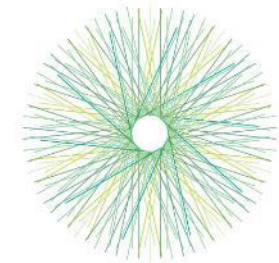# Workshop Networking for Innovation under measure 16 in Rural Development Programmes

27-28 October 2015 – Tallinn, Estonia

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Workshop 'Networking for innovation under measure 16 in Rural Development Programmes'
Tuesday 27 October 2015 - Tallinn, Estonia

13:00 – 14:00   Registration and welcome coffee

14:00 – 14:20 Setting the scene
    Presentation "Implementing the EIP-AGRI – state of play"
    Aniko Seregelyi, DG Agriculture and Rural Development

Networking at national / regional level

14:20 – 15:00   Interactive session 1
               Getting to know and mapping the EIP-AGRI support in Member States
               Moderated by Margarida Ambar, EIP-AGRI Service Point

15:00 – 15:45   Examples from Member States / regions on how EIP-AGRI support units integrate activities related to Operational Groups in their action plans:
- The Austrian case – Mirjam Linninger, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment an Water Management
- The Veneto Region case – Monica Vianello, Department of Agriculture and Rural Development from the Veneto Region
- The Finnish case – Joel Karlsson, Network Support Unit in the National Rural Network
- The Portuguese case – Maria São Luis Centeno, General Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Development / Network Support Unit of the National Rural Network

15:45 – 16:15   Coffee break

16:15 – 17:15   Interactive session 2
               Sharing experiences in supporting EIP-AGRI implementation
               Moderated by Margarida Ambar, EIP-AGRI Service Point

17:15 – 17:50   Discussion on the interactive session 2 outcomes

17:50 – 18:00   Closing first day and announcing practicalities

19:00 – 21:00   Networking dinner

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- *Tasks of NRNs related to EIP-AGRI implementation*
- *EU-National networks interaction*
4. *Programme of the Workshop – main blocks*

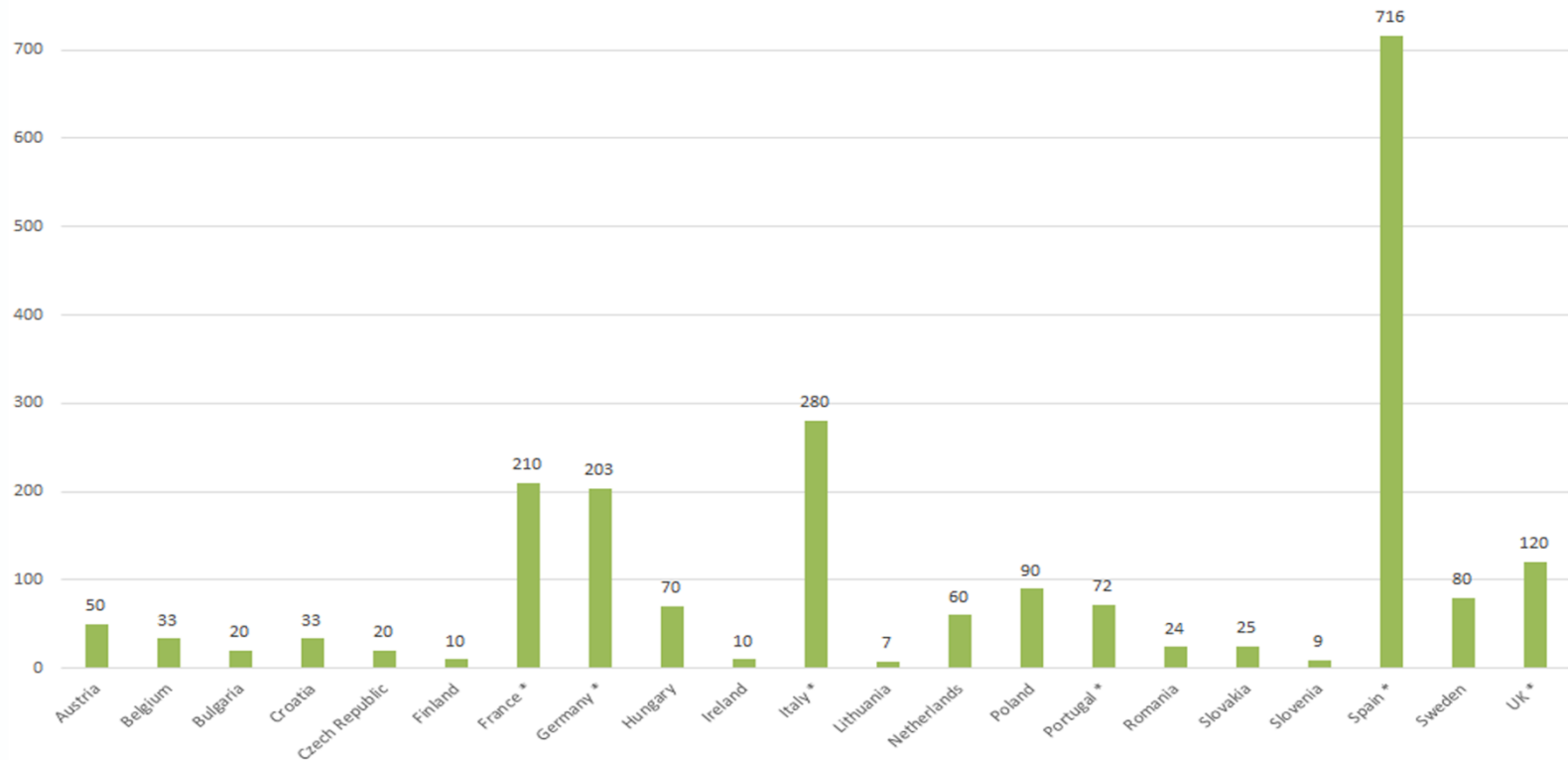# *State of play RDP approval and EIP-AGRI programming*

State of play (as of 30/09/2015)

- **87 out of 118 Programmes approved** (81.8% of the RD budget, approved in 25 MSs, completed in 22 MSs)

- The sub-measure "establishment and operation of operational groups of the EIP" is foreseen in about **90 National and Regional RDPs (in 23 MS)** out of a total number of 118 RDPs.

- **First OG projects have been selected** and some started in June (in Schleswig Holstein – Germany).

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

Country	Value
Austria	50
Belgium	33
Bulgaria	20
Croatia	33
Czech Republic	20
Finland	10
France *	210
Germany *	203
Hungary	70
Ireland	10
Italy *	280
Lithuania	7
Netherlands	60
Poland	90
Portugal *	72
Romania	24
Slovakia	25
Slovenia	9
Spain *	716
Sweden	80
UK *	120

* Sum of single RDPs approved as of 30 September 2015

source: European Commission - update 30 September 2015

Share of the cooperation measure in the total RDP EAFRD budget (approved RDPs 2014 - 2020)

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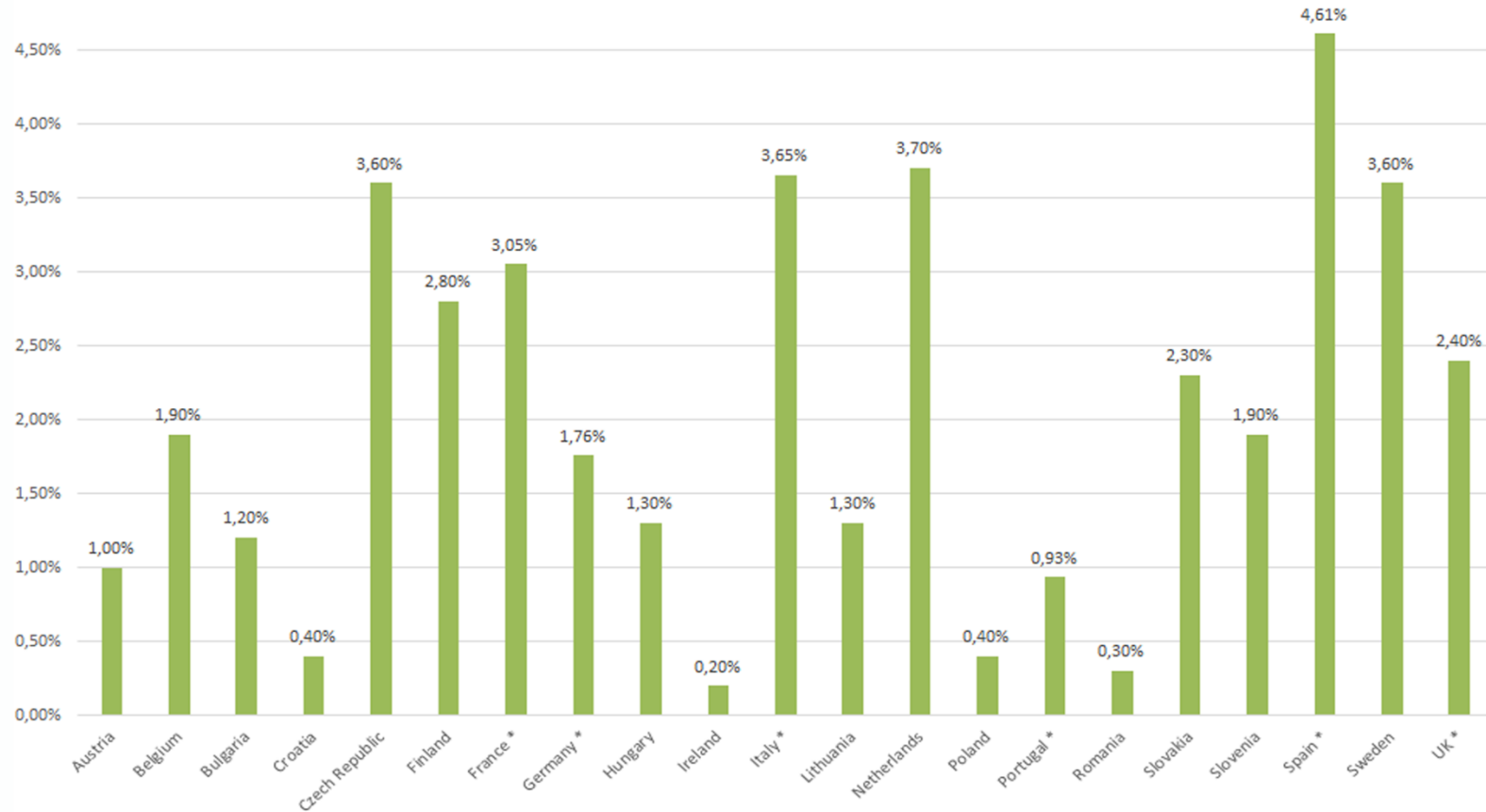
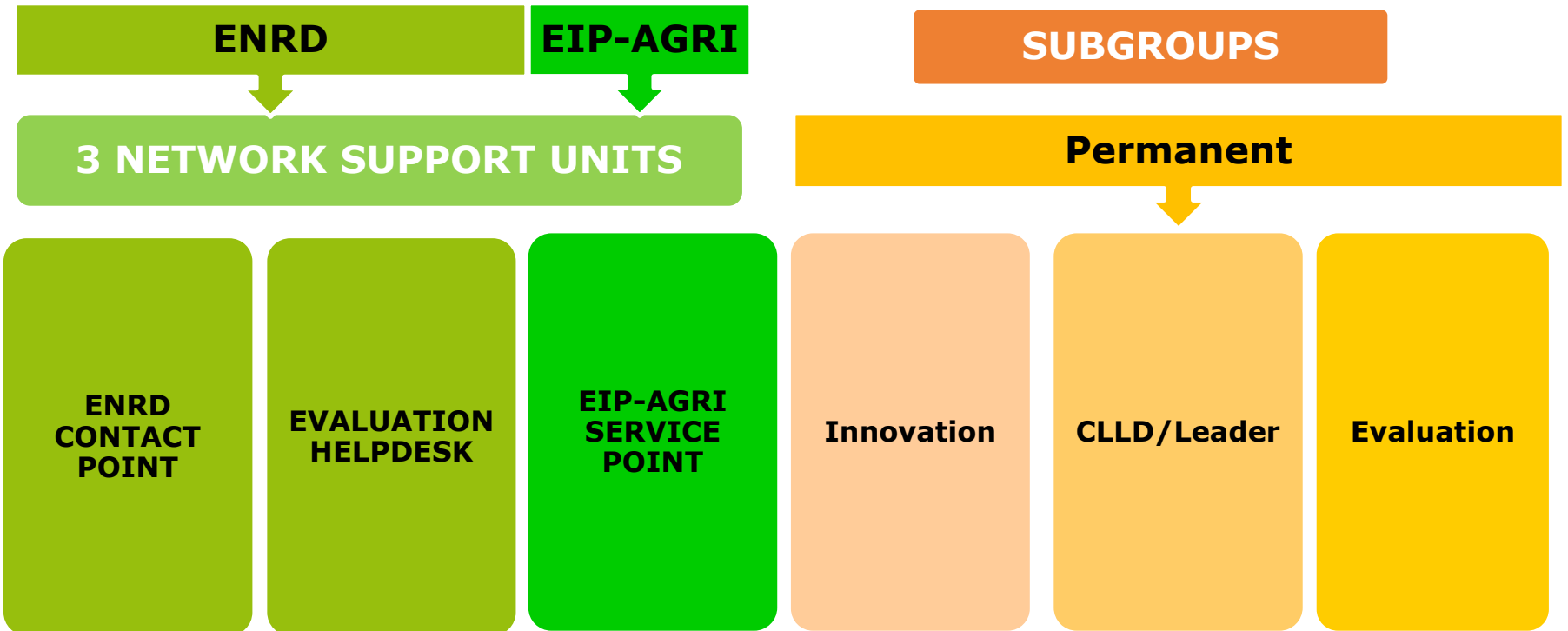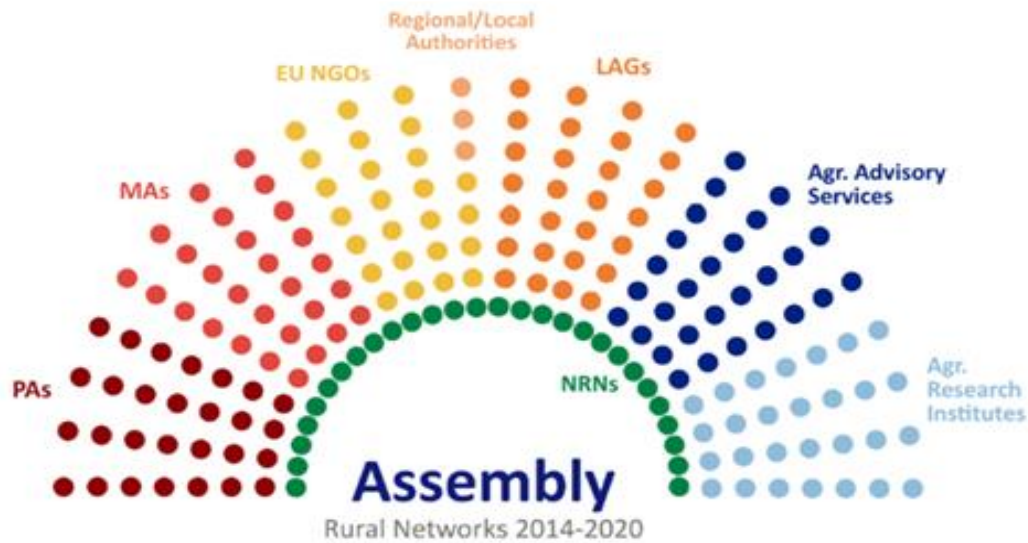source: European Commission - update 30 September 2015

EIP-AGRI Networking at EU level

Assembly
Rural Networks 2014-2020

ENRD	EIP-AGRI		SUBGROUPS

3 NETWORK SUPPORT UNITS		Permanent	

ENRD CONTACT POINT	EVALUATION HELPDESK	EIP-AGRI SERVICE POINT	Innovation	CLLD/Leader	Evaluation

Subgroup on Innovation
Composition per category of representative

Managing Authorities
13 members (24%)

EU-wide Organisations
13 members (24%)

National Rural Networks
8 members (15%)

Subgroup on Innovation
56 members

Advisory Services
13 members (23%)

Research Institutes
9 members (16%)
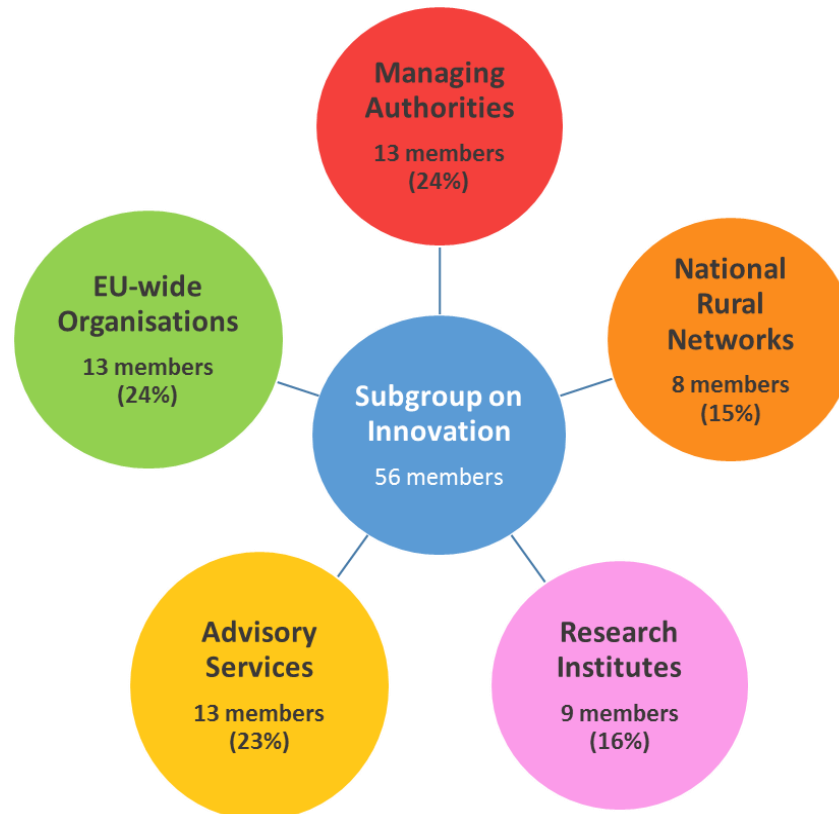
Mandate Subgroup on Innovation for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability

Support achieving the aims of the EIP network
- *facilitating the exchange of expertise and good practice*
- *establishing a dialogue between farmers and research community*
- *facilitating the inclusion of all stakeholders in the knowledge exchange process*

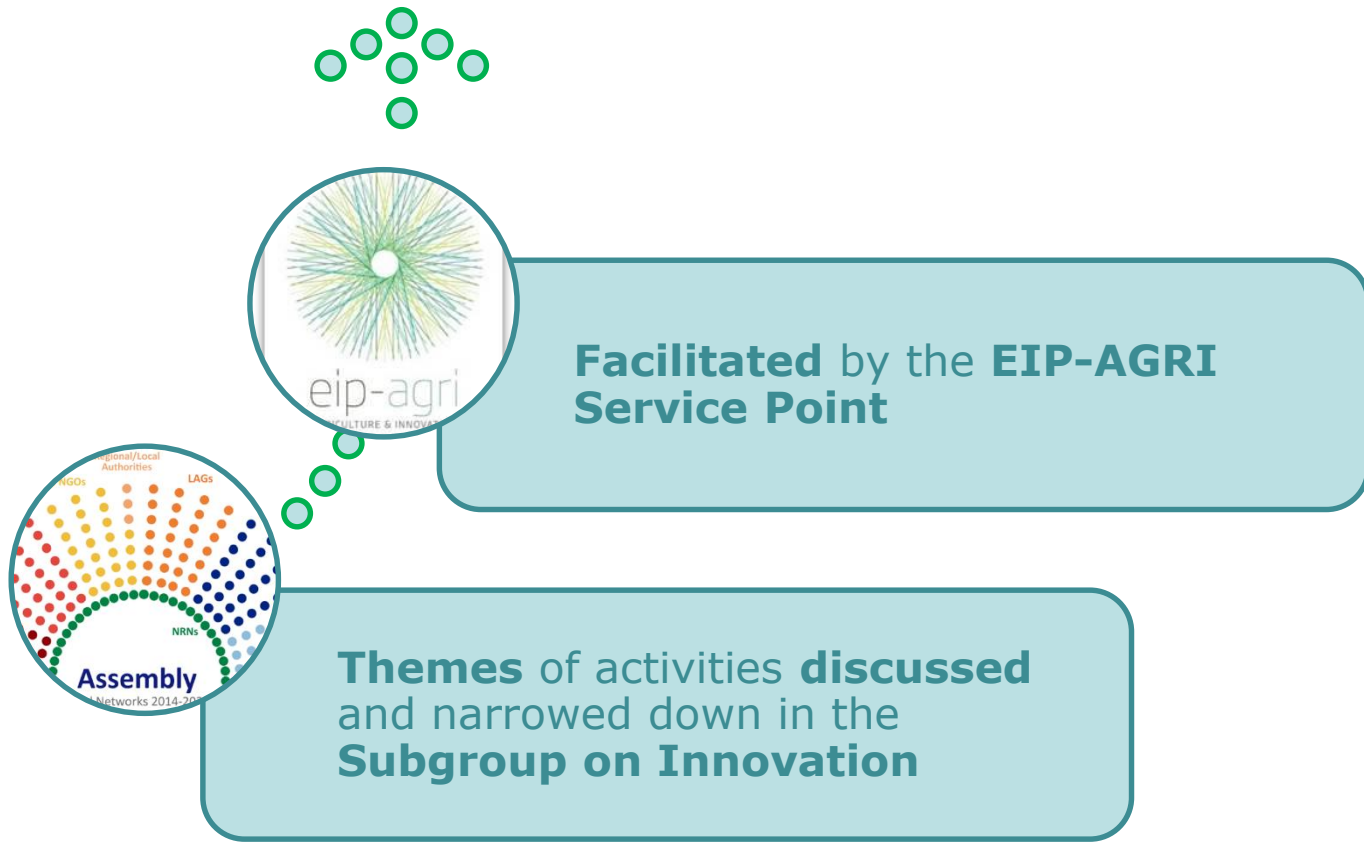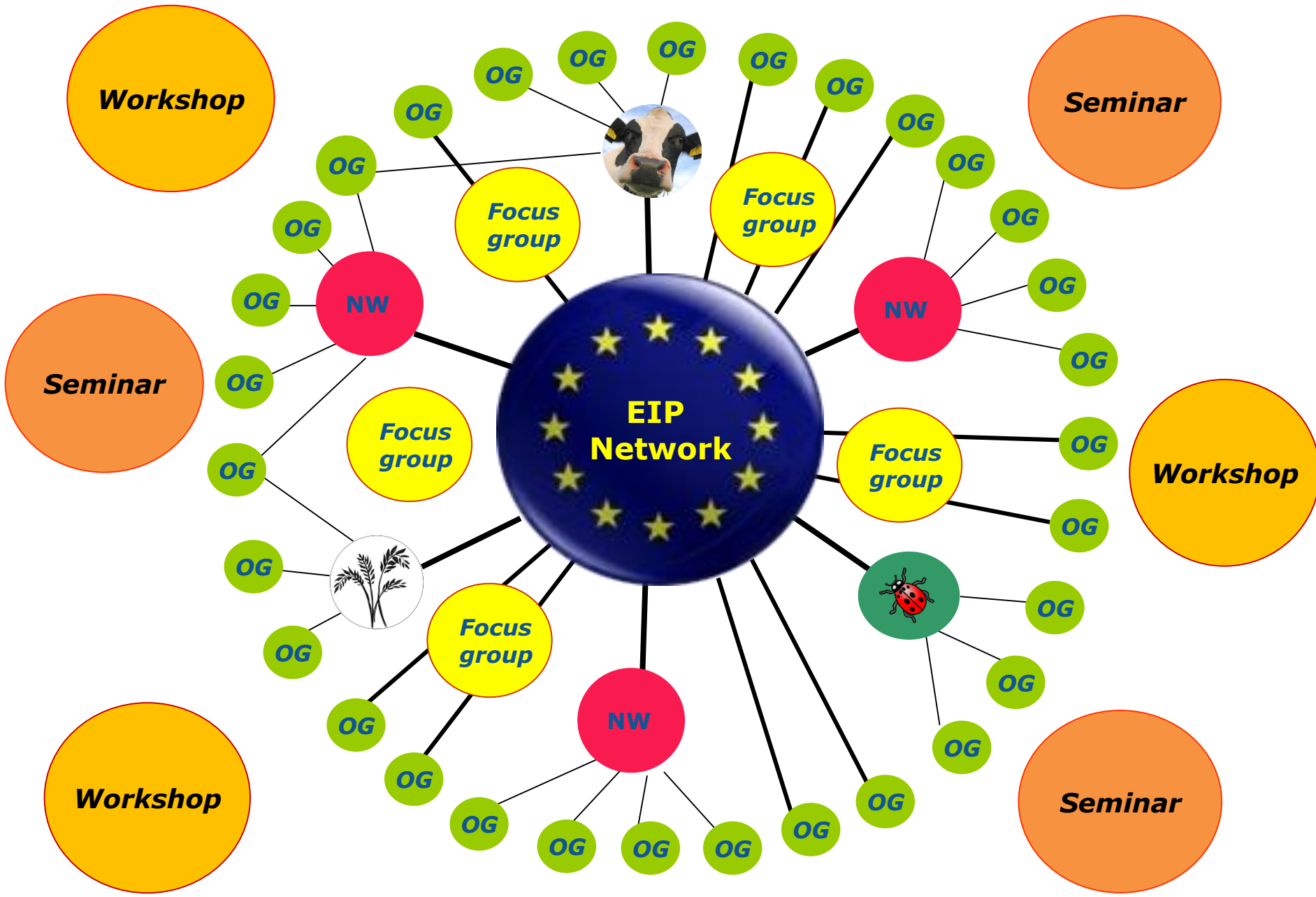| EIP implementation in the Rural Development Programmes	Identification of common issues, problems and good practices	Networking between EIP operational groups	Input into work programme EIP Network	Cooperation on innovation with NRNs

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EIP-AGRI networking activities

Facilitated by the **EIP-AGRI Service Point**

Themes of activities **discussed** and narrowed down in the **Subgroup on Innovation**

Key Acting Entities Within the EIP
- Operational Groups -

- **"*Operational Groups*" are no stakeholder networks, no stakeholder boards, no thematic coordination groups, nor discussion groups**

- **"*Operational Group*" = a team composed of those actors relevant for the project, working together in an innovation project and producing concrete results**

EIP-AGRI events 2015

- **Biosecurity in the EU**
- 22-23 January 2015 - Brussels

WORKSHOP

- **1st meeting**
- 10 March 2015 - Brussels

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- **Building new biomass supply chains for the bio-based economy**
- 27-28 May 2015 - Italy

WORKSHOP

- **2nd meeting**
- 23 June 2015 - Brussels

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- **Circular Economy**
- 28-29 October 2015 - Finland

WORKSHOP

- **3rd meeting**
- 17 November 2015 - Brussels
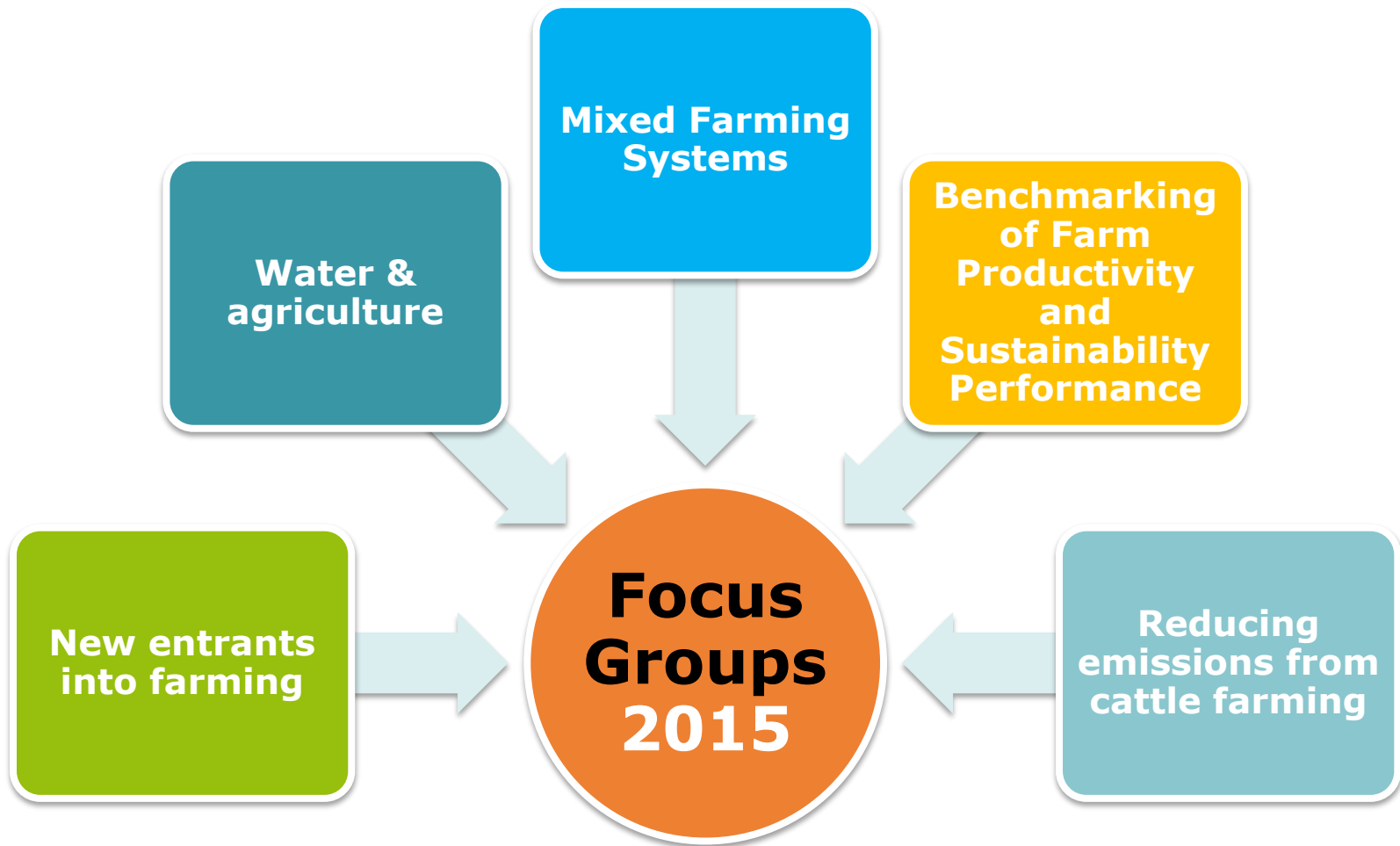
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- **Knowledge Systems**
- 3-4 December 2015 - Dublin

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EIP networking at national / regional level

Main objectives for NRNs 2014-2020

- *Increase the involvement of stakeholders in the implementation of rural development*

- *Improve the quality of implementation of RDPs*

- *Inform the broader public and potential beneficiaries on rural development policy and funding opportunities*

- ***Foster innovation in agriculture, food production, forestry and rural areas***

NRN Action Plan

- *Art 54(3) of RDR 1305/2013 sets out as a strategic task for NRNs to envisage*
- ***networking for advisors and innovation support services***
- *and the search of partners*
- *The **action plan of NRN** should cover at least*
  - ***the search of partners** for the cooperation measure (Art.35)*
  - ***provide networking for advisors and innovation support services.** Article 54(2)(d) and Article 54(3)(b)(iii) and (iv)*

Links

Rural Development Programmes

EIP in RDP

LEADER in RDPs

NRN

EIP-AGRI Network

ENRD
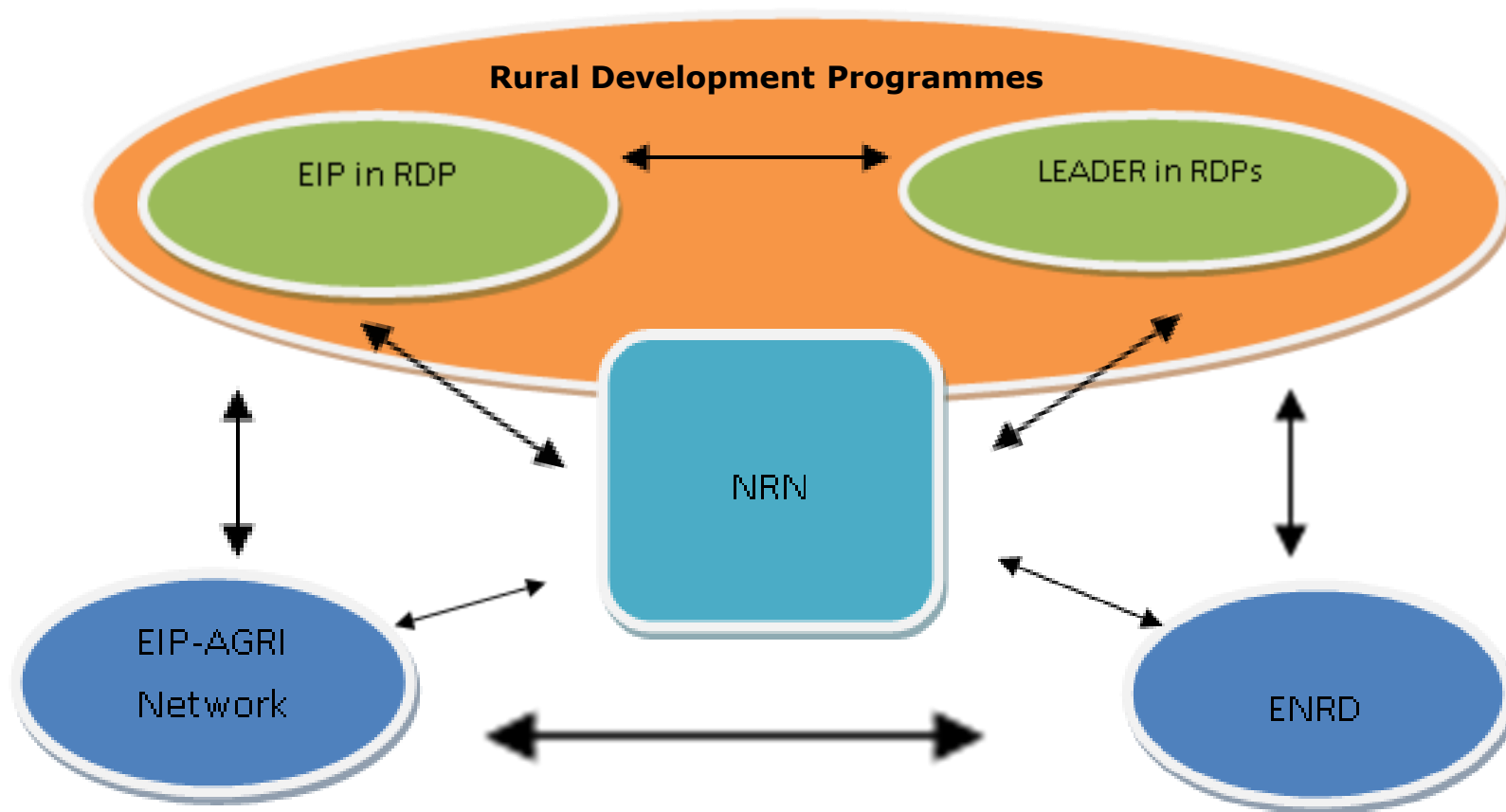
Contribution of NRNs to the implementation of EIP-AGRI and its network

- *Awareness raising: organising meetings, WSs, acting as **multipliers***

- ***Networking** at national / regional level of rural development innovation actors – **Operational Groups***

- *Provision of **information about***
  - *RDP measures and actions targeting innovation and knowledge transfer*
  - *Examples of projects and good practices*

Contribution of NRNs to the implementation of EIP-AGRI and its network (cont.)

- ***Cross-border exchange of information*** *about projects, research initiatives, Thematic Networks, funding possibilities e.g. H2020*

- ***Acting as or supporting Innovation Support Services*** *(ISS)for animating innovative actions and establishing OGs at the national level*

- *NRNs **active role in setting up OGs** by*
    - **collecting information,**
    - **animating bottom-up initiatives,**
    - **helping to refine innovative ideas**
    - **providing support for finding partners and funding**

- **No obligation** *for the MS to create a specialised innovation network or Support Unit, the role can be assumed by the NRN*

→ *situation in MSs and regions? – Mapping exercise in the WS*

- *NSUs should foresee* **capacity to work with all innovation actors and networks**

Programme of the Workshop (main blocks)

Day 1

- *Mapping EIP-AGRI Support Units*
  - **How they are organised?**
  - **What is their role?**

- *EIP-AGRI related activities in the Action Plans*
  - **Exchange of experiences & discussion**

Day 2

- *Linking* European and National / Regional **networking activities**
- *Other innovative cooperation actions* under *measure 16*
- Tools for networking – **EIP-AGRI website & collaborative area**

Thank you for your attention!