

The Subgroup on CAP Strategic offers a platform to:

- •Contribute to improving the quality of the implementation of the CAP Strategic
- •Identify common issues and opportunities in the implementation of various CAP Strategic Plan interventions and needs for EU CAP Network support (capacity building events and other means of support);
- •Foster exchange of knowledge and good practices in the implementation of the CAP Strategic Plans;
- •Provide input for the work programme of the EU CAP Network, in particular of the CAP Implementation Contact Point;
- •Follow up the support provided by the EU CAP Network.

The Subgroup on Innovation and Knowledge Exchange (SoIKE) offers a platform to:

- •Identify common issues, good practices, and opportunities for peer-to-peer learning, related to training and advice, and to innovation and knowledge exchange | EIP-AGRI
- \*Support the implementation of the AKIS strategic approach, and facilitate networking and exchanges between AKIS actors, including transnational initiatives of Operational Group projects
- •Provide input for the work programme of the EU CAP Network, in particular of the Support Facility for Innovation and Knowledge Exchange | EIP-AGRI.

Since October 2022, the Subgroup on Innovation and Knowledge Exchange (SoIKE) has started its activities as part of the EU CAP Network.





### **Support Facility for Innovation and Knowledge exchange**

including EIP-AGRI



## **SolkE** meetings

The Subgroup on Innovation and Knowledge Exchange will meet three times per year.

An overview of all Subgroup on Innovation and Knowledge Exchange meetings, with background documents and presentations, is available

here: https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/subgroup-innovation-and-knowledge-exchange\_en

- •20 October 2022 (1st meeting)
- •28 February 2023 (2<sup>nd</sup> meeting)
- •30 May 2023 (3rd meeting)
- •27 October 2023 (4th meeting)
- •5 March 2024 (5th meeting)
- •<u>6 June 2024</u> (6<sup>th</sup> meeting)













# Subgroup on Innovation and Knowledge Exchange (SoIKE) - 4th meeting (Bruxelles 27/10/2023)

## **Transnational and cross-border Operational Groups**

Regulation (EU) 2021/2115 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 2 December 2021 establishing rules on support for strategic plans to be drawn up by Member States under the common agricultural policy (CAP Strategic Plans) and financed by the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) and by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1305/2013 and (EU) No 1307/2013

Article 127(3) EIP operational groups may act at transnational, including cross-border, level.

## **Definitions**

 CROSS-BORDER projects are projects within one regionalised Member State, where two or more different regions work together

 TRANSNATIONAL projects are projects between different Member States, where one or more regions from one Member State may work together with another Member State



## **Cross border cooperation among OGs**

Intervention art. 77 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115



Some MS in their NSP have forseen the possibility of OGs CROSS BORDER COOPERATION

**But how?** 

Could the Associations of European Regions (AREPO, AREFLH, ERIAFF,...) help to encourage the establishment of transnational and cross-border Ogs?



## «OGs INTERREGIONAL\* COOPERATION»

#### First model

The Regions highlight the common problems and decide the themes to propose in the calls (one call for each Region). They put their budget in a "virtual common pot", but each Region manage its budget for the regional part (WP) of the project

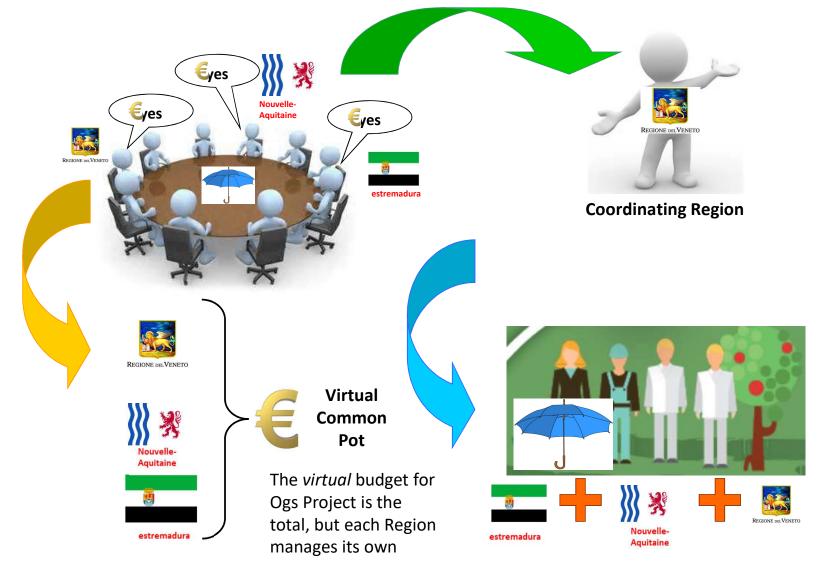
One of the Regions involved has the task of coordinating and administering the common aspects of the project.

The "managing authorities" must collaborate in the approval of the project.

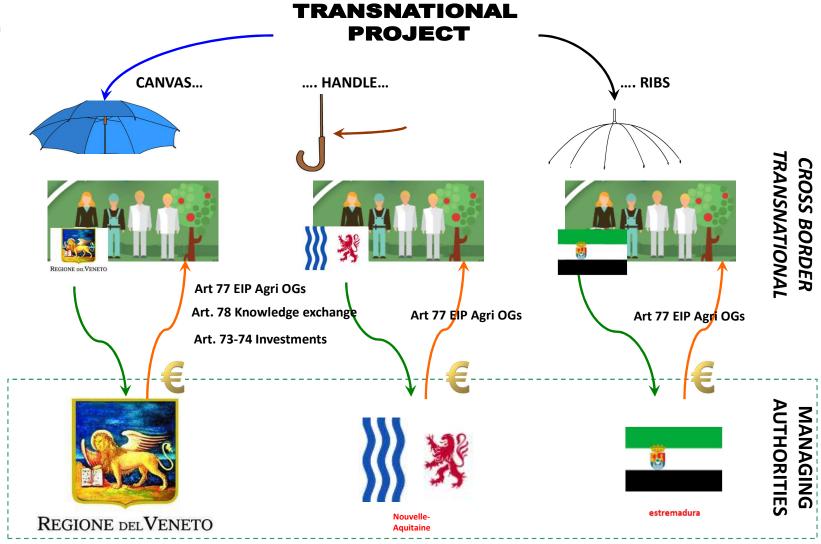
Each OG therefore follows a part of the project and the rules of its managing authority (NSP/RSC).

The checks and payment are carried out by the respective payment agencies.









**CROSS BORDER** 



### **«OGs INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION»**

#### Second model

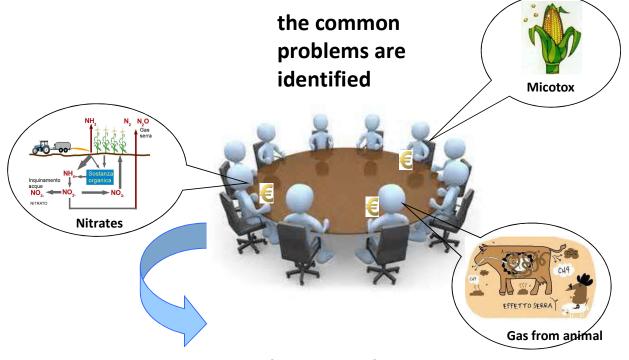
Once Regions have identified the common problems, they decide the lead Region "X" which will follow one of the shared problems: this Region proposes a "cross-border/transnational call".

The Region  $\mathbf{X}$  opens a call for tenders (OGS) in which participants from other Regions can also participate; % funding is foreseen to also support OGs outside the Region.

The rules are those described in the announcement and in the RSP of the coordinating Region.

The checks and audits can be carried out both by the coordinating Region  $\mathbf{X}$ , even outside the regional borders, and by the authorities of the other Regions; in this case agreement is needed.





## **Three Coordinating Regions**



















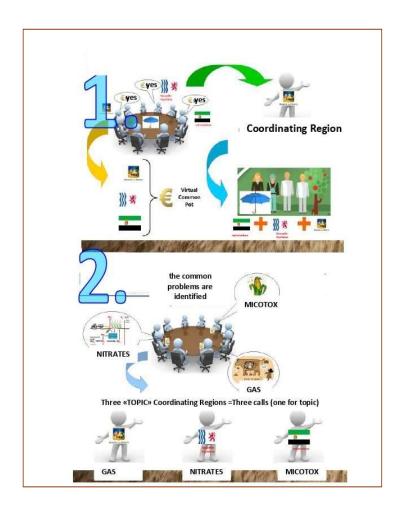












### **AUDIT**



The supervisory authority is regional

The coordinating Region finances the "interregional" OG:

The supervisory authority of the coordinating Region audits all operations, even outside the Region.



**OR** 

Agreements are stipulated between the various control bodies, each Region audits the operations in its territory.



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