

EU CAP Network Catch-up

June 2024

We're sending this EU CAP Network Catch-up to recap what happened during June 2024, and to inform you about upcoming events and activities!

ARIA 2024: 'Empowering young people'

The submission period for [Agricultural and Rural Inspiration Awards \(ARIA\)](#) is open **until 25 July 2024!** You can find all the information about the competition and further guidance (including the application template) on the [ARIA page](#).

We invite you to disseminate this information in your Member States and follow updates on the competition via our social media using the hashtag #ARIAwards24. Communication resources and visuals are available in the [Communication kit](#).

Young LEADER Forum

From 11 to 13 of June, young people from rural areas and people working with LEADER at regional, national and EU level met in Vierumäki, Finland.

Organised in collaboration with the Finnish National Network, the event was an opportunity for the youth to have their voices heard and to call attention to the value of youth engagement in the implementation of the LEADER approach.

Photos and presentations from the day can be found on the [event page](#).

The event was successful to the point that, motivated by the debate of the youth participants, ELARD launched the Young LEADER Community: a vibrant and dynamic group within the broader LEADER initiative, focused on empowering young people to take an active role in shaping the future of their rural areas. **Please share ELARD's call through your own youth networks!**

[Read more](#) about the Young LEADER Community and [join!](#)



Transnational cooperation (TNC) opportunities for LAGs

You can check the new TNC opportunities in a shared folder [here](#)! We will update this folder with TNC opportunities monthly, until the cooperation partner search tool for LAGs is available on the EU CAP Network website.

If you search for a partner for a transnational cooperation project, please [fill out this form](#) and send it to leader@eucapnetwork.eu.

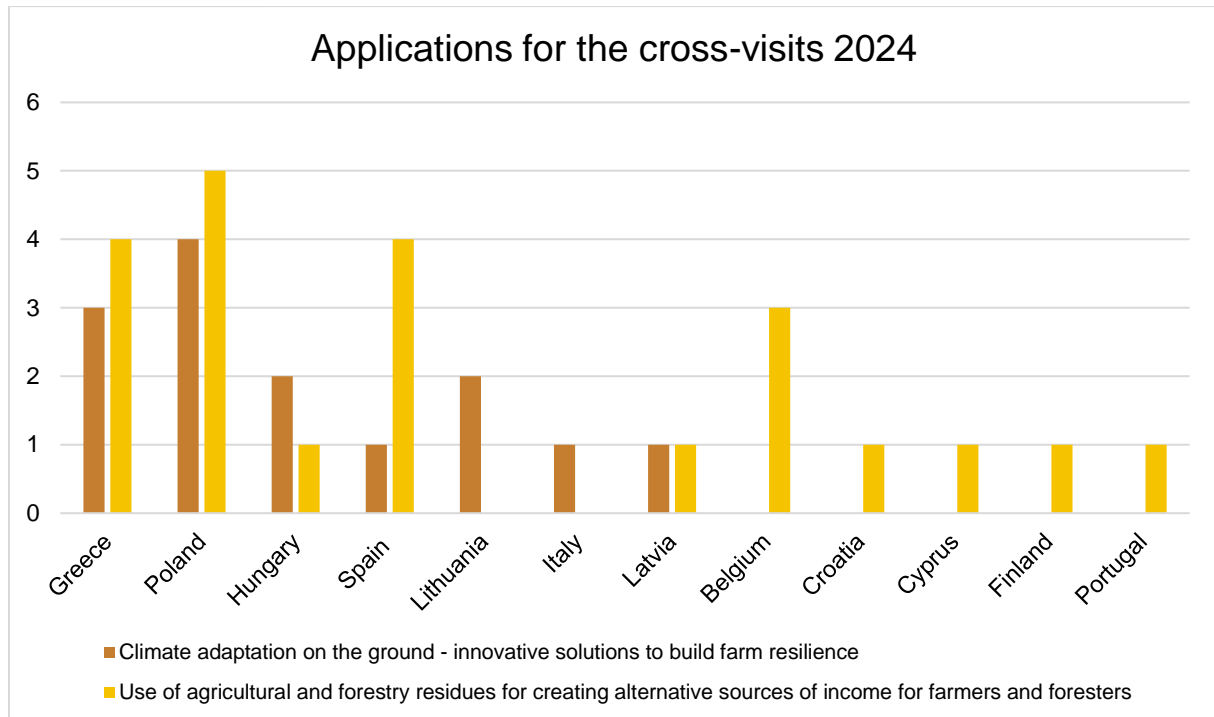
Sharing Operational Group knowledge through cross-visits

The EU CAP Network organises yearly cross-visits between Operational Groups to provide opportunities for cross-border knowledge exchange and peer-to-peer learning between OGs.

The report of the 2023 cross-visit 'Circular and organic soil management' and 'Organic farming supply and value chain optimisation' have been published, see the [webpages](#).

Two EU CAP Network cross-visits have been taking place 26-27 June 2024, see the [webpages](#). For the two cross-visits we received applications from twelve EU countries. For the cross-visit 'Climate adaptation on the ground - innovative solutions to build farm resilience' we received three applications from Greece, four from Poland, two from Hungary and Lithuania and one application from Spain, Italy and Latvia. For the cross-visit 'Use of agricultural and forestry residues for creating alternative sources of income for farmers and foresters' we received five applications from Poland, four applications from Greece and Spain, three from Belgium, and one application from Hungary, Latvia, Croatia, Cyprus, Finland and Portugal. Thank you for disseminating the call in your country.





Three new EU CAP Network cross-visits are scheduled to take place March-April 2025.

Updates on Thematic Work

Thematic Groups on Implementation

1. [TG on Supporting the Mental Health of Farmers and Farming Communities](#)
 - The [second meeting](#) took place on 28 May. Presentations and a highlights report from the second meeting are available on the [event page](#).
2. [TG on Green Architecture: Designing Green Strategies](#)
 - The [second meeting](#) took place on 4 June. Presentations and pictures from the second meeting are available on the [event page](#). The highlights report will be available soon!

Two new Thematic Groups will be launched soon. We will provide more information in the July edition of the Catch-up. Stay tuned!

Upcoming events

- [4th National Networking Meeting](#) – 25 and 26 September 2024 in Birštonas, Lithuania.



New online resources

EU CAP Network

- EU CAP Network Magazine Issue 2 – The second edition of the [EU CAP Network Magazine](#) highlights how networking can bolster resilience economically, socially and environmentally in rural areas.
- A new edition of the [EU CAP Network Newsletter](#) has been published. To subscribe, click [here](#).

Implementation

- Projects Brochure on [Nurturing agricultural skills](#)
- Policy Insights on [Mental health policy for EU farmers](#)
- Policy insights on [Preventing food waste with CAP Strategic Plans](#)
- Policy Insights on [EU quality policy for the benefit of farmers and consumers](#)

Innovation

- Thematic newsletter on EIP-AGRI Operational Groups - This thematic newsletter was published end June 2024 and highlights Operational Group inspirational ideas, the EU CAP Conference, EU CAP Network activities, news from the network and funding opportunities related Operational Groups. [Read the thematic newsletter and share it within your own country](#). The newsletter is available in English, French and German.

Evaluation

- [Assessing Generational Renewal in CAP Strategic Plans](#) - The report summarises the main outcomes of the Good Practice Workshop 'Assessing Generational Renewal in CAP Strategic Plans', organised by the EU CAP Network with the support of the Evaluation Helpdesk for the CAP on 14-15 March 2024 in Zagreb.
- [Evaluation Learning Portal](#) - The Evaluation Learning Portal serves as a knowledge sharing platform for the CAP evaluation community and anyone interested in exploring the complexities of conducting evaluations. It offers information on various evaluation processes, such as ex ante and ex post evaluation, introduces selected evaluation topics like AKIS and LEADER, and provides an inventory of evaluation methods.

Your opinion counts

You are invited to provide feedback and inputs on the EU CAP Network communication activities and channels. The outcomes will be used by the support units to improve and continue providing adapted communication. The survey takes less than 10 minutes.

Click [here](#) to take the survey. Thank you in advance for your help!



Be sure to follow **@eucapnetwork** on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn to be updated on all the activities and available resources from the EU CAP Network!

Do you know about our online [Stakeholders' kit](#)? It's a free-to-use collection of sources 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 spread the word about your own actions more easily.

We are planning to send the EU CAP Network Catch-up PDF every month. Please feel free to forward it to your colleagues or anyone in your network who you think would find it useful. If you would not like to receive these monthly updates, please write to us at nn-meetings@eucapnetwork.eu.

