

The Multiplier Group of the AgriSpin Project is a group of 12 experts working in the field of innovation and innovation support coming from EU countries.

### Background

In AgriSpin, the WP4 is related to “Networking and institutional Uptake” and its overall objective is to promote the institutional uptake of interactive innovation processes and the adaptation of agricultural innovation services by involving the widest possible number of EU relevant actors .

### Multiplier Group aims

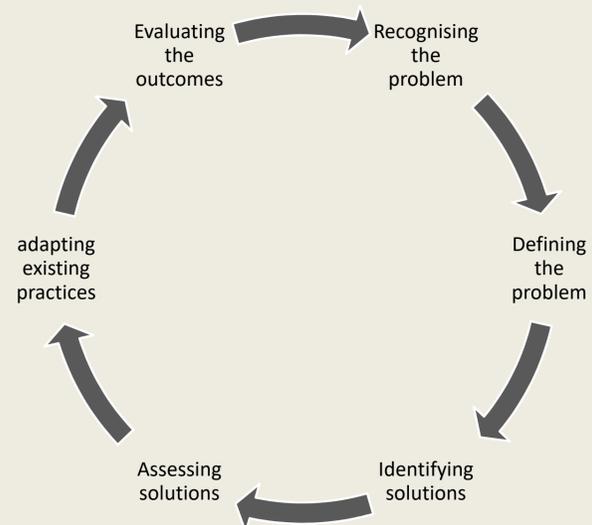
- Identify and remove possible barriers for the implementation of innovation support services into national/regional policy frameworks by involving European Rural Development Managing Authorities with other stakeholders.
- Connect the widest possible number of relevant EU actors.
- Promote the adaptation of agricultural innovation support services to an interactive approach .

### Tasks

- Develop recommendations for the widest adoption of AgriSpin outcomes.
- Identify options to improve national and regional innovation support services within the Rural Development Programs (RDP) and promote potential synergies.
- Design possible operational schemes under the framework of RDP and EU Cohesion Funds.

### Approach - the interactive innovation cycle

In the AgriSpin approach, the interactive innovation process starts with defining a problem and the generation of new ideas, it continues with the development of solutions and the evaluation of their outcomes: this is represented in the interactive innovation cycle.



### Activities - MG meetings

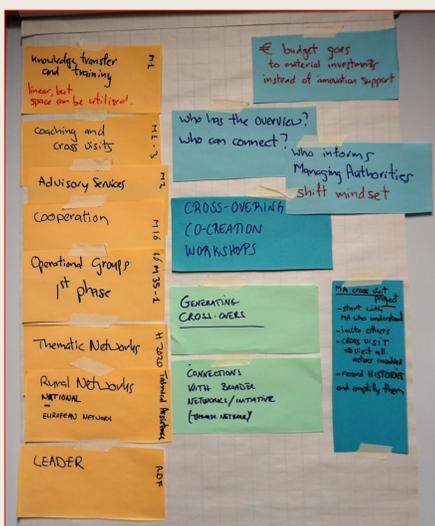
Two meetings (September 2017 - March 2017)

**Methodology** - problem diagnosis, identification of solutions, best methods and practices.

**First meeting - recognition** of the innovation support services and EIP implementation **problems**, in order to capture main missing points in the three following levels: institutional, advisory services and farmers.

**Second meeting** - development of the **possible solutions** to work out **implementation problems**, by presenting successful case studies and methods, in order to develop suggestions and recommendations for decision makers.

## Results



- To ensure a better understanding the importance of the Innovation Support Services, the MG suggested **greater use of formal communication channels**, such as EIP AGRI Network, to better disseminate the project results.

- The Agrispin **cross-visits toolkit** can help the RD managing authorities to organise **cross-border cooperation activities**, such as possible study visits as part of the training measures and projects, in order to facilitate the dialogue and the vision of the actors involved.



- The **implementation**, among the instruments in the EC Reg. 1305/13, of the “**creation and support of networks and clusters**” option is considered very important for the promotion of innovation and it is often considered a necessary condition for stimulating the coming out of innovative ideas from the actors of the system.

- The **integration** of the tools available for Member States (RDP measures, the Consulting and Training System, LEADER, Districts, etc.) in a more defined strategic and adequately monitored framework, should be improved: this characteristic, in the most significant cases, is linked to the presence of a strong public support and coordination system.

- The creation of a favorable “**ecosystem for innovation**” represents the main priority for innovation support, in order to facilitate the emergence of innovative ideas and projects.