

## Fostering innovation & activities for advisory and innovation services

“Fostering innovation in agriculture, food production, forestry and rural areas” is one of the four mandatory objectives of National Rural Networks. At the same time, “activities regarding the provision of networking for advisors and innovation support services” is one of the mandatory tasks of NRNs. Support for achieving this objective & task is primarily provided by the [EIP Service Point](#). Some joint activities of the EIP and the ENRD have also been carried out.

The table below aims to provide support and guidance on innovation, through displaying useful information from the ENRD in chronological order (from 2014 onwards).

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| 'Provision of networking for advisors and innovation support services' chapter of 'NRN Guidebook - Networks in transition' | ENRD archive website                     | Reports & Guidance | All | 1/07/2014 | Chapter 3.4 of the NRN Guidebook focuses on the provision of networking for advisors and innovation support services, in support of the fostering of innovation in agriculture, food production, forestry and rural areas, which is one of the main objectives of rural networking for the 2014-2020 programming period. | <a href="http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/enrd-static/app_templates/enrd_assets/pdf/guidebook/3.4.pdf">http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/enrd-static/app_templates/enrd_assets/pdf/guidebook/3.4.pdf</a>               |
| 1st NRN Meeting - EIP-AGRI Networking Activities – State of Play   | Events webpage                           | Presentation       | All | 5/11/2014 | This presentation by EIP-AGRI shows the State of Play of the EIP-AGRI Networking Activities.   | <a href="http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/nrn1_eip-agri-state-of-play_dietz.pdf">http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/nrn1_eip-agri-state-of-play_dietz.pdf</a>                         |
| Dr Efi Charalambous-Snow - Cypriot farm advisory services  | Rural Connections - Spring 2015, page 36 | Article            | CY  | 1/04/2015 | Interview with Dr Efi Charalambous-Snow who is an Agricultural Officer in the Extension Section of the Department of Agriculture – the body responsible for agricultural advisory services in Cyprus. Discussing the positive contributions that farm advisers   | <a href="https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/uploaded-files/publi-enrd-magazine01-2015-en.pdf">https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/uploaded-files/publi-enrd-magazine01-2015-en.pdf</a> |

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|  |                |                  |     |            | can play in helping to develop rural Europe.   |   |
| 2nd Meeting of Thematic Group - Empowering advisory services and knowledge transfer        | Events webpage | Presentation     | DE  | 7/05/2015  | Presentation by Michael Kuegler on 'Empowering advisory services and knowledge transfer by good policy design and governance of AKIS'.                                 | <a href="https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/uploaded-files/3.eufra%20in%20enrd%20empowerment%20of%20extension%20services.pdf">https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/uploaded-files/3.eufra in enrd empowerment of extension services.pdf</a>   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> NRN Meeting – Exchange Fora on core elements of NRN tasks and Action Plans | Events webpage | Event session    | All | 12/05/2015 | During the Exchange Fora of the 2 <sup>nd</sup> NRN meeting, NSUs and other NRN representatives exchanged about their innovation support practices.                    | <a href="https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en/enrd.ec.europa.eu/en/en-rd-events-and-meetings/2nd-NRN-meeting-20150512">https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en/enrd.ec.europa.eu/en/en-rd-events-and-meetings/2nd-NRN-meeting-20150512</a>                                     |
| Networking and the EIP-AGRI in Portugal  | Events webpage | Presentation     | PT  | 12/05/2015 | A presentation by the Portuguese NSU during the 2 <sup>nd</sup> NRN meeting on the operational groups in Portugal and on what support the NRN needs from the EIP-AGRI. | <a href="http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/uploaded-files/nrn2_pt_eip_correia.pdf">http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/uploaded-files/nrn2_pt_eip_correia.pdf</a>   |
| NRN and innovation in Poland   | Events webpage | Presentation     | PL  | 12/05/2015 | A presentation by the Polish NRN during the 2 <sup>nd</sup> NRN meeting on the NRN activities regarding innovation within the programming period 2007-2013.            | <a href="http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/uploaded-files/nrn2_pl_eip_markuszezowska.pdf">http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/uploaded-files/nrn2_pl_eip_markuszezowska.pdf</a>   |
| German Rural Network Unit (DVS) and activities for EIP AGRI                                | Events webpage | Presentation     | DE  | 12/05/2015 | A presentation by the German NSU during the 2 <sup>nd</sup> NRN meeting on their activities for EIP-AGRI.  | <a href="http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/uploaded-files/nrn2_de_eip_swoboda.pdf">http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/uploaded-files/nrn2_de_eip_swoboda.pdf</a>   |
| Rural Networks' Steering Group   | Events webpage | Event            | All | 12/06/2015 | The second meeting of the EU Rural Networks' Steering Group discussed the activities of the two  | <a href="https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en/en-rd-events-and-meetings/rural-networks%E2%80%99-steering-group-12-june-2015-brussels-be">https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en/en-rd-events-and-meetings/rural-networks%E2%80%99-steering-group-12-june-2015-brussels-be</a> |

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|                                     |   |                                 |     |           | European rural networks (ENRD & EIP-AGRI) around the ten priority themes identified by previous governance meetings.  |   |
| <b>EIP-AGRI in RDPs</b>             | Rural Connections - Summer 2015, page 9 | Article                         | All | 1/07/2015 | This article presents an update on the role of EIP-AGRI in the RDPs, with particular focus on the state-of-play of setting up Operational Groups (OGs).   | <a href="https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/publi-enrd-magazine02-2015-en.pdf">https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/publi-enrd-magazine02-2015-en.pdf</a> |
| <b>Preparing Operational Groups</b> | Rural Connections - Autumn 2015, page 9 | Rural Connections - Autumn 2015 | ALL | 1/10/2015 | An article on the preparation of Operational Groups:<br>Many Managing Authorities are about to launch calls for Operational Groups to enable farmers, foresters and other rural development actors to turn their innovative ideas into real projects. To be well prepared for applying as soon as the call for Operational Groups is open, interested professionals can already start looking for other partners. | <a href="https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/publi-enrd-magazine03-2015-en.pdf">https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/publi-enrd-magazine03-2015-en.pdf</a> |

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| Disseminating innovation (Portugal)  | Rural Connections - Autumn 2015, page 23 | Article          | PT  | 1/10/2015  | Article by Maria Custódia Correia, Ana Entrudo and Teresa Barata from the Portuguese NSU, on innovation and knowledge transfer being essential for taking advantage of opportunities in the modern agricultural sector. Disseminating entrepreneurship and innovation in agriculture and rural development is a priority of the Portuguese National Rural Network, 2014-2020. | <a href="https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/publi-enrd-magazine03-2015-en.pdf">https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/publi-enrd-magazine03-2015-en.pdf</a>   |
| Update from EIP AGRI: EIP-AGRI Operational Groups are up and running!          | Rural Connections – Autumn 2016, page 12 | Article          | All | 01/10/2016 | This article presents an updated from the EIP AGRI network: over 100 Operational Groups (OGs) were already launched across Europe in April 2016 and the number is still going up. OGs are designed to catalyse innovation in agriculture and forestry, funded through the EU national and regional Rural Development Programmes.  | <a href="http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/publi-enrd-magazine05-2016-en_0.pdf">http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/publi-enrd-magazine05-2016-en_0.pdf</a>   |
| Workshop on 'Networking for innovation under measure 16 in RDPs' – Tallinn, EE | Events webpage                           | Event            | All | 27/10/2015 | The EIP-AGRI Service Point and ENRD Contact Point jointly organised a workshop dedicated to supporting networks in the implementation of the cooperation measure in Rural Development Programmes (RDPs).  | <a href="https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en/en-rd-events-and-meetings/Networking-for-innovation-workshop-20151027">https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en/en-rd-events-and-meetings/Networking-for-innovation-workshop-20151027</a> |

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| Starter training for new farmers   | Good practice webpage | Good practice    | BE-F | 31/10/2015 | Start-up courses designed specifically for new entrants to farming ensure a strong grounding in both agricultural and business.                                  | <a href="http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/gp_web_template_be_st.pdf">http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/gp_web_template_be_st.pdf</a>         |
| The European Innovation Partnership "Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability" | Events webpage        | Presentation     | All  | 11/05/2016 | A presentation on the upcoming workshop expected on the 4-5 October 2016 in Budapest was given by the EIP Service Point during the 5th NRN meeting in Amsterdam. | <a href="http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/nrn5_eip-agri_ambar.pdf">http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/nrn5_eip-agri_ambar.pdf</a>             |
| Interactive innovations under EIP-AGRI   | Events webpage        | Presentation     | All  | 11/05/2016 | A presentation on food and non-food chain, technology and operational group was given by the EIP-AGRI during the 5th NRN meeting in Amsterdam.                   | <a href="http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/nrn5_eip-agri_karjalainen.pdf">http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/nrn5_eip-agri_karjalainen.pdf</a> |