

RDP Measure 16.2 to overcome barriers of the approach

Problem

EU rural areas suffer from fragmentation. Operators are often small; the communication is difficult, and economies of scale are harder to achieve.

Solution

RDP Measure 16.2 funds pilot projects for cooperation of farmers, advisors and other actors in order to tackle specific problems.

Outcome

A group of +20 organic cereal producers jointly purchased portable equipment for grain separation and implemented activities for structuring the regional organic cereal sector.

Applicability box

Geographical coverage

All EU

Application period

Current programming period

Required time

Pilot projects are usually 18 months long

Period of impact

NA

Equipment

NA

Practical recommendations

Pooling different funding streams is a powerful approach to boost interactive innovation in the agricultural sector, especially where there is poor structuration, fragmentation or limited capacity for innovation and diffusion. Given their knowledge of the sector's needs and the capacity to act as Innovation Brokers, Innovation Support Services within the Regional Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS), e.g. INTIA in Navarra, are key actors for achieving a strategic combination of EU funding streams with the overall goal of finding innovative solutions for an increased sustainability of the agricultural sector. In the case of the organic cereal growers in Navarra, INTIA has combined European Regional Development Funds, RDP Measure 16.2 and H2020 multi-actor projects for supporting the structuring of the organic value chain based on a demand-driven approach.



Figure 1: ReMIX intercropping tests in Mendigorria, Navarra, Spain

Practical testing/ Farmers' experiences

RDP Measure 16.2 ("pilot projects of OG") is a popular measure amongst the farming community in Navarra, by which through cooperation with other actors in the AKIS, farmers can gain access to innovative knowledge and equipment.



Further information

- Article on ReMIX website: <https://www.remix-intercrops.eu/Downloads/Newsletter-2/INTIA-boosting-interactive-innovation-at-the-regional-organic-sector>
- Check the [Organic Farm Knowledge Platform](#) for more practical recommendations.

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ReMIX is a H2020 multi-actor project that will allow designing cropping systems based on agro-ecology for the benefit of farmers and the whole EU agricultural community. ReMIX will exploit the benefits of species mixtures to design more diversified and resilient agro-ecological arable cropping systems. Based on a multi-actor approach, ReMIX will produce new knowledge that is both scientifically credible and socially valuable in conventional and organic agriculture. The project will tackle practical questions and co-design ready-to-use practical solutions. The project will span from the specification of end-user needs and the co-design of in-field and on-farm experiments to demonstrations with evaluation of new varieties and practices. ReMIX will contribute to the adoption of productive and resilient agricultural systems. The project is running from May 2017 to April 2021

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