



European Innovation Partnership (EIP) in Finland

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EIP funding in the RDP Mainland Finland



- Total public funding **3 MEUR**
- Objective is to finance **in total 10 EIP groups** in 2014-2020
- **8 EIP groups approved** so far

- Calls for applications in 2 stages (1. idea; 2. full application)
- **Third call open** until 31st January 2019 (first stage)



EIP Group (operational group) in Finland



Minimum of 2 partners:

1. **Farmers** and/or businesses in primary production
2. **Experts** needed to solve the specific problem

- OGs may also be **trans-national** or include a transnational part



Beneficiaries in EIP project

- Lead-applicant most often a **body governed by public law**
- Other members of the EIP group may be **bodies governed by public or private law**
- E.g. farms, SMEs, research institutes, educational institutes, development organisations, foundations, municipalities or associations.



Selection criteria

- Contribution to the programme strategy objectives and to solving a specific problem (25 %)
- Potentiality to develop new business (25 %)
- Project idea is based on identified needs, the best expertise is used for building of the EIP group, commitment of the group members (25 %)
- Quality, cost-efficiency and feasibility of the project plan (25 %)



Support rates and duration of project

- Support rate for EIP Group **100 %** (development project)
- Possibility to an increase of 20 % in support-rate for investment in case the application is related to the work of the EIP group (investment has to be applied separately)
- Duration of an EIP project up to **3 years**.



Approved EIP Groups from the first round



- Plant nutrients, energy and industrial and commercial activity for rural areas by a biogas plant
- Identification of common wild oat and other weeds from drone photographs
- Production of quality oats and benefiting the mass of side products with the help of thermomechanical process
- Agricultural business development with intelligent data analytics
- Development of moisture removal process, energy consumption and control of a grain dryer



Approved EIP Groups from the second round

- "Digital bale" (bale tracking system)
- SMART FEED – Smart measurements in cattle feeding and health
- KuNa – Thermal imaging of cattle

