



Focus Group on Knowledge Transfer & Innovation









Proposed scope, milestones and next steps ...

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Purpose of the Focus Group on Knowledge transfer & Innovation







Proposed scope

Investigate the measures used so far to support KT&I in the RDPs (including M111, M114, M115, M124) - What worked well - What worked less well - bottlenecks - inventory of relevant experiences



Examine the existing links between the scientific community, farmers and other rural actors – the role of the Farm Advisory Services



Assess needs in terms of cooperation between actors

For the next programming period, KT&I is proposed as cross-cutting priority. What would this imply in terms of programme design with the view towards implementation







Proposed scope



An initial focus on the agri-food chain, starting from primary sector



Investigate the possible role of rural networks and advisory services & their involvement in innovative actions using the RD measures, bottlenecks and areas for new actions



Take into account that 'soft' innovation is as important as 'hard' innovation

Consider the interregional and transnational element of KT&I

To inform the future work of the EIP on AP&S Operational Groups





When	What	Meetings
June / early July	Draft background paperDraft work plan	1st meeting: June/ beginning of July
July / end of October	Collection of relevant practicesConduct analysis & synthesis	 2nd meeting: Early September 3rd meeting: End of October
November	Drafting report on initial findings	
December	Presentation of the initial findings	 10th CC meeting ENRD event on successful programming
January 2013	Further work as requiredCommunication and dissemination	





Immediate next steps

Prepare and consolidate the draft work plan & background paper

First meeting of FG members at the end of June / early July ~ New members welcome!

Begin examples collection with the members within July