

EU CAP Network Catch-up

April 2026

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

Updates on NN Thematic Clusters

Following discussions during the 6th NN Meeting, three new Thematic Cluster have been launched! **Would you like to join?** Please, write directly to the lead person of this cluster.

- Thematic cluster on **LEADER and Smart Villages**. The contact person is Attila Nagy from the Hungarian NN: attila.nagy2@am.gov.hu.
- Thematic cluster on **NN's role in supporting National-Regional Partnership Plans (NRPP)**. The contact person is James Claffey from the Irish NN: james@irishrurallink.ie.
- Thematic cluster on **EIP-AGRI and AKIS**. The contact persons are Bogdan Alecu and Nancy Samargiu from the Romanian NN: bogdan.alecu@madr.ro & nancy.samargiu@madr.ro.

For your reminder, here are the ongoing clusters and list of lead NNs:

- Communication, involvement of Pillar 1 stakeholders and dissemination of CSP. The next meeting will be 13 May. Silvia Martinez Turienzo, ES NN: smarti54@tragsa.es.
- Rural Youth and generational renewal. Ana Ribes, PT NN: aribes@dgadr.pt.
- Green architecture and eco-schemes. Emma Svensson, SE NN: Emma.Svensson@jordbruksverket.se.
- CAP monitoring and evaluation: Teemu Hauhia, FI NN: teemu.hauhia@maaseutu.fi.
- Regional Antennae: Sandra Álvarez Fernández, ES NN: salvare7@tragsa.es.

Follow-up on the 7th NN meeting

The [7th National Networks Meeting](#) brought together around 70 participants on 25 and 26 March in Malta.

The key topic discussed was how the networking activities at the EU and national level can enhance the resilience of rural areas and communities to climate change.



You can find the pictures, posters and presentations from the day on the [event page](#). A highlights report can be found [here](#).

Updates on Thematic Work

[CAP's role in the Just Transition of the agri-food system](#)

This TG provides an opportunity to explore the CAP's role in promoting a fair and inclusive transition to a more sustainable agri-food system.

- The [first meeting](#) took place online on 13 March 2026. Presentations are available on the [event page](#). Highlights report is available [here](#).
- The [second meeting](#) will take place in person in Brussels on 10 June 2026 (full day).

[Thematic Group on the CAP's role in supporting sustainable and competitive livestock systems](#)

This TG provided an opportunity to explore how to improve the way CAP Strategic Plans (CSPs) are used to support transitions to more sustainable and competitive livestock systems, taking into account the diversity of systems in the EU.

- The [first meeting](#) took place in Brussels on 29 January 2026. Presentations are available on the [event page](#). Highlights report is available [here](#).
- The [second meeting](#) took place in person in Lisbon on 15 and 16 April 2026. Presentations and photos are available on the [event page](#).
- See the published Policy Insights on this topic: [Livestock, 2040 climate targets and the CAP: it's a numbers game](#)

[Thematic Group on Farm Diversification](#)

This TG explores the opportunities and challenges for farm diversification in the EU, share examples that illustrate the success factors for effective farm diversification, and assess the effectiveness of current CAP interventions and wider policy frameworks for supporting farm diversification.

- The [first meeting](#) took place in Brussels on 4 February 2026. Presentations are available on the [event page](#). Highlights report is available [here](#).
- The [second meeting](#) will take place in person in Rome, on 06-07 May 2026.
- Check the latest Policy Insights article on this topic: [Diversify to thrive](#)



Upcoming events

- [Focus Group 'Innovative and sustainable ways to strengthen the role of farmers in revitalising the European wool value chain' – 2nd meeting](#), in Aranjuez, Spain, 6-7 May 2026
- [6th Steering Group meeting](#), in Brussels, 12 May 2026
- [EU CAP Network conference 'Water resilience in agriculture: innovation in practice'](#), in Hamburg, Germany, 19-21 May 2026
- [Good Practice Workshop: Use of evaluations for improving policy and for ex ante assessments to prepare the next CAP](#), Helsinki, Finland, 2-3 June 2026
- [12th meeting of the Subgroup on Innovation and Knowledge Exchange \(SolKE\)](#), in Brussels, Belgium, 4 June 2026
- [EU CAP Network cross-visit 'Robotics and artificial intelligence'](#), in Bydgoszcz, Poland, 16-17 June 2026
- [EU CAP Network cross-visit 'Plant genetic resources'](#) in Galicia, Spain, 17-18 June 2026
- [EU CAP Network cross-visit 'Production of protein crops under climate change'](#), in Zalaegerszeg, Hungary, 18-19 June 2026
- [Workshop on LEADER and social resilience](#), in Kaunas, Lithuania, 16-17 June 2026

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 next [EU CAP Network Newsletter](#) will be published on 30 April. 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](#) was published in March– you can read it [here](#) - to subscribe for future editions, click [here](#).
- The latest edition of [CAP Evaluation News](#) was published in March, with a focus on the recent study on the Member States' generational renewal strategies. To subscribe, click [here](#).



Implementation

- Highlights Report - [4th Subgroup on LEADER and Territorial Development](#) can be found [here](#).
- Briefings - [Improved water resilience in rural areas - Compendium of good practice examples](#)
- Policy insights – [Promoting cooperation amongst farmers](#)
- Policy insights - [National Networks support rural women](#)
- Factsheet - [Unlocking the Potential of Cooperation - Key outcomes of the Thematic Group](#)
- The [ARIA 2025 Projects Brochure](#) is now available in 3 languages

Innovation

- Spotlight on generational renewal: [new Agrinnovation magazine published!](#)
- Inspirational idea - [‘Determination, confidence and flexibility’ essential for new entrants to ensure successful take-over](#)
- Inspirational idea: [From the city to the countryside – new entrant seeks technical and administrative support to start a new life in pig farming](#)
- Flash report - [EU CAP Network seminar ‘Innovative tools for advisors’](#)

Evaluation

- [CAP Evaluation Insights: Farm competitiveness and market orientation](#)
- [Webinar on 'Identifying and assessing digitalisation under CAP Strategic Plans'](#)

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),



- [LEADER 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). 2 new opportunities have been added in April, check them out [here](#).

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

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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