

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: **SLOVAKIA**

25-26/10/2022



1. Experiences with EIP OGs in 2014-2022

The Call 1/2020

- Allocation: 6 000 000€
- 53 OGs applied for support
- 24 OGs were approved
- In amount 4 700 000€
- Impact currently unknown as Agricultural Paying Agency (APA) is contracting OG

The Call 2/2022

- The call is announced and open until 31/12/2022
- Allocation: 5 400 000€
- At least 27 new OGs



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Basic parameters of the call

- ☛ The call is divided into 2 rounds
 - ☛ **1st round:**
 - ☛ Evaluation committee
 - ☛ Expert evaluators
 - ☛ Approval/disapproval notices
 - ☛ **2nd round:**
 - ☛ OGs that have a notice of approval by the evaluation committee will be able to apply for subsidy at the APA

Topics covered

1. Automated expert irrigation systems
2. Automated expert system for fertilizer application
3. Bioeconomy - use of biomass to replace products from fossil sources
4. Packaging in the food industry - replacing plastics with biomass products
5. Expert system in livestock breeding to optimize production and reduce environmental burdens
6. Application for calculating emissions at the farm level
7. Innovative supply chains
8. Innovative provision of information about agricultural products for consumers
9. Development of new food products
10. Innovations of food products with regard to specific properties
11. Innovations in technological procedures and processes in individual branches of the food industry
12. Agricultural systems, efficient nitrogen management
13. Use of energy grasses for bioeconomy
14. Restoration of degraded land
15. Optimizing the decomposition of organic plant residues in the soil
16. Precision technologies in cultivation systems
17. Sustainable systems following cropping practices, preventing water and wind erosion and retaining soil water, including intercropping and cultivation of nitrogen-fixing species
18. System for recording greenhouse gas production on the farm (carbon auditing)
19. Adaptation of forests to climate change
20. Introduction of new methods of cultivation and planting of seedling material of forest trees
21. Forest protection and revitalization (ORL)
22. Agroforestry systems
23. Proposal of procedures for diversifying the production of forestry enterprises towards the bioeconomy
24. Rationalization of the mining process and waste processing
25. Use of digital technologies in LH

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Administration control OG

Based on the database, the evaluation committee (EC) will select expert evaluators who will evaluate the OG. Evaluators have a recommendatory character for EC

EC select expert evaluators for OG evaluation

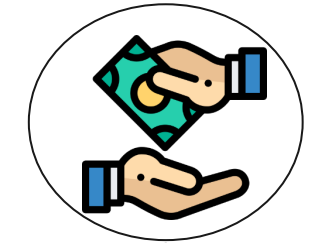
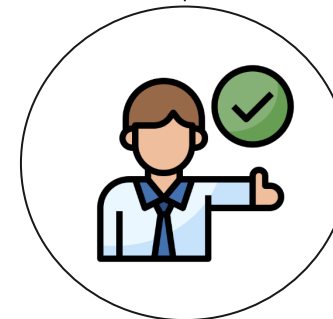


Evaluation process

MA RDP, on the basis of instructions from the EC, will train and send the assigned OG to expert evaluators for evaluation

After the evaluation, the evaluation committee approves the OG and then an approval/disapproval letter is sent to the OG, who then submit the APA for contracting to the OG

Approval of OG by the evaluation committee



Contracting and payment of support to applicants

APA contracts OG and starts paying the financial contribution to the applicants

On the basis of the documents sent by the OG, Managing Authority RDP will examine whether all documents are administratively in order. If necessary, the MA RDP will ask the OG to provide required documents



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

How will your calls be different from the current period?

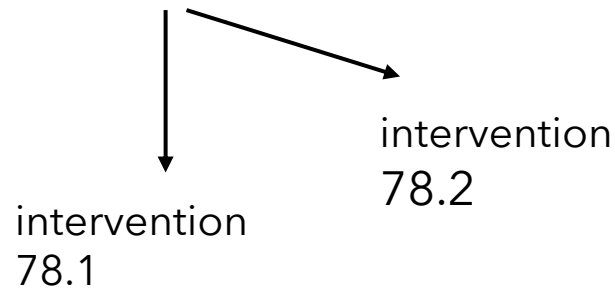
- ✦ OGs can operate at a transnational level, while emphasis is placed on cooperation with OGs of other member states that have dealt with the given issue.
- ✦ To ensure cooperation and the creation of operational groups not only at the SR level, there will also be the possibility of cooperation with authorized partners/experts from abroad. The priority is to support activities with an impact on the territory of the Slovak Republic — from the point of view of investments, their implementation in the territory of the Slovak Republic is essential, while the sharing of knowledge, networking, know-how and further development of cooperation is unlimited in this case (however, it is assumed that it will be beneficial for all participating sides)



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How will you develop AKIS synergies with advisors, trainers?

- ✦ Connectivity through the competence center with:



How will you develop AKIS synergies with Horizon projects?

- ✦ Regular interaction with Horizon projects
- ✦ The "EIP Operational Group" intervention will be able to support projects following Horizon Europe projects or projects that do not receive funding but receive a high award



Thank you for your attention

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