Agri-Innovation Summit

The Agri-Innovation Summit 2017 ([AIS 2017](#) [1]) brought together over 500 stakeholders in Oeiras, Portugal to discuss how rural areas can best take advantage of current and emerging innovation opportunities. Participants included farmers, advisers, researchers, NGOs, Managing Authorities, National Rural Networks (NRNs), Local Action Groups (LAGs), rural businesses and start-ups.

The main objectives of the event were to:

- promote cross-fertilisation between multi-actor innovation initiatives;
- raise awareness about innovation and digitisation opportunities for agriculture;
- provide input for EU innovation policies for agriculture and rural areas after 2020.

The event was designed to build on Point 7 on 'Boosting Knowledge and Innovation' of the [Cork 2.0 Declaration](#) [2]. It is a joint initiative of a Portuguese Consortium, the Portuguese government, ENRD and [EIP-AGRI](#) [3] networks.

The ENRD Contact Point took part in the AIS 2017, facilitating workshop discussions on the following topics:

Extending digital opportunities for rural business and communities (for further information, click [here](#) [4])

- [Workshop highlights](#) [5]

    Presentations

- [Introduction to the workshop](#) [6], Edina Ocsko, ENRD CP
- [What is the potential of rural digital hubs: the example of Cocotte Numerique and other digital hubs](#) [7], Clive Peckham, Nièvre Numérique, France
- [Experience of the FabLab Network in Slovenia](#) [7], Emilija Stojmenova, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

Strategies and approaches for improving connectivity in rural areas (for further information, click [here](#) [8])

- [Workshop highlights](#) [9]

Presentations

- [Introduction to the workshop](#) [10], Konstantinos Zapris, ENRD CP / Jan Dröge, Broadband Competence Offices Network Support Facility
- [ASNET project](#) [11], Jes Jessen, Sales Lab, Denmark
- [B4RN Rural Broadband](#) [12] (video), UK
- [Molenwaard Civil Society Broadband](#) [13], Marieke Kok, KnowWhy, The Netherlands

Promoting innovation in rural areas – now and in the future: how can the current support system be improved and simplified? (for further information, click [here](#) [14])

- [Workshop highlights](#) [15]

Presentations

- [Introduction to the workshop](#) [16], Edina Ocsko, ENRD CP / Jan Willem van der Schans, Wageningen Economic Research
- [i-Danha Food Accelerator](#) [17], Goncalo Amorim, MIT Portugal – Innovation & Entrepreneurship initiative, Portugal
- [Basque Country business support in rural areas through RDP and other policy tools](#) [18], Jone Fernández, HAZI Foundations, Spain

Smart Villages: Supporting social and digital innovation in rural services (for further information, click [here](#) [19])

- [Workshop highlights](#) [20]

Presentations

- [Introduction to the workshop and short overview of the landscape of projects and strategies on rural services](#) [21], Paul Soto, ENRD CP
- [Finnish Smart Countryside Initiative](#) [22], Marianne Selkainaho, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland
- [Italian Integrated Strategy for Inner Areas](#) [23], Francesco Silvestri, Technical Committee of Italian Inner Areas National Strategy / eco&eco

Background material

- [EU Rural Review 24 'Re-imagining Rural Business Opportunities'](#) [24]
- [EAFRD Projects Brochure 'Supporting Rural Business'](#) [25]
- [EAFRD Projects Brochure 'Smart and Competitive Rural Areas'](#) [26]
- [ENRD Seminar on 'Revitalising Rural Areas through Business Innovation' - event highlights](#) [27]
- [ENRD Thematic Group on 'Smart Villages' - leaflet](#) [28]
- [Guide to High-Speed Broadband Investment](#) [29](European Commission, 2014)

Practical case studies

- [Mobilising the innovative potential of rural businesses - the experience of three rural business accelerators](#) [30]
- [Revitalising rural areas through digitisation - the experience of three rural digital hubs](#) [31]

- [New digital opportunities for rural areas - community broadband](#) [32]

The presentations from the workshops facilitated by EIP-AGRI can be found [here](#) [33].

For additional information, visit the [website](#) [1] of the event.

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