



# Subgroup on Innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting

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08:30 - 09:00 Registration & welcome coffee

09:00 - 09:10 Welcome & introduction – *Rob Peters, Head of Unit AGRI H.5*

09:10 - 10:10 Session I “Rural Networking in 2016

*Presentation by DG AGRI & discussion in groups*

10:10 – 10:30 Session II “Supporting Operational Groups”

EIP-AGRI implementation in RDPs: first elements from the 94 RDPs supporting OGs through Measure 16 – *Presentations by DG AGRI & EIP-AGRI Service Point*

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 13:00 Session II “Supporting Operational Groups” (continued) – *Discussion in groups*

Support for Operational Groups – *DG AGRI & MAs from Austria, Spain, Sweden, England*

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

**14:00 – 15:00 Session III “EIP-AGRI Focus Groups”**

State of play – *EIP-AGRI Service Point & DG AGRI*

**Making best use of Focus Groups’ outcomes – *Presentations by Portugal, Hungary & Spain / Presentation by Mark Redman***

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:40 Making best use of Focus Groups’ outcomes – *Discussion in groups*

16:40 – 17:00 Wrap up / next steps

17:00 Closing





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# ***National Focus Groups in Spain***

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# National Focus Groups

➤ **1<sup>st</sup> National Focus Group** launched in October 2015.

- Ongoing. Next meeting: over 2016.
- Topic: ***Innovation in irrigation: energy and environmental protection.***
- Focus on spanish issues.
- Goal: Identify main problems regarding irrigation and its linkages with energy consumption, renewable energy, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions...
- Public information through: National Rural Network and Ministry of Agriculture websites.
- Member Applications assessed by Ministry and Research Institutes (INIA).
- Participants: multi-actor approach.

➤ Upcoming National FG for 2016: **Forestry and 2 more** ( topics not yet decided).

➤ **All of them Supported by National Rural Network**



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## EU Focus Groups

- Ministry of Agriculture and NRN websites disseminate calls and final documents.
- Spain just translate the title and main objectives of the FG.
- Calls and documents in English.
- Some suggestions:
  - They will have bigger impact on agriculture/end users if we could translate them.
  - Maybe is needed to give more publicity about FG and the their a outcomes (not everybody knows/use them).



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***Thanks for your attention***