

Agro-Ecological **INNOVATION**

from best practice exchange to policy frameworks

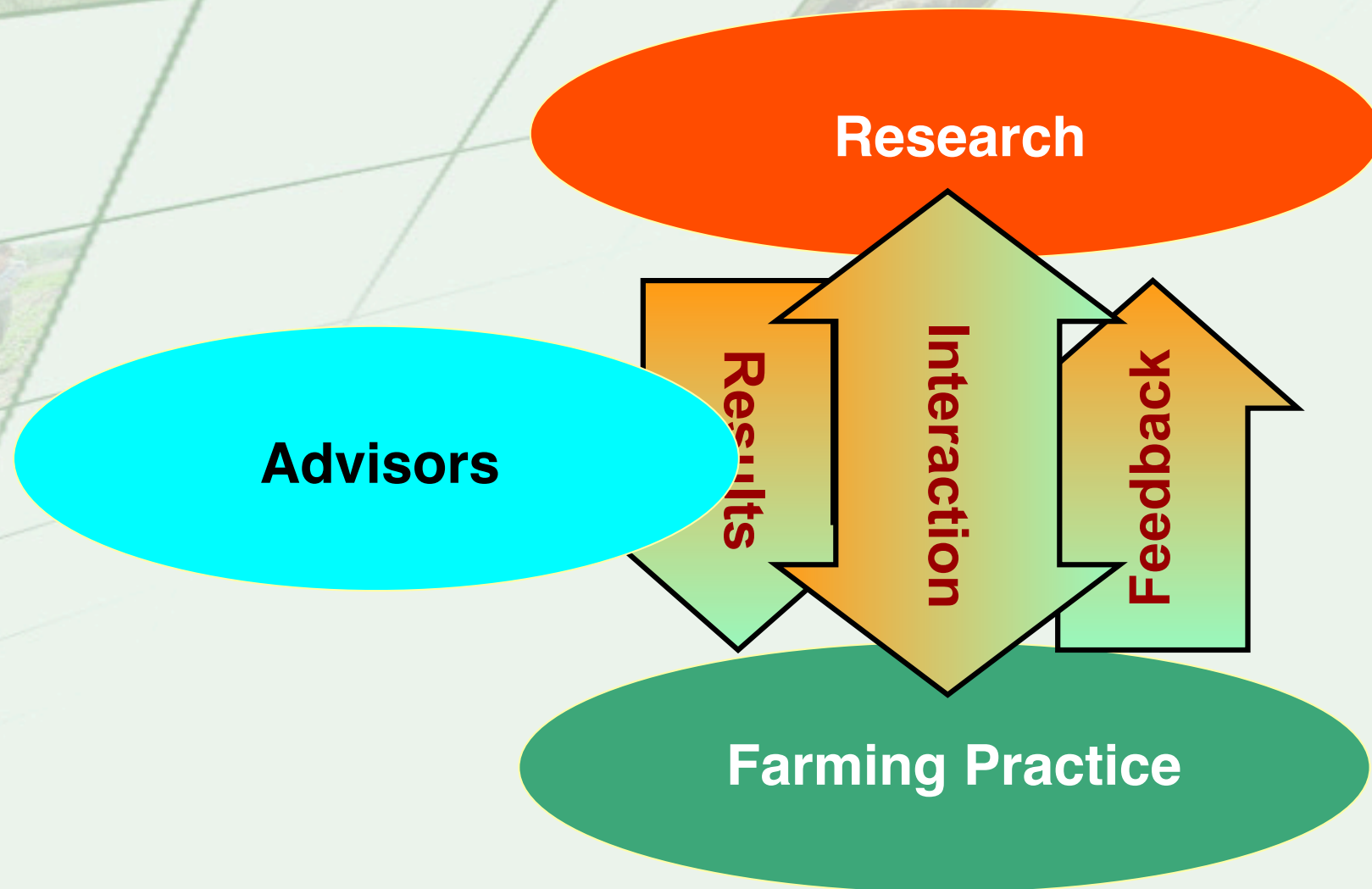
Agroecology & EIP 'Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability'



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Closing the Innovation Gap



Innovation according to Commission

- **Ideas put into practice with success**
- Products, production methods, processes or services, opening to new markets and new forms of organization
- More than dissemination of research results
- Results of the creativity and interplay between actors

Steering Board **SIP & Sherpas**
European Innovation Partnership
Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability

Research & Innovation Framework:

- Research projects
- Multi-actor projects
- Pilot project clusters
- Innovation brokers
- On-farm experiments

EIP
Network

Eip network
facility
AWP

Standing
Committee
on Agricultural
Research
(SCAR)

AKIS CWG
ETPs, ERA-
Nets, JPIs,
etc.

Horizon 2020
Programme
Committee

Rural
Development
Network
Steering Group

Rural
Development
Committee

Rural Development
Policy: **Innovation guidelines**

- Knowledge transfer
- Cooperation
- Pilot projects
- Demonstration
- Advisory services
- Investment

Member
States
Programmes

Operational
Groups

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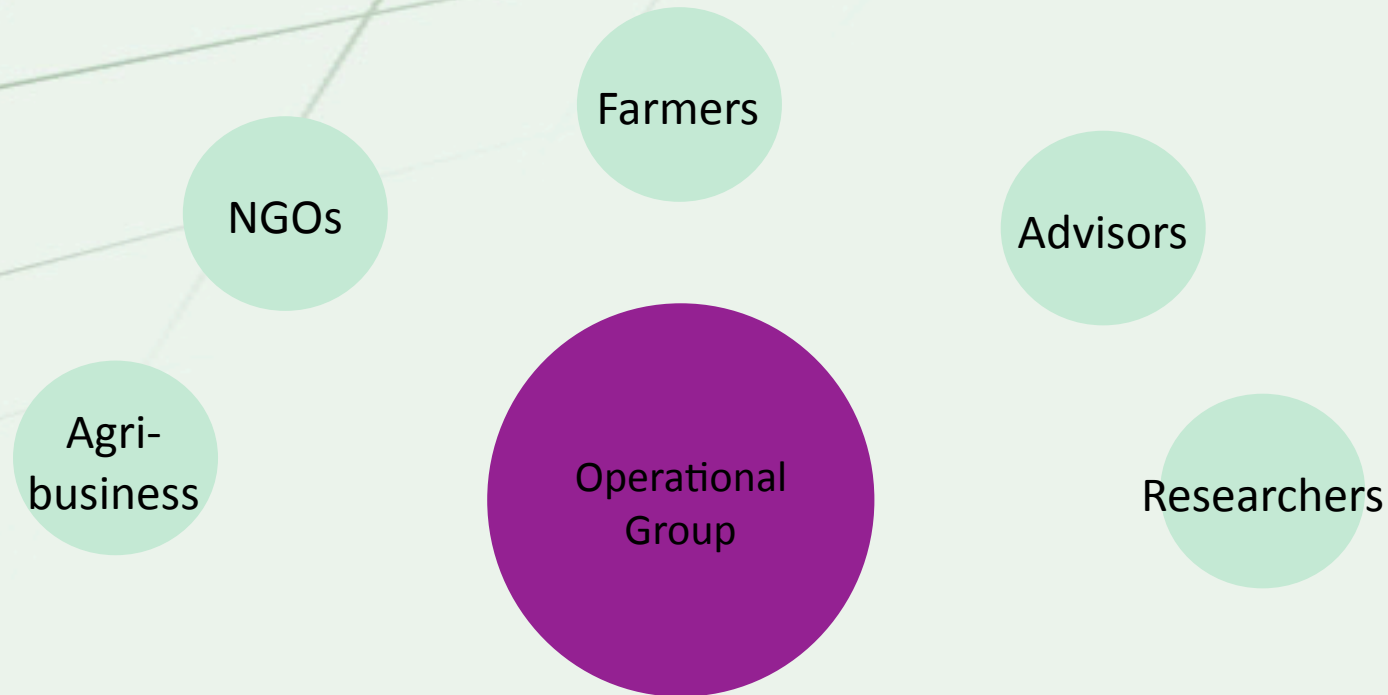
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Farmers · Advisers · Enterprises · Scientists · NGOs

Implementation under rural development

- Operational groups



Implementation under Horizon 2020

- Thematic networks
 - connect Operational Groups around specific themes
 - involve all concerned stakeholders
- Multi-actor projects
 - targeted composition of the partnership
 - relevance of the research for end-users
 - refining during the project (knowledge exchange, cross-fertilisation)

Agroecology & EIP

- EIP is promising on paper
 - Focus on mutual learning, sharing of information, multi-actor approach
 - Recognition of diversity of agricultural sector
 - Link with sustainable consumption and supply chain
 - Recognition that farming contributes to public goods
 - Recognition of sufficiency narrative as alternative for productivist agenda
- BUT...also input industry has its shopping list included

Implementation?

- How will EIP be implemented in regions? (budget restrictions!)
- How will EIP be implemented in Horizon 2020 (DG Research less interested in agroecology than DG AGRI)
- Focus Groups: good themes, but which experts will be selected, what will be outcome and impact?

Our demands

- Holistic approach combining:
 - Food production based on ecosystem services
 - Fair food chains empowering rural areas
 - Responsible food habits
- Multi-actor projects:
 - Diversity of approaches: big AND small projects
 - Practitioners should receive fair recompense for their contributions to research and research policy
 - Preparatory phase to build trust is prerequisite of broad stakeholder participation
- Transparency in the process

Cooperation IFOAM EU, ARC 2020 and TP Organics

- Promote agroecological innovation in the EIP for Agriculture at EU and regional level
- Inform members and support them to form operational groups
- Action Plan for Innovation and Learning
- Cooperate with European regions

Thanks for your attention



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