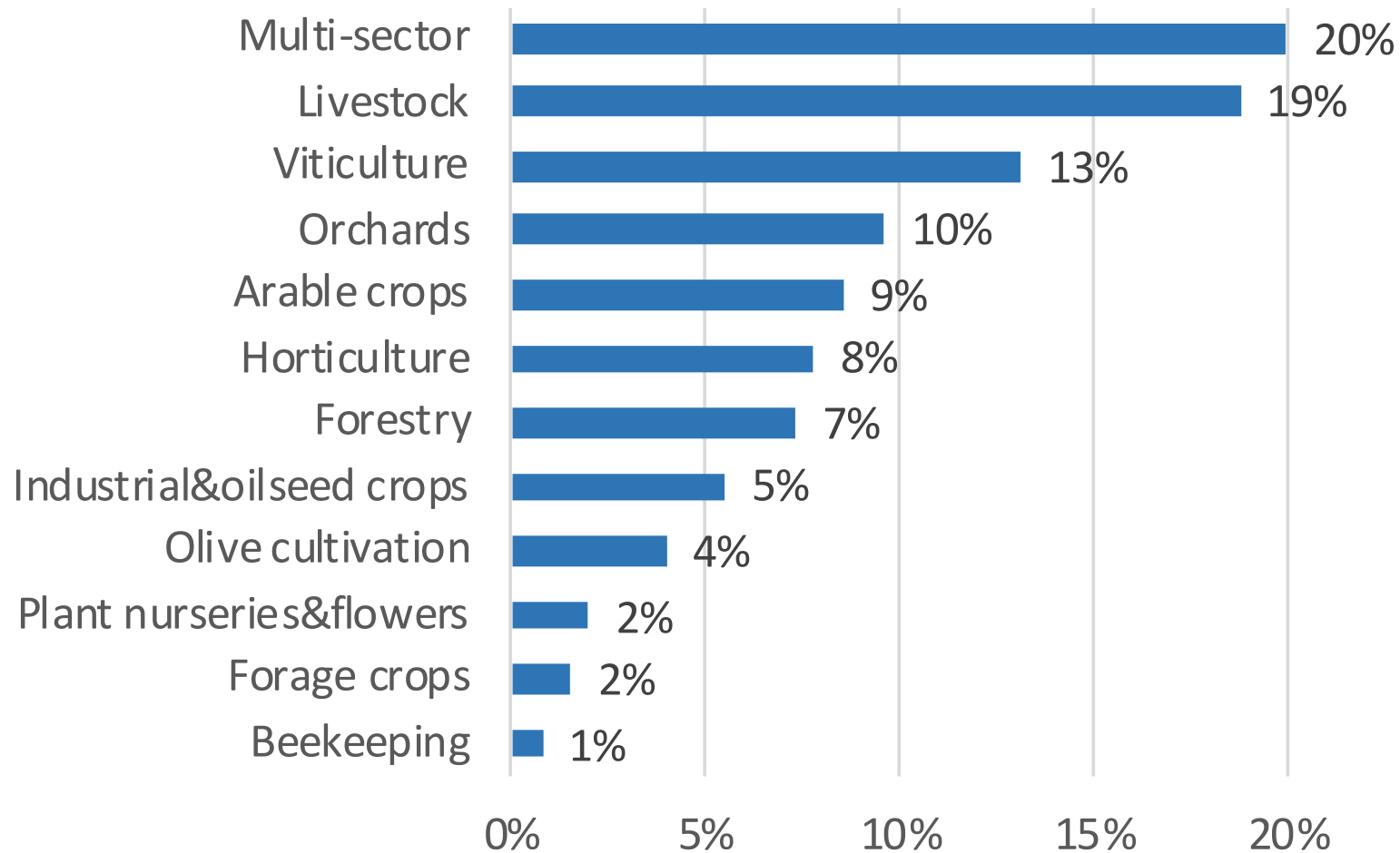
Note: percentages are calculated on total N. of OGs; only results above 6% are shown.

Other themes:

- ✓ Water and soil management
- ✓ Animal welfare
- ✓ Food quality
- ✓ Local markets and short food supply chains
- ✓ GHG emissions and carbon footprint
- ✓ Renewable energy



1. Experiences with EIP OGS in 2014-2022 - Focus areas and main industries involved



Focus Areas

	N. of OGS	%
FA 2A	235	36%
FA 3A	202	31%
FA 4B	76	12%



1. Experiences with EIP OGs in 2014-2022 - Implementation procedures



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Different rules among regions in relation to:

- ✓ Budget
- ✓ Composition of the partnership
- ✓ Selection criteria to support farmers' participation
- ✓ Role of innovation brokers
- ✓ Number of calls



Study on the functioning of the multi-actor approach in the EIP AGRI OGs in Italy.



- ✦ Consistent partnership and specific assigned roles (formal aspect defined by governance) are not determinant for the OGs success, while the partnership cohesion is a key factor.
- ✦ Role played by partner
 - in leading the OG
 - in performing important functions such as advisory (not well-defined role)
- ✦ Mediation/Brokerage: where present (exercised by lead-partner, or by another actor), the effectiveness of the OGs increased. When this key factor is combined with a comprehensive needs' analysis the effectiveness is enhanced.
- ✦ Effective analysis of needs, even if mainly at the beginning of the project
- ✦ Working in teams is a critical dimension; it is a skill difficult to learn and impossible to introduce by governance and planning
- ✦ The partnerships with previous experiences in innovation projects have positive results.
- ✦ Increased competences and new relationships are valued as the most positive results of OGs.
- ✦ Direct relations between frequent exchanges between partners and positive results of the OG.

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

☛ 9 AKIS interventions:

☛ 6 under Article 78 knowledge exchange and information

- SRH01: Advisory services
- SRH02: Exchange of knowledge and information for advisors and other AKIS actors
- SRH03: Training actions for farmers, foresters and other rural actors
- SRH04: Information actions
- SRH05: Demonstration actions for agriculture, forestry and rural areas
- SRH06: Back office

☛ 3 under art. 77 cooperation

- SRG01: EIP AGRI Operational Groups
- SRG08: Support to pilot actions and innovation testing
- SRG09: Cooperation for innovation support services and other services targeting agrifood and forestry sectors.

AKIS interventions 2023-2027: financial resources

Intervention	Financial resources	Relevance on total CAP SP budget (%)
SRG01 - OG	131.637.343,54	0,83%
SRG08 - Pilot actions	45.300.000,00	0,28%
SRG09 – Innovation Support Services	23.384.000,00	0,15%
SRH01 - Advisory services	81.966.284,23	0,51%
SRH02 - Training for advisors	7.732.074,12	0,05%
SRH03 - Training for AKIS actors	68.613.547,50	0,43%
SRH04 - Information	28.120.148,25	0,18%
SRH05 - Demonstration	16.941.125,90	0,11%
SRH06 - Back-office	17.819.247,65	0,11%

EIP AGRI OGs



Pilot actions



Innovation support service:



Advisory services



Training for advisors



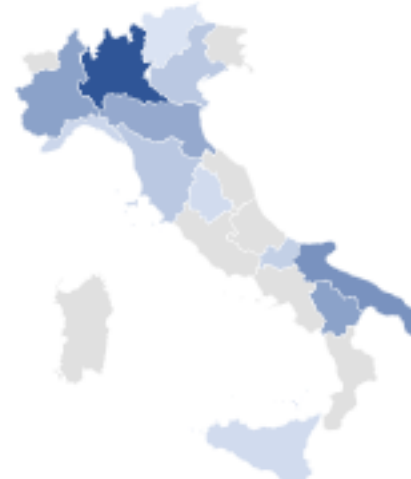
Training for AKIS actors



Information actions



Demonstration actions



Back office



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

How will you develop AKIS synergies with advisors, trainers?

- Set-up of regional and national coordination bodies.
- National coordination will be set-up within the national MA.
- Collaboration with the Interregional network for agricultural, forestry aquaculture and fisheries research.

CAP Network actions:

- organisation of ad hoc support to regional authorities for the implementation of AKIS interventions;
- analysis of the implementation of the interactive approach to support the AKIS interventions;
- further implementation of the INNOVARURALE platform;
- support to networking among OGs and between OGs and Horizon Europe projects;
- Organisation of exchange events for advisors and researchers.



Thank you for your attention

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