

EU CAP Network Catch-up

December 2025

This EU CAP Network Catch-up provides a recap of the past month's highlights and offers an overview of activities planned for the year ahead.

⚠ We wish you happy holidays and a joyful start to the New Year! ⚠

ARIA 2025

The [Awards Ceremony](#) took place in Brussels on 3 December. Thank you for being part of the Agricultural and Rural Inspiration Awards (ARIA) 2025. You can watch the aftermovie [here](#).

Find out more about the winners, highly commended projects and more [here](#).

Common Network Statistics - 2025 data collection

We launched the CNS for the 2025. You should have received an email on 17 December 2025. The deadline to submit this data is [6 February 2026](#).

We invite you to check the [CNS 2024 Summary report](#) available online.

Updates on Thematic Work

New Thematic Groups!

- [Thematic Group on the CAP's role in supporting sustainable and competitive livestock systems](#) (have you read [our latest article](#) on this topic?)
- [Thematic Group on Farm Diversification](#).

[Thematic Group on Improving Water Resilience in Rural Areas through the CAP](#)

- The [first meeting](#) took place online on **18 September 2025**. The highlights report is available [here](#)!
- The [second meeting](#) took place **in person** on **06 November 2025**. Presentations and pictures are available on the [event page](#).

[Thematic Group on Unlocking the Potential of Cooperation](#)

- The [first meeting](#) took place **online** on **25 September 2025**. The highlights report is available [here](#)!
- The [second meeting](#) took place **in person** on **11 December 2025**.



Upcoming events

- [EU CAP Network workshop 'Sensing the future: practical applications of proximal and remote sensing for farmers and advisors'](#), in Valencia, Spain, 27-28 January 2026
- [Subgroup on CAP Strategic Plans – 7th meeting](#), 10-11 February 2026, Brussels
- [3rd EU CAP Network workshop 'Networking for innovation and knowledge exchange'](#), in Jūrmala, Latvia, 11-12 February 2026
- [EU CAP Network brokerage event 'Innovating for competitive, resilient and sustainable agriculture and rural areas'](#), in Warsaw, Poland, 25-26 February 2026
- [Subgroup on LEADER and territorial development – 4th meeting](#), 25 February 2026, Brussels
- [11th meeting of the Subgroup on Innovation and Knowledge Exchange \(SoIKE\)](#), in Brussels, Belgium, 3 March 2026
- Spanish NN seminar 'Exchange of Experiences LEADER Cooperation', in Segovia, Spain 3-4 March 2026.
- EU CAP Network seminar '[Ensuring the Right to Stay for young farmers and rural youth](#)' in Brussels, 11 March 2026
- EU CAP Network, [Good Practice Workshop: Evaluation of the green architecture of the CAP Strategic Plans](#), in Larnaca, Cyprus, 16-17 March 2026
- [EU CAP Network seminar 'Innovative tools for advisors'](#), in Dublin, Ireland, 19-20 March 2026
- [7th National Networks Meeting](#), in Mellieħa, Malta, 25-26 March 2026
- EU CAP Network workshop 'Growing alternative crops for new market opportunities in a changing climate', in Vienna, Austria, 22-23 April 2026 - **call opens mid-January 2026**
- EU CAP Network conference 'Water resilience in agriculture: innovation in practice', organised with the collaboration of the German CAP Network, in Hamburg, Germany, 19-21 May 2026 - **call opens mid-January 2026**
- 12th meeting of the Subgroup on Innovation and Knowledge Exchange (SoIKE), in Brussels, Belgium, 4 June 2026
- Cross-visits for EIP-AGRI Operational Groups on plant genetic resources, robotics and artificial intelligence, and production of protein crops under climate change, June 2026 – **calls open end-January 2026**

[Propose topics for future EU CAP Network activities](#) on innovation, knowledge exchange and EIP-AGRI – **before 22 December!**



New online resources

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Publications Digest

Every quarter we send out a Publications Digest to all our contacts flagging the most recent publications and good practices available on the EU CAP Network website. Feel free to circulate relevant publications within your own networks! Find the latest issue [here](#).

Newsletters

- The latest [EU CAP Network Newsletter](#) has been published (and includes [a short report](#) from recent cluster meetings!). To subscribe, click [here](#). Find all our latest news [here](#).
- A new edition of the [Innovation & knowledge exchange EIP-AGRI](#) newsletter has been published. To subscribe, click [here](#).
- The latest edition of the [LEADER newsletter](#) has been published (and includes an article on how some of you, the Networks, [support LEADER](#)). To subscribe, click [here](#).
- The latest edition of [CAP Evaluation News](#) has been published, with a focus on the recent study on the Member States' generational renewal strategies. To subscribe, click [here](#).

Implementation

- Event report - [EU CAP Network's Steering Group - 5th Meeting](#)
- Event report - [Subgroup on CAP Strategic Plans - 6th meeting](#)

Innovation

- [EU CAP Network Brochure 'Funding opportunities under Horizon Europe Calls 2026'](#)
- [Report and factsheet](#) from EU CAP Network Focus Group 'Production of protein crops under climate change'
- Reports from the EU CAP Network cross-visits '[Irrigation - optimising water use practices in annual \(and perennial\) crops](#)', '[Honeybees and other pollinators](#)' and '[Monitoring animal welfare](#)'

Evaluation

- Event report - [Measuring what matters – Approaches to netting out CAP impacts](#) – from the Good Practice Workshop in Bucharest, Romania
- Member States [Evaluations](#) from Italy, Czechia, Spain
- Learning portal- [Cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analysis in the context of CAP evaluation](#)
- Learning portal – [Evaluations during the CAP programming period](#)

Translations

If you would like to translate an EU CAP Network publication into your own language, you can! Simply fill in [this form](#), and the EU CAP Network Communication team will get in touch and explain the process to you.

New LEADER tools

The EU CAP Network has developed a series of tools to provide information about EU Local Action Groups (LAGs) and their Local Development Strategies, as well as to support transnational cooperation. Users can now browse and explore the following online tools and information sections:

- [LEADER portal](#) (explore a wealth of information about LEADER/CLLD),
- [TNC Practical Guide](#) (the EU CAP Network has created a practical guide that aims to provide advice, tips for planning and step-by-step implementation of LEADER TNC projects under the CAP Strategic Plans (CSP) 2023-2027),
- [TNC Factsheets](#) (the EU CAP Network has created a series of Factsheets that can help you when looking for TNC partners. The TNC Factsheets describe how TNC is implemented in each Member State, or at regional level),
- [LAG Directory](#) (browse through thousands of Local Action Groups across EU, find LAGs actively searching for TNC partners, learn about their priority themes),
- [Cooperation Offers Search](#) (browse through cooperation offers uploaded by LAGs, indicating their thematic, active interest in finding cooperation partners),
- [Transnational Cooperation \(TNC\) opportunities](#) (check the online folder to find the most recent TNC opportunities).

If you have any questions, please contact leader@eucapnetwork.eu.

DG REGIO has launched another call to join the European Community of Practice on Partnership: [Inforegio - Publication of Calls for expressions of interest \(7th on the list\)](#). Potential applicants are invited to submit their application at any time by **31 December 2025**, however, please note that the applications will be assessed on an ongoing basis.



Do you know about our online [Stakeholders' kit](#)? It's a free-to-use collection of resources and materials to enable you to best communicate about the activities and initiatives of the EU CAP Network, as well as instructions on how to easily spread the word about your own actions.

Please feel free to forward this email to your colleagues or anyone in your network who you think would find it useful. If you prefer not to receive these monthly updates, please write to us at nn-meetings@eucapnetwork.eu.

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