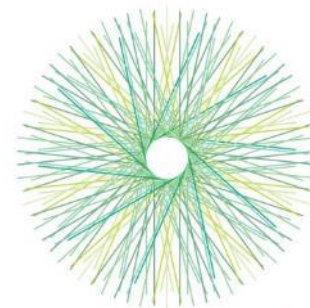


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Overview on Operational Groups



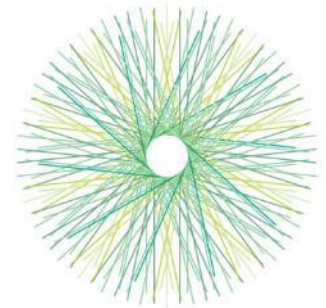
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Forest Innovation Workshop 2018

**Beatriz Guimarey, EIP-AGRI Service Point
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The goal of the EIP AGRI



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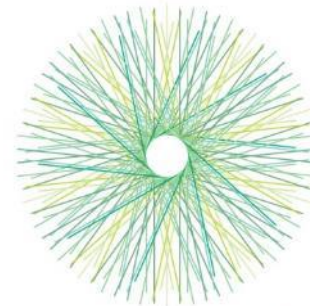


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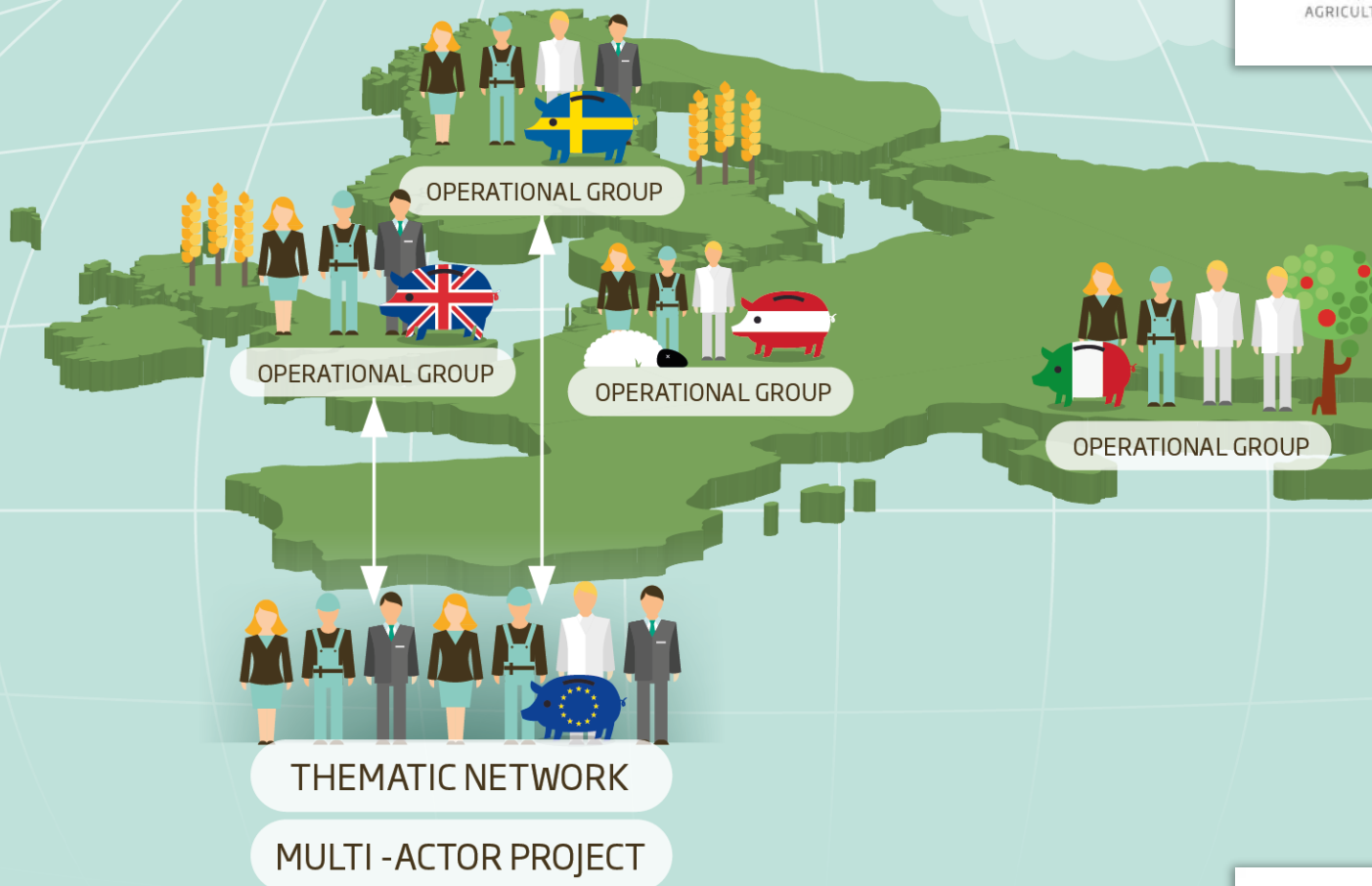
- Using the interactive model (bottom-up approach)
- Linking actors via the EIP Network

- ✓ Events
- ✓ Helpdesk
- ✓ Website

The EIP-AGRI Network: connecting people & sharing knowledge to tackle challenges



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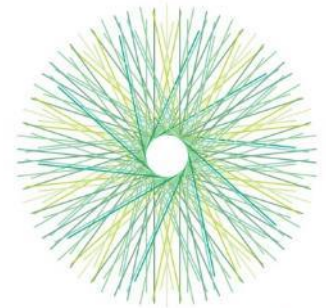


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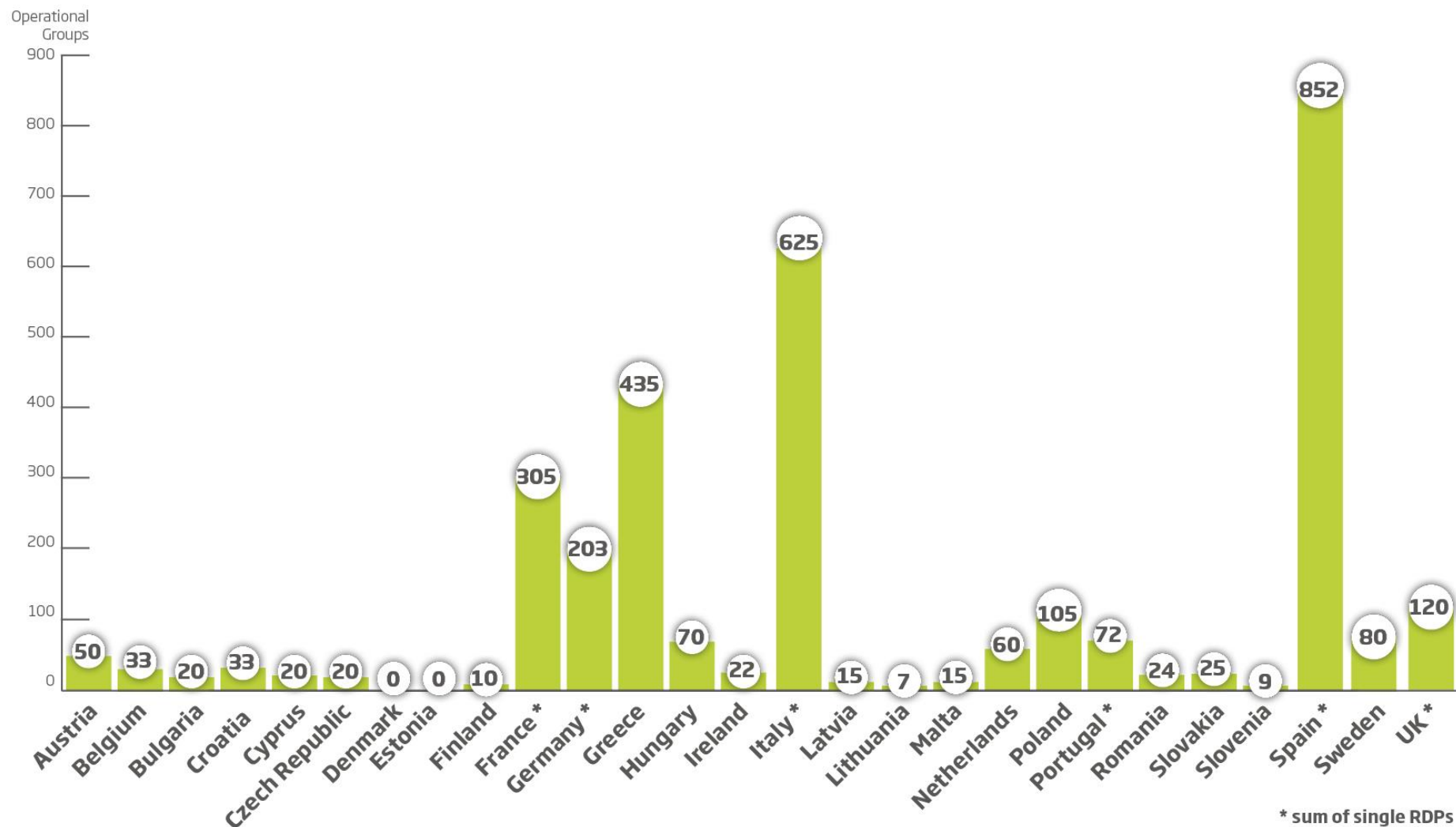
Rural Development Programmes (RDPs):
Measure 16 Cooperation

Number of planned EIP Operational Groups in the 2014-2020 RDPs



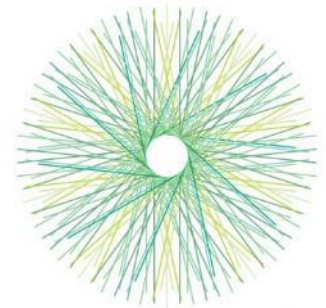
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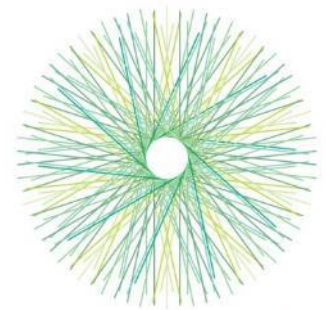
State of play of the Operational Groups



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- 600 Operational Groups funded RDP Measure 16 (March 2018)
- **Forestry + Forestry related: 10%** (DE, ES, FR, IT, IR,...)
- Topics covered:
 - Forest management, inventory
 - Forest products and services (wood and others)
 - Land management
 - Biodiversity, Nature conservation
 - Climate change, ecosystem services
 - Agroforestry (Silvipastoralism)
- Diversity of approaches on RDP: No “one fits all”
- Not supporting forestry Operational Groups: Greece, Sweden...

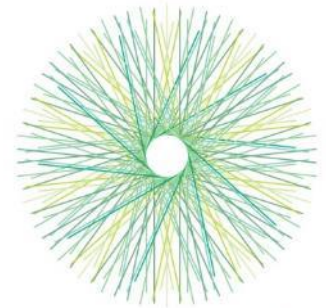
Moving forward: Lessons learnt and opportunities



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- **The multi-actor approach works!** . End users (farmers, foresters, forest owners) must actually be involved throughout the project lifetime.
- **Capitalising on projects' results.** Spread out as widely as possible.
 - End users as first recipients. Further efforts should be made to reach out to them.
 - Adapt message and channels: **Practice Abstracts**, peer-to-peer learning....
 - Take advantage of the **multipliers**: H2020 Thematic networks, EIP AGRI, National Auth. (National/Regional Rural Network, national EIP AGRI).
- Get inspired and learn from other Operational Groups: brokerage events, databases

Moving forward: Lessons learnt and opportunities



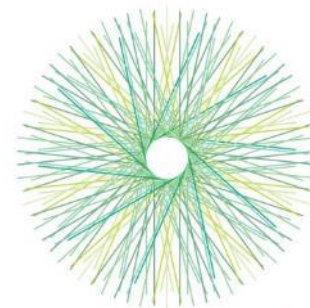
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- Towards more flexible and harmonised rules. e.g. cross-border cooperation
 - Cooperation **out** of the Operational Group
 - Cooperation **within** the Operational Group (partnership)

Find examples at [EIP-AGRI Brochure Operational Groups - Collaborate to innovate](#)

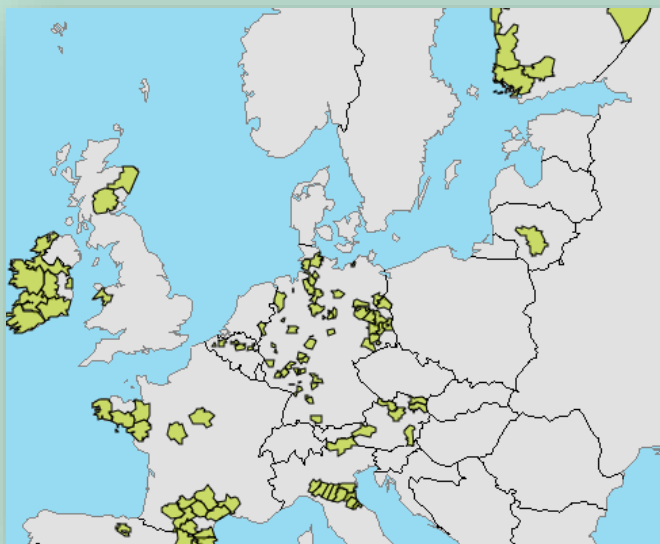
- Coordinated flow of information: projects & people: E.g.
 - National lists/databases → E.g. [Storyboard Irish Operational Groups](#)
 - Meeting points for finding people/partners
 - E.g. [EIP AGRI Meeting point](#), participants of events
 - E.g. [Partnership tool \(NRN Spain\)](#)

Towards a unique database: EIP AGRI Database of Operational Groups



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- **Database of Operational Groups**
- **Contacts of country/region**



EIP-AGRI Operational Groups – basic principles

Innovation support services (including advisors with a focus on innovation)

EIP-AGRI networking

Links to other policies

Links to available Operational Groups databases

EIP-AGRI common format

VIDEO: Operational Groups - First Experiences

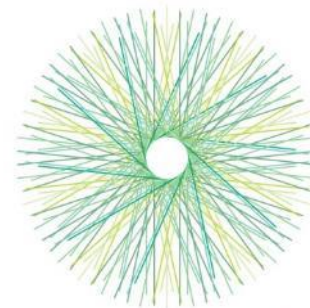
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- ✓ 20 participants, varied types of actors
- ✓ Short duration, focused
- ✓ 30 Focus Groups so far

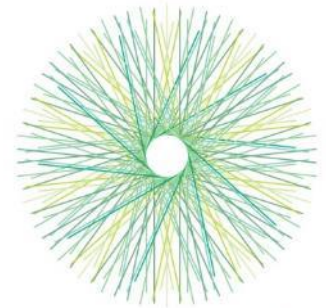


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Outcomes

- Take stock of the **state of play** of research & practice (good practices, solutions to the problems listed)
- List problems, barriers and opportunities
- Identify and **prioritise needs from practice** and possible directions for further research
- **Ideas for Operational Groups** and innovative actions: test solutions and opportunities and ways to exchange the practical knowledge



EIP-AGRI Focus Groups

Agroforestry: woody vegetation

Animal husbandry

Benchmarking farm performance

Carbon storage in arable farming

Circular horticulture

Dairy production systems

Diseases and pests in viticulture

Ecological Focus Areas

Fertiliser efficiency

Forest biomass

Forest practices & climate change

Frost damage

Genetic resources

Grazing for Carbon

High Nature Value

IPM for Brassica

Livestock emissions

Mixed farming systems

New entrants into farming

Nutrient recycling

Organic farming

Permanent grassland

Precision farming

Protein crops

Reducing food loss on the farm

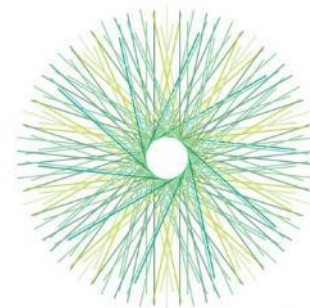
Renewable energy on the farm

Short food supply chains

Soil organic matter

Soil-borne diseases

Water & agriculture



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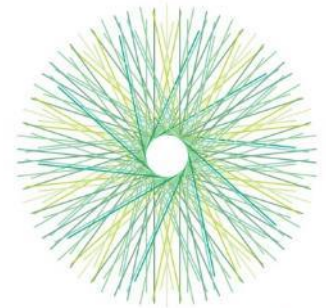


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EIP AGRI Focus Groups: Ideas for Operational Groups



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- **FG mobilisation of forest biomass:**
 - Develop regional models **and DSS for managing small-scale forests**
 - Develop models for **virtual timber sales/marketing hubs**
 - Measures to raise awareness of forest owners about importance of their forests in providing ecosystem services
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- **FG Agroforestry**
 - Test climate-smart agroforestry practices for **ecosystem services** at farm level
 - Increase profitability through **innovative value chains** (e.g. wood or energy) and increased **added value products** (e.g. carbon storage labelling)
- **FG forest practices & climate change** → next presentation by G. Schwichtenberg!!

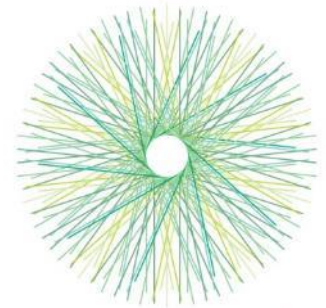
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