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16.2(16.1) innovation cooperation cross-border projects in Estonia

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The EIP OG family



Estonia in 2017:
16.2 added subheading
16.1 →
an EIP OG country

→ EIP goes cross-border



Why go cross-border?

- A small country has limited resources (people, budget, time), so cooperation is of vital importance
- Cannot do everything ourselves, to find solutions to all problems ourselves, nor cover all possible topics
- Benefitting from the existing knowledge and expertise, rather than invest in yet another project on the same topic
- Cross-border cooperation is a win-win situation (economy of scales effect)

Call 2017: cross-border EIP cooperation

- Call closed 26/01/2018
- Total call budget: € 1 000 000
- Max 350 000 per project
- The application is submitted to the national funder according to its requirements.
- Estonian applicants apply for **co-funding for innovation cooperation** (16.2 activities) with partners from EIP OGs from other countries already established or about to apply for support in their home countries/regions.



16.2 (16.1): What is supported?

Innovation cooperation in agriculture, food, and forestry sector, as in :

- pilot projects
- development of new products, practices, processes and technologies
- dissemination of the results of these projects, including cross-border activities.

Focus on solving a practical problem, developing a new product, etc, **by joining the needs of the enterprise and the expert knowledge of the research and development institution.**

Selection process in Estonia

- The funding decisions are based on the **ranking list**.
- Evaluation is based on the pre-determined criteria: **economic and environmental impact**, **scope of cross-border cooperation**, and **dissemination** activities.
- A prerequisite for a positive funding decision is passing the **threshold of 40%**.

After a positive funding decision, the implementation of project activities must begin within three months.

How it works?

A Cross-border project

(Each country (region) provides support to their participant)

EE IIP OG = at least one farmer/enterprise or an organisation of entrepreneurs (co-operatives, non-profit organisations)
+ a research partner

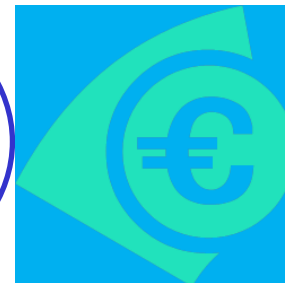
EIP OG (participant) from another country



a) EE supports the costs of the 16.2 activities of the Estonian partner



b) If EE is the Lead Partner, EE supports the costs of the activities of the EE partner + general project coordination costs



Cooperation of NRNs, MAs, PAs is crucial

Cross-border cooperation chart

EIP OGs (or equivalent)

- Planning, implementing, disseminating their cross-border activities

NRNs, Innovation networks, EIP-AGRI SP

- Matchmaking
- Spreading information and dissemination of project results

Managing authorities

- Assessing the relevance of the application in regard to RDP

Paying agencies

- Exchanging the information while processing Payment Claims



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Thank you!

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Support for pilot projects and the development of new products, practices, processes and technologies - cross-border EIP cooperation projects

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In case of cross-border project between EIP groups we expect:

- an explanation on how the activities implemented in Estonia and these of the foreign partner(s) are linked;
- how the work will be divided between EIP group partners;
- what is the added value attributed to cross-border cooperation

Documents that must be provided by EIP group:

- An overview of how the activities, tasks and responsibilities, and budget are divided between the participating EIP partners/countries;
- Description of how the project will contribute to the objectives of EIP, to further productivity and an economic and sustainable use of resources;

Documents (2)

- If the Estonian applicant will participate in the project as a lead partner and applies for support to cover the cooperation costs of the cross-border project in addition to its own activities, a total budget must be presented,
- with the successful project application submitted or being submitted in the other country/region;

Documents (3)

- another Member state's EIP group must provide evidence of its participation in the EIP group co-funded by another country/region. The Estonian applicant must submit the confirmation issued by the funder (Managing Authority or Paying Agency) of the other region that the applicant's activity forms an important part in the activities carried out in the given project.



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Praegu otsitakse Eestist partnereid Soome projektile "Kvaliteetne kohalik valk ning gluteenivaba kaer talust lauale". Täpsem kokkuvõte on [siin](#) ja kontakti vahendab [Maamajanduse Infokeskus](#).

Soome sarnase meetme taotlusvoor on septembris, neil on esimeses etapis heakskiidu saanud üheksa ideed:

- Uusilla mitta- ja vedenkäsitleteknoloogiolla maatalouden käyttöveden riskit hallinta / Uute mõõtmis- ja veekäitlustehnoloogiatega põllumajanduse tarbeveega seotud riskide haldamine;
- Lämpökuvaus nautojen hoidon tukena /Termograafia karjakasvatuse heaks;
- Kiertosuomesta.fi - kiertotalousmarkkinapaikan luominen / Kiertoasuomessa.fi – ringmajanduse müügipunkti loomine;
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- Biohiili - miilunpolttajien maa / Biosüsi - miilipõletajate maa;
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- Pihattonavetoiden älykkäät ulkoilualueratkaisut / Vabapidamislaotade väliala targad lahendused;
- Älykkäät mittaukset karjan ruokinnassa ja terveydessä – ÄLYREHU / Nutikas mõõtmise karjakasvatuse (söötmine, tervis).

Täpsem info: <https://www.maaseutu.fi/fi/maaseutuohjelma/viestinta/Uutiset/uutiset-2017/Sivut/Innovaatiiorahoituksen-haku-edennyt-toiseen-vaiheeseen.aspx>



Godkända innovationsprojekt

Här kan du läsa om vilka ansökningar som blivit godkända för genomförandestöd. Vi lägger ut en kort information om projekten när Jordbruksverket skickat de formella besluten till de sökande. Projekten ligger i den ordning de blivit godkända med senaste längst ner.

<http://www.landsbygdsnatverket.se/vadarlandsbygdsnatverket/verksamhetsomraden/eipagri/godkandainnovationsprojekt.4.5bcea70915b1752a20f978c0.html>

EIP transnational cooperation 1/2

- There would be the possibility for transnational cooperation in **Austria**, but they did not support it actively so far.
- **Bulgaria** are in a process of launching M. 16.1 and this will be the only measure to be launch for the time being in the frame of EIP. At the beginning of 2018 they plan to open a call for proposals under M. 19.3 for innovation activities for transnational cooperation.
- In **french** RDP's, EIP is supported by measure 16, deployed at regional level. For transnational cooperation, EIP projects have to fund opportunities under Horizon 2020 calls.
- In **german** Schleswig-Holstein there would be Operational Groups interested and able to cooperate internationally. No transnational projects are supported in Baden-Württemberg. Operational groups can have actors from other federal states or other countries of the EU, but the project has to be implemented in Baden-Württemberg. In the Northrhine-Westfalia region they have already supported a (one) EIP transnational cooperation project. One of the OG partners is located in the Netherlands.
- **Greece** is supporting transnational cooperation projects within the framework of Measure 16 "Cooperation" of the RDP 2014-2020 of Greece. The call of proposals under this measure will take place on December 2017.

EIP transnational cooperation 2/2

- Some **Italian** regions have provided in their measure fiche to support transnational cooperation in the frame of EIP-measure.
- In **Slovakia** they are focusing on the 1st call of M16 – more specifically 16.1, which will be released in the end of this year, but they are probably planning to have transnational cooperation over EIP next year.
- The National Rural Development Programme in **Spain** does indeed support transnational cooperation in the framework of EIP-measure. They are currently working on the regulation of innovation projects, in which the participation of actors from other Member States is as well foreseen.
- In **Sweden** they have possibilities to give support to transnational cooperation through the so called TNC (transnational component). But it is only possible to apply for this if you already have an approved project, for instance an innovation project.
- Operational Groups from **England** do at least participate in transnational cooperation, even if it isn't formally titled as such. There is an obligation to share the knowledge as a condition of funding, and they are also invited to – and attend – networking events across Europe.

Some necessary contacts



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