

3rd EU CAP Network workshop 'Networking for innovation and knowledge exchange'

Flash report

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The one-and-a-half-day workshop brought together 72 participants from 24 Member States, including representatives of National CAP Networks (NNs), Managing Authorities of CAP Strategic Plans, Horizon Europe National Contact Points (NCPs) and AKIS Coordination Bodies (AKIS CBs).

The workshop objectives included promoting peer-to-peer learning on EIP-AGRI Operational Group (OGs) project implementation, identifying NNs' roles and capacity building needs as well as fostering their cooperation with EU CAP Network in the area of innovation and knowledge exchange, tips for managing practical knowledge hubs and strengthening collaboration and synergies between NNs and NCPs.

› Day one

Welcome words by the Latvian Ministry of Agriculture and DG AGRI were followed by Session I - presentations on the implementation of OGs in France and at the EU level, with a particular focus on the importance of quality and channels the dissemination of OG project results. Next there were breakout sessions during which the participants exchanged views, highlighting the following as key lessons learned: the need for stronger farmer involvement, reinforced AKIS networks, and sustained support for scaling-up results. In Session II, case studies from Germany, Spain and the Horizon ATTRACTISS project were presented to inspire further discussions. The key role of NNs in improving the impact of OGs was emphasised, as well as the need for capacity building - particularly in respect to facilitation, networking and guidance on other EU funding opportunities. In the afternoon, participants visited [Bulduri Technical School](#) and [Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Centre \(LRATC\)](#).

› Day two

The second day began with an inspiring presentation from the Portuguese NN and Universidade Nova de Lisboa, showcasing how they manage their AKIS platform and its knowledge hub, as well as demonstrating how, as part of the platform, AI tools transform stored knowledge into practical solutions. In breakout discussions, participants recognised the need for stable funding, user-driven design, quality-assured knowledge transfer and clear strategies to ensure sustainable and interconnected hubs, while underlining the potential of generative AI in delivering practical information to farmers.

The final session started with presentations from DG AGRI on strengthening collaboration between NNs and NCPs and from Horizon [CARE4BIO](#) project on the support to NCPs and Horizon Europe applicants. These were followed by discussions, where participants stressed the need for stronger coordination mechanisms, structured networking between NNs and NCPs, and targeted support, all of which are essential to boosting the involvement of farmers in EU research and innovation.



Find out more on the [event webpage](#).