

# European Innovation Partnership for Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability (EIP): New Opportunities for Agricultural Science?

Political Forum „Rural Development Programme Perspectives 2014 - 2013“

Kaunas/Lithuania, 28/11/20

Susanne v. Münchhausen

Eberswalde University of sustainable development

# European Innovation Partnership for agriculture & forestry

- ▶ Focus on **productivity** and sustainability
- ▶ A new concept to bridge the gap
  - between research and innovation, Horizon 2020 and other research programmes and
  - between local and regional innovation action funded through different sources, private, rural development, cohesion funds
  - A new concept to bridge the gap
- ▶ Implementation on different levels simultaneously

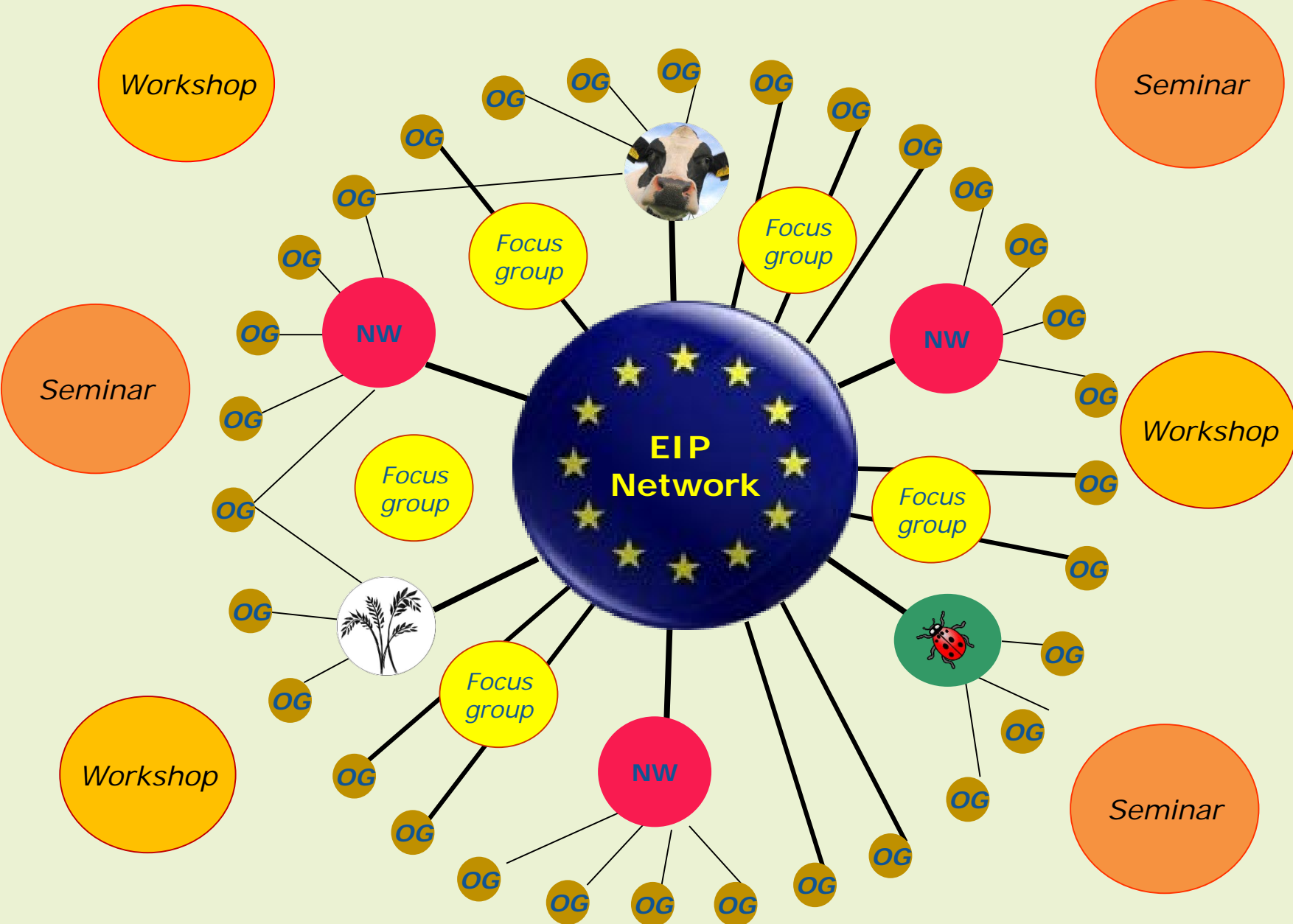
# EIP implementation on EU-level: research based

- ▶ DG-Agri initiated EIP Agriculture but the concept follows the logic of DG-Research concepts
  - Steering board and thematic Focus Groups
  - Expert panels develop research plans
  - Calls for cross-disciplinary scientific consortia
  
- ▶ However, the theoretical framework of Horizon 2020 is similar to EIP implementation on the national/regional level

# EIP implementation on the regional level

- ▶ Based on Operational Groups (OGs) involving actors such as farmers, scientists, advisers, NGOs, enterprises of the agriculture and forestry sector
- ▶ Funding by the Rural Development Programmes (CAP-second pillar)
- ▶ No extra funding within the second pillar!
- ▶ Target group of RDPs: Mainly farming and forestry – very limited opportunities for research

# EIP Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability implementation



# Perspectives for Ag-Science?

- ▶ Need of cross-disciplinary cooperation:  
Farmers – local/regional research stations – scientists -  
advisory services – SME technicians
- ▶ Depending strongly on open-minded practitioners,  
scientists and other stakeholder
- ▶ Very limited budget for EIP out of the second pillar
- ▶ Theoretical idea: combining different funding sources
- ▶ Complex concept: vertical and horizontal structures?
- ▶ Scientists potential roles: connector, facilitator, interpreter,  
reporter, project partner