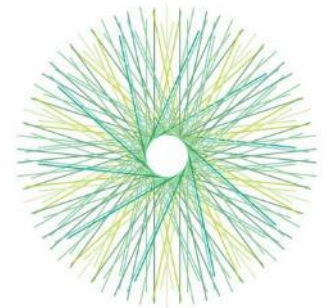


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**Innovations in Bulgarian Agriculture:
First steps towards EIP-AGRI**

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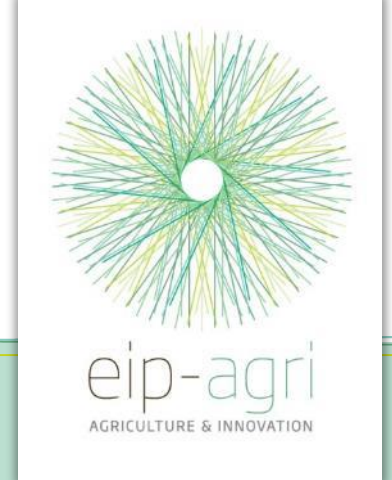
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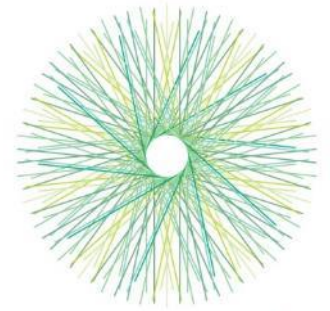
Aim: To foster a competitive and sustainable agriculture and forestry sector that "achieves more from less"

Approach: Closing the innovation gap between research and practice by:

- using the interactive innovation model
- linking actors via the EIP Network



EIP-AGRI: Interactive Innovation Model



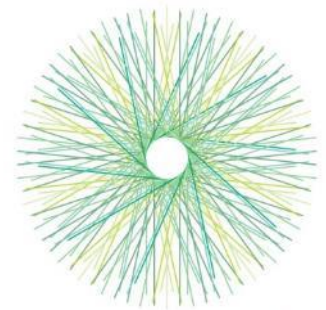
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Beyond speeding up transfer:

- Partnerships: bottom-up approaches in Operational Groups
- Shape existing knowledge into solutions
- Co-ownership: solutions put into practice very quickly
- Help to target the research agenda



EIP-AGRI: Implementation



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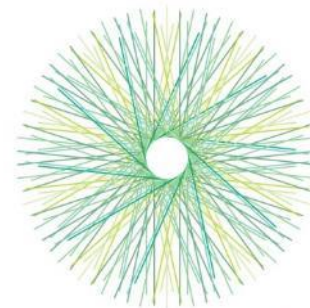
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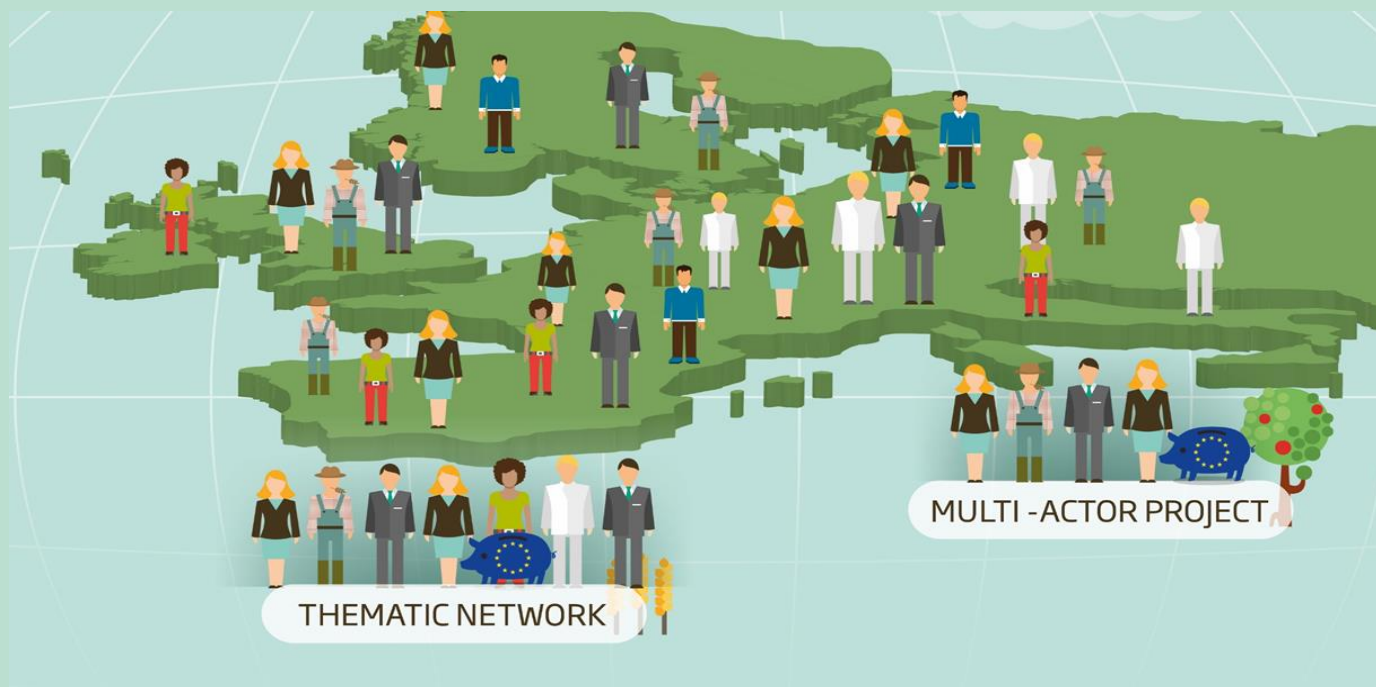
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Horizon 2020 - Societal Challenge 2

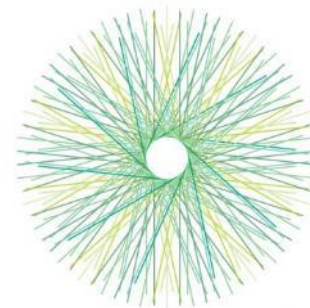
- Funding research projects, also involving on-farm experiments, to enhance the knowledge base for innovation, in interactive formats.



➔ Involving agricultural community



EIP-AGRI implementation Rural development Programmes



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CAP - Pillar II: Rural Development Programmes 2014 - 2020



➔ Combining the setting up of operational groups with project funding (investment, knowledge transfer, advisory services)

➔ Establishing "innovation support services", e.g. to facilitate the formation of operational groups

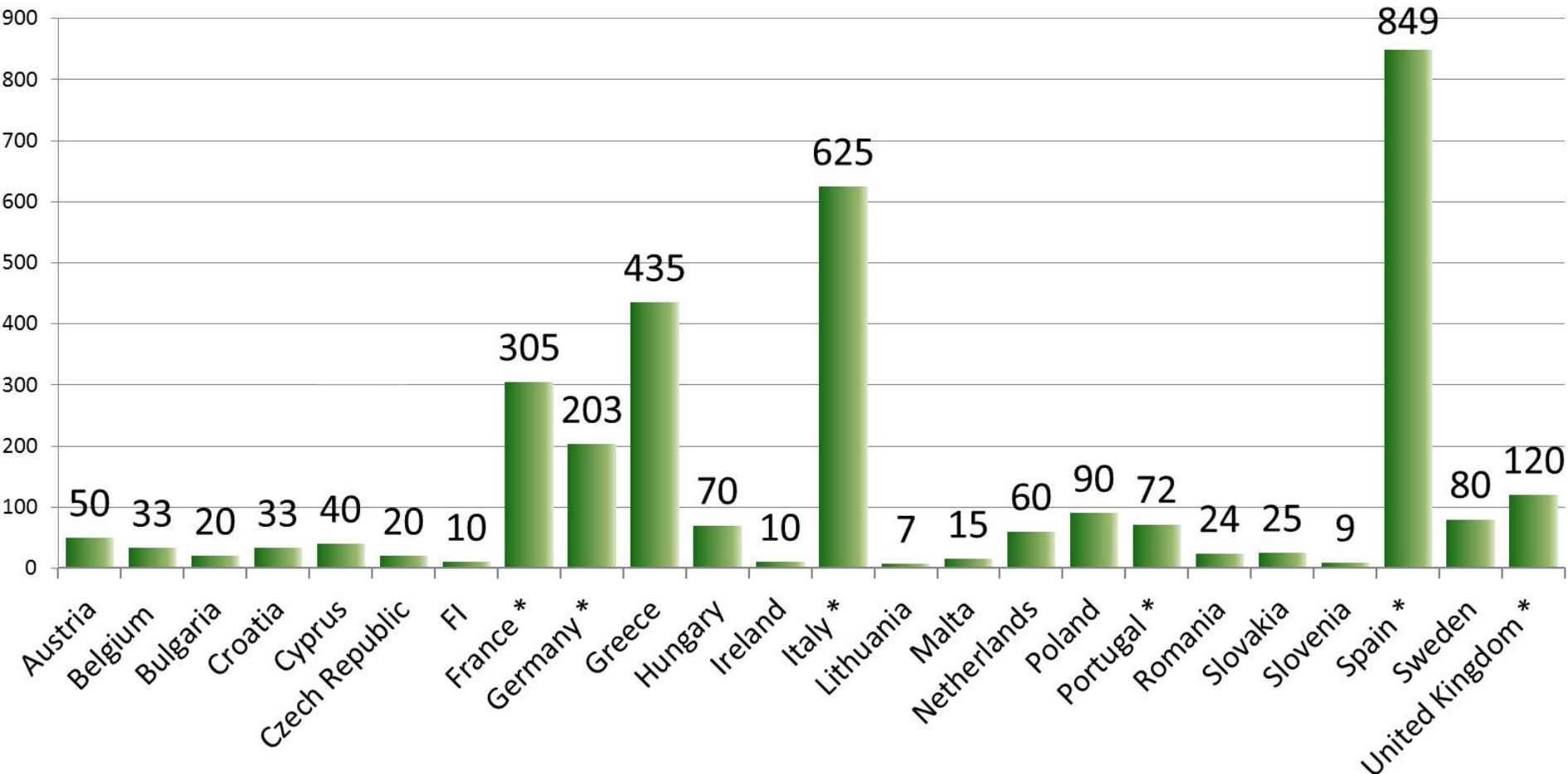
Update on Operational Groups

All Rural Development Programmes 2014-2020 have now been approved

- The EIP implementation via rural development programmes aims at a **flexible and open system** for the creation of a multiplicity of operational groups (OGs)
- **94 MS/regions (...+ LV)** will be implementing the EIP in their 2014-2020 Rural Development programmes with **regular calls for Operational Group projects during this period**
- **3205 planned OGs in 2014-2020**
- Situation in your MS/region: see

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/rural-development-2014-2020/country-files/index_en.htm

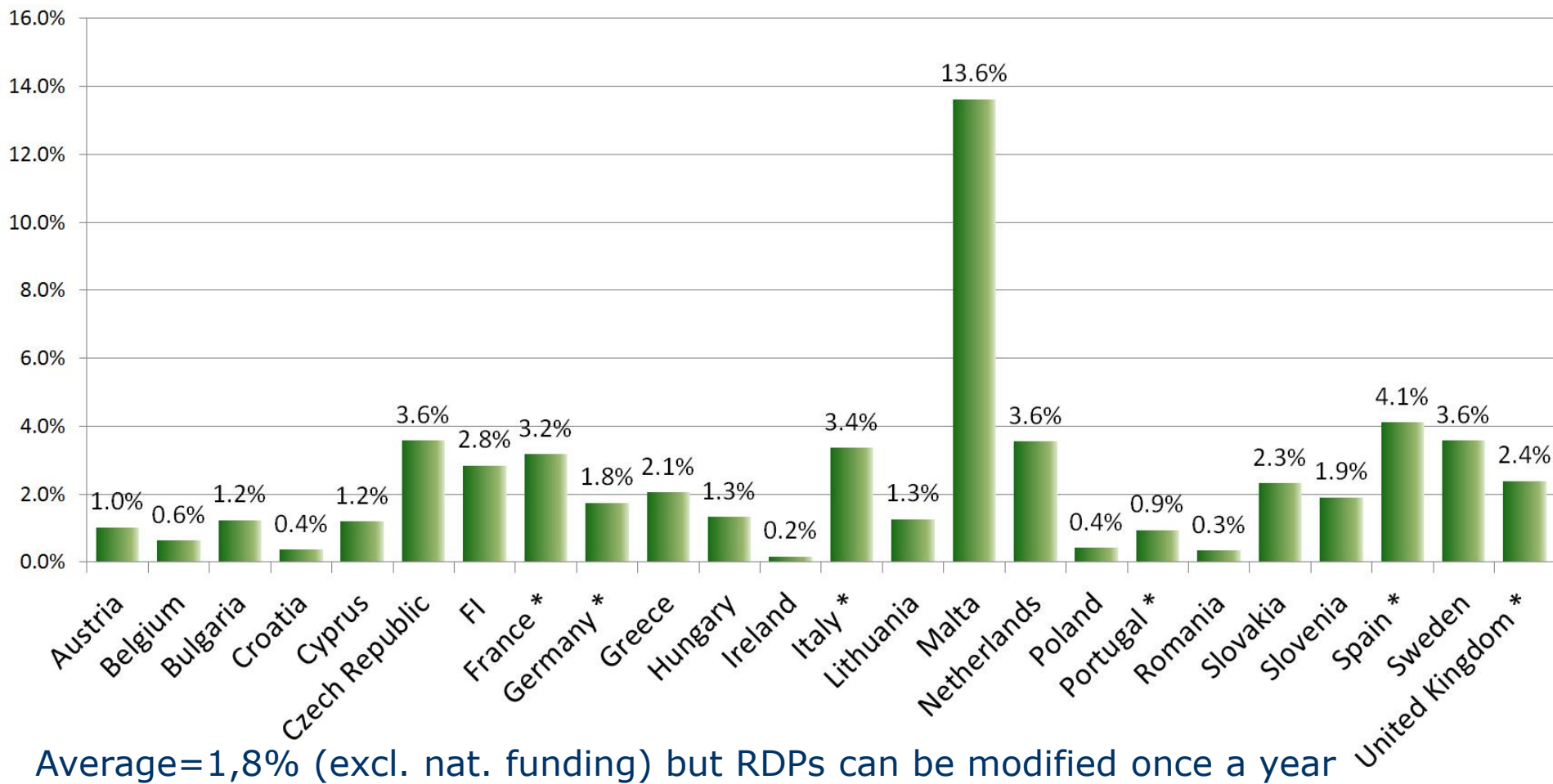
Approved RDPs 2014-2020: Number of planned EIP Operational Groups



- RDPs can be modified once a year



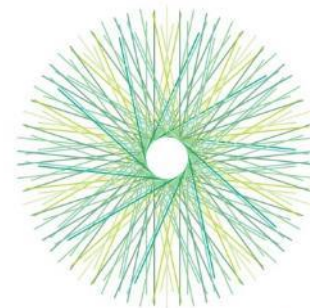
Approved RDPs 2014-2020: Share of the cooperation measure in the total EAFRD budget



Average=1,8% (excl. nat. funding) but RDPs can be modified once a year and budgets shifted between measures

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Bridging Research and Practice



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Research needs
Operational Groups

Farming
Forestry
Agribusiness
...

Knowledge
partners

Research

Ideas to test
Multi-actor projects
Thematic networks

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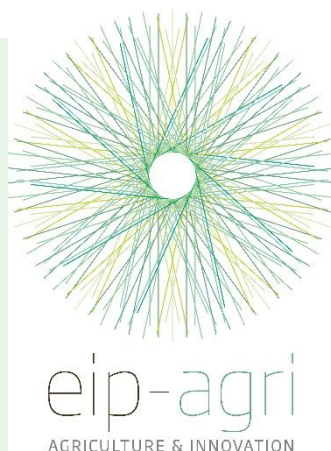


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Rural Development

- Funding for setting up of an “Operational Group”: farmers, advisors, agribusiness, researchers, NGOs, etc) planning an innovation project (Art 35)
- Project funding for the Operational Group’s project (Art 35). This co-operation could be combined with other RD measures (e.g. investment, knowledge transfer, advice)
- Supporting **innovation support services**



**EIP networks
in MS/regions**

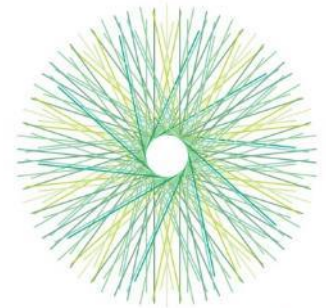
Horizon 2020

- **Research projects**, to provide the knowledge base for innovative actions
- **Interactive** innovation formats such as **multi-actor projects and thematic networks** genuinely involving farmers, advisors, enterprises, etc.... **"all along the project"**

Involvement of OGs is strongly recommended

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Connecting people & Sharing knowledge to tackle challenges



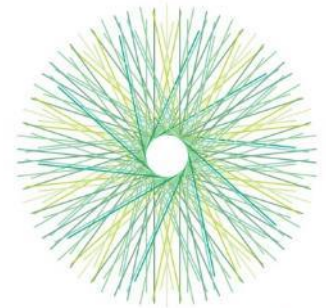
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Key building blocks:

- Operational Groups (RDPs)
- Multi-actor Projects (H2020)
- Thematic Networks (H2020)



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FOCUS GROUPS

WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

Connecting farmers, researchers, advisors,
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consumer interests groups or other NGOs

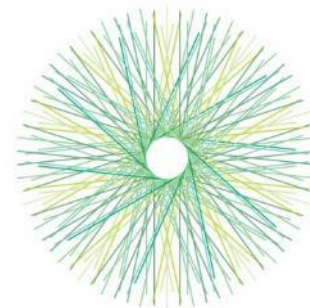


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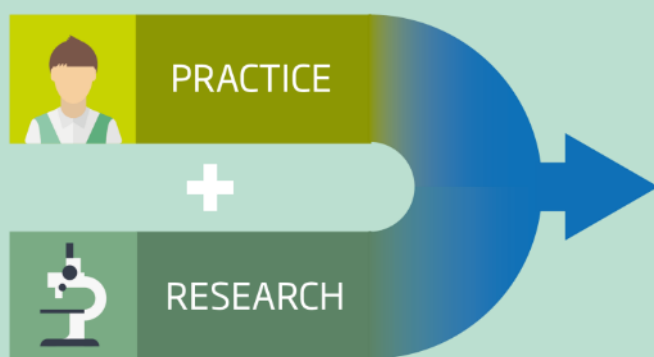


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Exchange
practical
knowledge

Priorities for
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actions

Ideas for
operational
groups

Research
needs from
practice

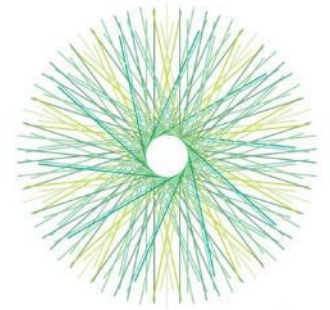
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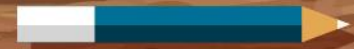
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**WORK IN
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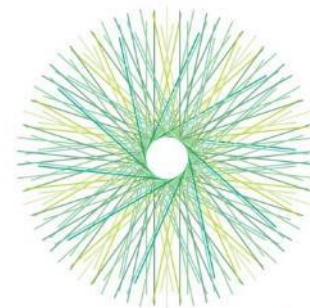
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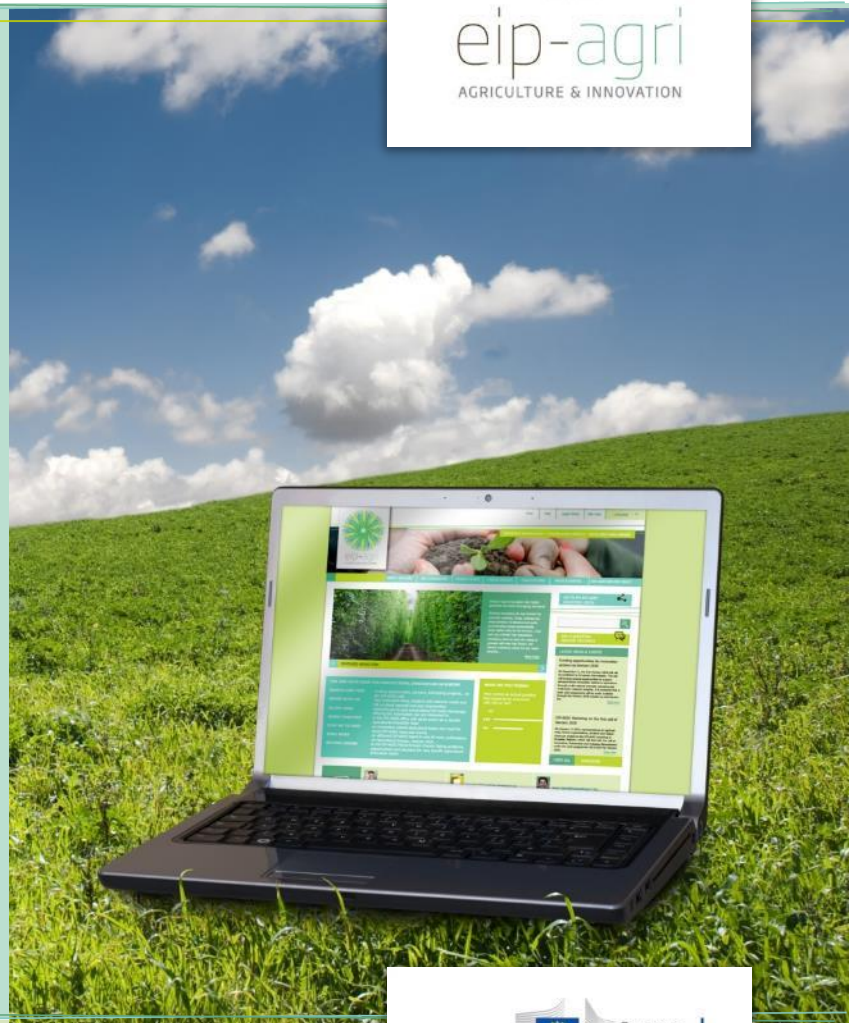
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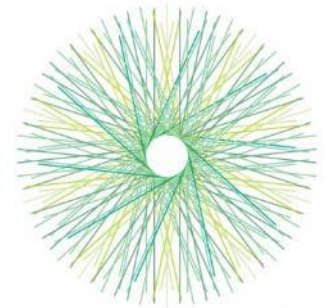


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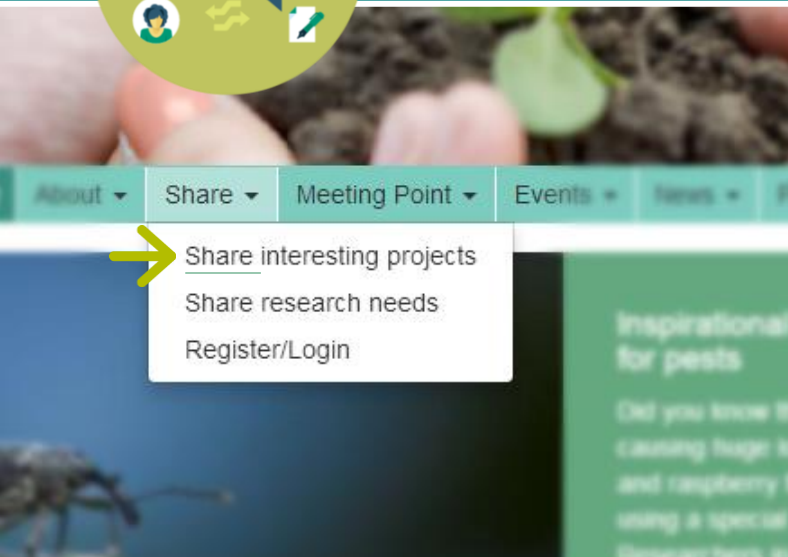
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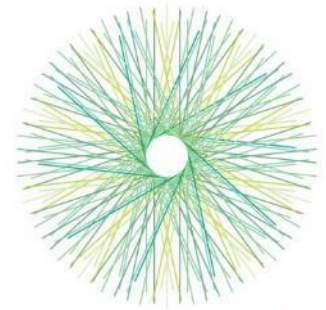


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