

# EU CAP Network Overview

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# What does the EU CAP Network support?



- ✦ Design and implementation of CAP strategic plans.
- ✦ Innovation and knowledge exchange, including EIP-AGRI.
- ✦ Evaluation and monitoring of the CAP.





# The EU CAP Network Activities



## Networking Activities

**Connecting people** and encouraging stakeholders from across Europe to learn from one another and to exchange their experiences and their inspirations.



## Developing Knowledge

**Providing a platform for networking** through engagement with a diverse range of people at the local, regional, national and European level.



## Publications and Social Media

**Sharing the outcomes** of our work with a broad audience through a mixture of different communication products and channels.





**CAP Implementation CP  
(CAPI CP)**





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## Networking Activities

Thematic groups meetings,  
workshops, seminars.

Agricultural & Rural  
Inspiration (ARIA) Awards

National Networks

LEADER



**Smart & competitive  
agriculture**



**Socio-economic fabric  
of rural areas**



**Environmental  
protection**



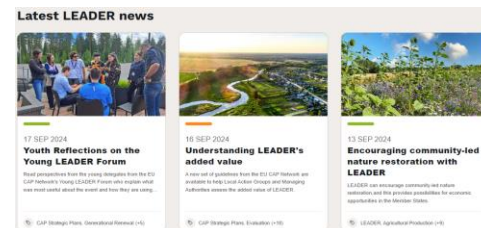
**Rural youth**



**Gender  
equality**



**Popular Vote**





## Good Practices

## Country

## Jobs, Growth and Equality in Rural Areas, LEADER (+2) Ireland



This factsheet provides an overview of key factors for designing successful schemes to encourage the maintenance, restoration and creation of landscape features on farmland for their biodiversity value and other environmental, economic and social benefits.



**We encourage you to share your good practices!**







# CAP Implementation Contact Point



## Publications

Policy Insights, Project brochures, Case Studies, Factsheets



### LEADER Newsletter

September 2024

#### Encouraging community-led nature restoration with LEADER



PUBLICATION - POLICY INSIGHTS | 04 DEC 2023

#### Eco-schemes: evolving the CAP's green architecture

◀ CAP Implementation ▶ CAP Strategic Plans ▶ Climate and Climate Change ▶

Taking a deeper look at eco-schemes, an innovative component of the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) 2023-2027 and a main tool to deliver on environmental and climate goals of the European Green Deal.

Download

Nature restoration represents an opportunity for the EU in land restoration brings economic and environmental benefits encouraging community-led nature restoration.

Find out more



EU CAP NETWORK BROCHURE  
FEBRUARY 2024



### Agricultural and Rural Inspiration Awards 2023

Projects brochure



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POLICY INSIGHTS  
MAY 2023

### Strengthening sustainable food systems

POLICY INSIGHTS



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### Green Architecture - Member States' approaches to designing green strategies in their CAP Strategic Plans



# CAP National Networks

## National Networks Meetings

The EU CAP Network organises two NN Meetings per year around different topics

The next (5th) NN Meeting will be in March in Greece co-hosted by the Greek Network

## Geographical and Thematic Clusters

Clusters formed by National Networks. Some of them are divided by geography and others by theme.

Some of the thematic clusters are on:  
communication, evaluation,  
regional antennas, youth  
and green architecture

## Communications

Regular communication with the networks through email, meetings, visits, social media, newsletter, etc.







# LEADER

All you need to know about [LEADER in the EU](#), including stories on the ground, the directory of the LEADER LAGs active in this programming period – and much more.



Read more!



## LEADER Legislation

legislation applicable to gathered in one place.



## LEADER Explained

Discover about the origins of the LEADER approach and its key characteristics.

[Find out more >](#)



## LEADER LAG Directory

Connect with LEADER Local Action Groups across Europe from the 2023-2027 programming period.

[Find out more >](#)



# CSP Implementation Highlights

## Young LEADER Forum



- › 193 representatives from 33 countries
- › New ideas and new network stakeholders
- › Creation of new actions and communities
- › Young LEADER community launched



# CSP Implementation Highlights

## Forum on Best Practices in the Agri-Food Supply Chain

- › Insightful discussions between 155 representatives from the agri-food value chain
- › Inspiring range of examples and approaches shared
- › Practical and sustainable solutions exchanged
- › Clear policy recommendations formulated



# CSP Implementation Highlights

## Upcoming Thematic Groups

### Economic Vulnerability of Farming



### Valuing Farmers' Wider Contributions to Society

## Farm Sustainability Data Network (FSDN) Workshop







# ARIA 2024 – The Ceremony

## The Galway Wool Co-op

Highly commended project under the Socio-economic Fabric of Rural Areas category





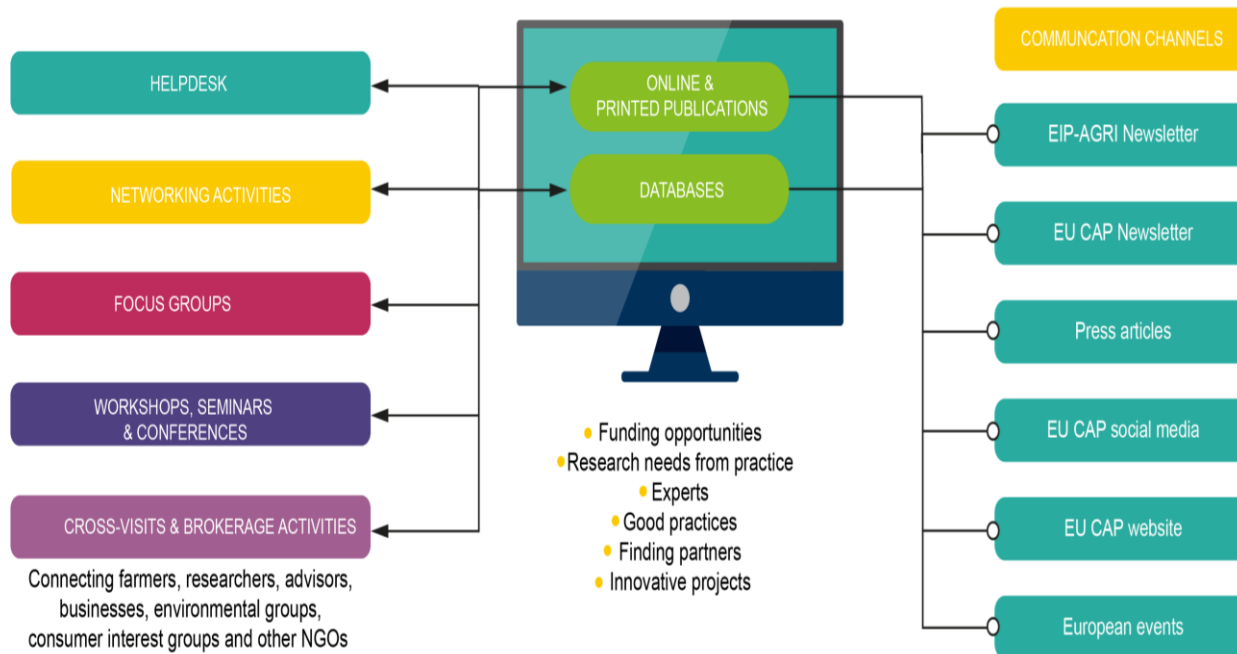


## Innovation & Knowledge Exchange (EIP-AGRI)



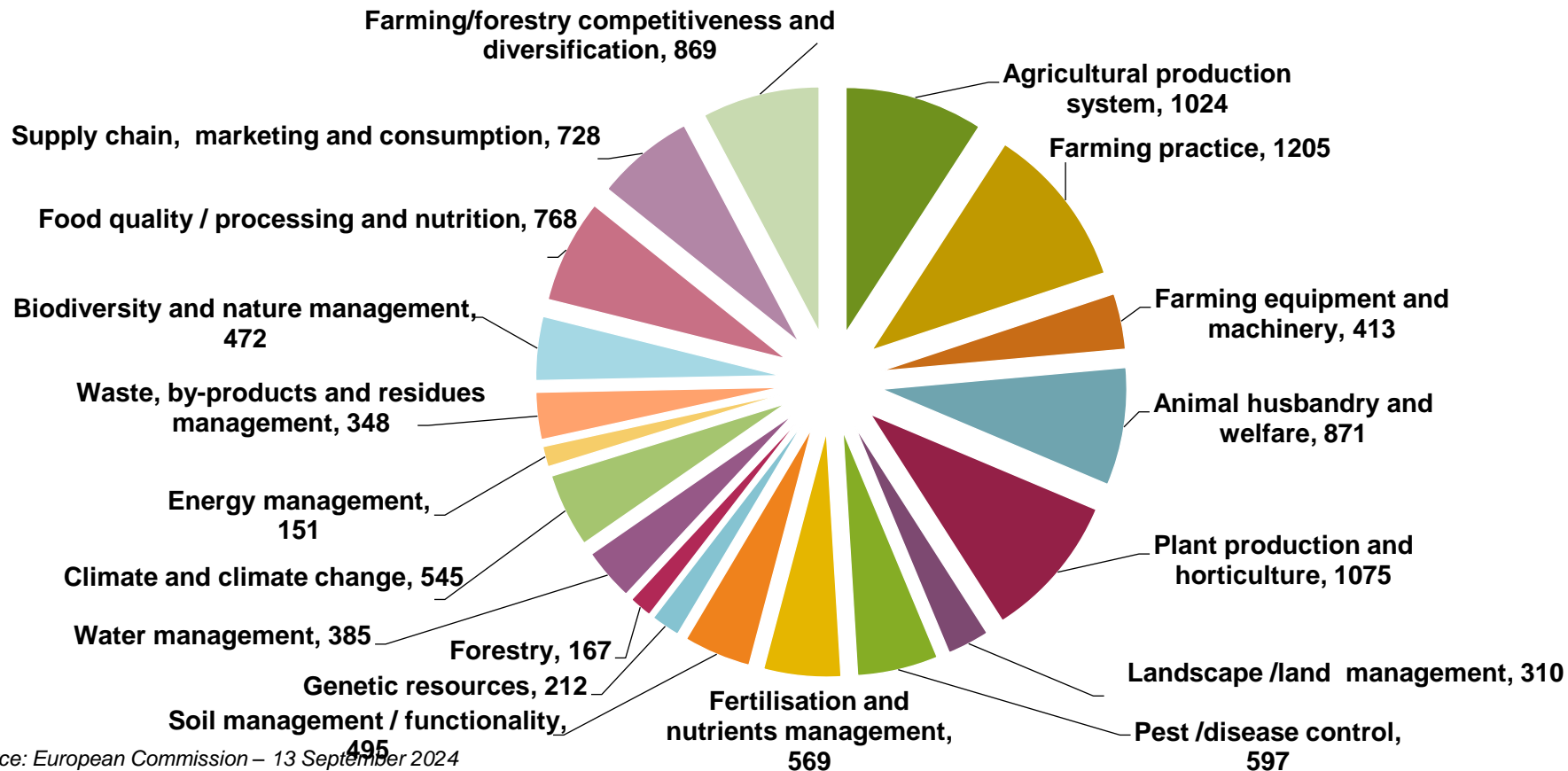


# Support Facility Innovation and Knowledge exchange | EIP-AGRI': services, activities and tools





## Operational Group Projects per Keyword





## EIP-AGRI Project Database

- **New database** launched December 2023 on the [EU CAP Network website](#)
- Around **3000** EIP OGs and **500** research and innovation projects including Horizon 2020 multi-actor projects
- To be regularly updated with new projects funded under **CAP 2023-2027** and **Horizon Europe**

PROJECT DATABASE

### About EIP-AGRI projects

The EIP-AGRI project database features innovative projects from across Europe that boost innovation and knowledge exchange for agriculture, forestry and rural areas.

[Browse projects](#)



## Focus Groups



Production of  
Protein Crops  
under Climate  
Change



Local Perennial  
plant genetic  
resources in  
view of climate  
change &  
biodiversity loss



Alternative  
solutions for  
livestock product  
differentiation







# Publications & Newsletters



## Innovation and knowledge exchange | EIP-AGRI Newsletter January 2025

### Inspirational ideas

#### Go nuts! The sustainable use of by-products from forestry

The sustainable use of by-products from forestry can lead to the development of new value chains and business models which are tailored to the needs of producers and rural areas. The Polish Acorn project has developed a technology to use acorns as a basis for meat-free alternative products.

[Read more](#)





## EIP-AGRI Innovation Awards 2024 for Operational Groups

- › Awards ceremony in Estoril, Portugal
- › 7 winners (6 categories + public favourite award)



Colorado Beetle Catcher: Sustainable Machine Pest Control  
(The Netherlands)



Cultivation, harvesting and processing of hemp straw and hemp seeds  
(Germany)



Parsutt – Parma ham high sustainability standard (Italy)



SUBALMA (Spain)



Illaun Farm Forest Alliance (Ireland)



Precision farming in Brandenburg (Germany)



SHEEP-UP – Ovine bio-diversity in Veneto (Italy)



# Innovation, knowledge exchange and EIP-AGRI

Workshop 'Circular bioeconomy  
valorisation of forest by-products'

**26 - 27 March 2025, Kouvola - Finland**

- showcase successful initiatives
- identify and map key value chain actors and roles
- discuss innovative practices and ways forward
- identify gaps in current knowledge and practice
- encourage networking



# Innovation, knowledge exchange and EIP-AGRI

3 cross-visits for EIP Operational Groups  
animal welfare – water management - pollinators

**Between 5 – 9 May 2025**

- cross-border knowledge exchange and peer-to-peer learning
- intensive informal interactions
- potential future collaborations between projects/actors

**Calls will open soon**

## **More events with a focus on innovation, knowledge exchange and EIP-AGRI**

\*\*\* workshop 'National Networking for innovation and knowledge exchange' \*\*\*

\*\*\* seminar 'Robotics and AI in farming and forestry' \*\*\* workshop 'Innovation in logistics to improve the position of farmers in a supply chain' \*\*\* seminar 'demonstration farms'





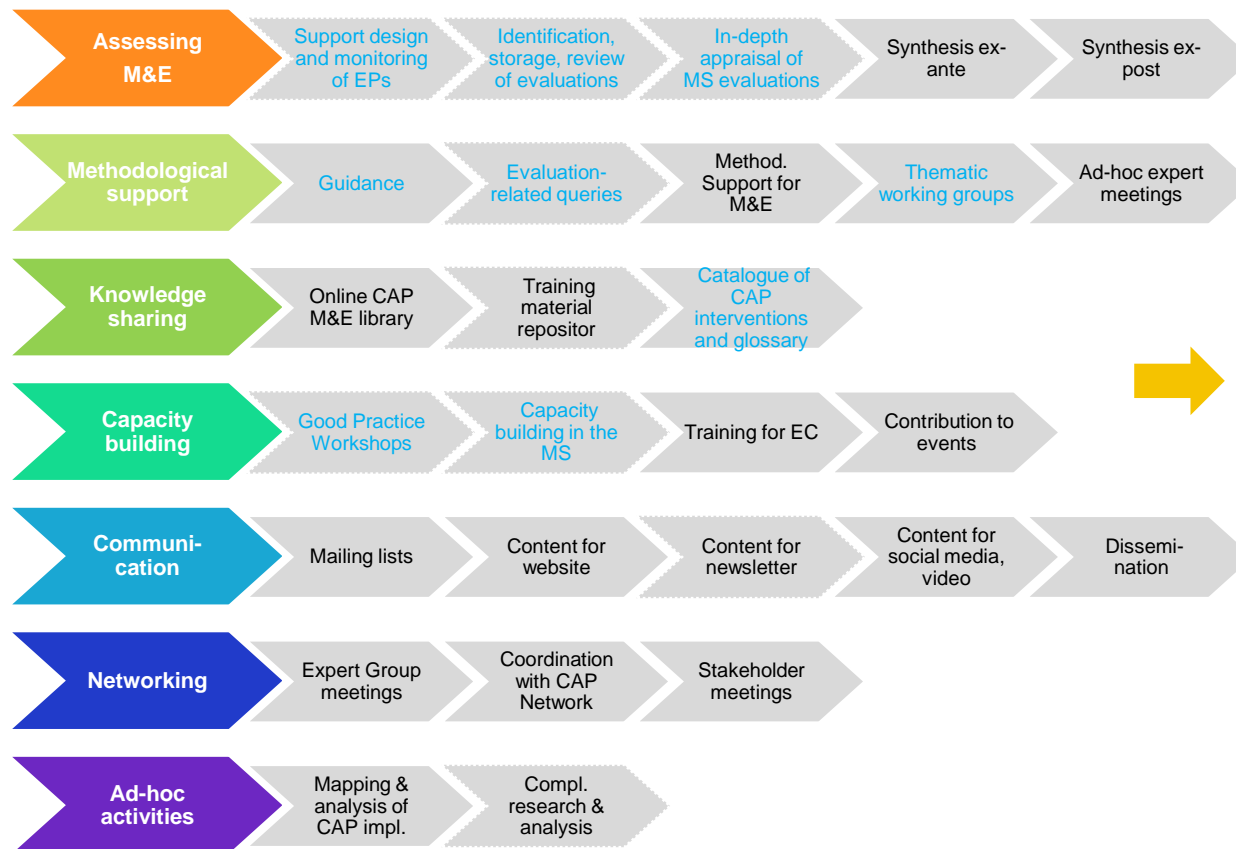
Evaluation Helpdesk  
(EH)







## Our activities



### Examples of publications of particular interest:

- \*Synthesis of Evaluation Plans*
- \*Mapping of CSPs*
- \*Catalogue of CAP interventions*

### In the pipeline:

- \*CAP Evaluation Insights – climate change, generational renewal*
- \*Thematic report ‘Assessment of sectoral support in the CAP’*

# Evaluation Helpdesk topics in 2025

## Thematic Working Groups

**Assessing digitalisation and innovation**

**Assessment of environment and climate architecture**

**Assessment of farmer's position in the food chain**

## Good practice Workshops

**Assessment of environmental impacts (incl. use of big data, EO data, FSDN)**

**Use of simulation models to assess CSPs**

**Netting out of the impacts of the CAP**

## Complementary research

**Rough estimation of the contribution of the CAP to nutrients balance**

**Study on coherence of national vs. CAP tools/instruments and level playing field**

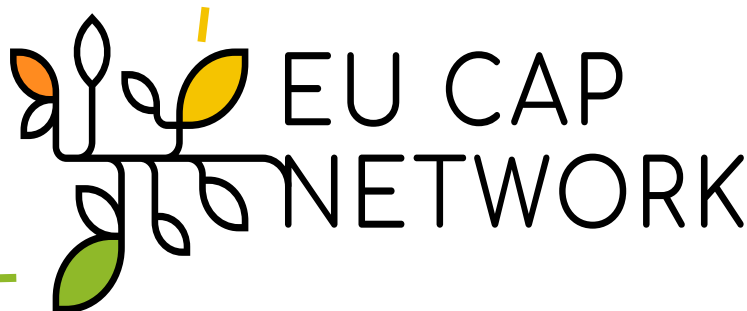
**Assessment of regulations affecting farmers**



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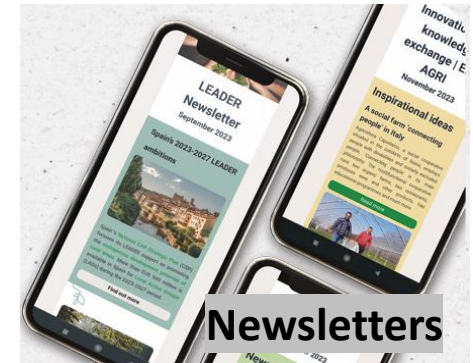
Publications



Upcoming events



Social Media



Newsletters



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