

EU CAP Network Catch-up

July 2024

We're sending this EU CAP Network Catch-up to recap what happened during July 2024, and to inform you about upcoming events and activities! We will send the next Catch-up in September 2024. In the meantime, we hope that you have a lovely summer.

ARIA 2024: 'Empowering young people'

Congratulations for submitting the applications for [Agricultural and Rural Inspiration Awards \(ARIA\)](#)! We know that it has been a long journey. In case that we have any questions about the application or we need more information, we will come back to you at the beginning of September.

We will also communicate (confidentially) the shortlisted projects at the beginning of September. In case that a project submitted by you is shortlisted, we will provide more information about material needed (pictures and videos) and the [Award Ceremony](#).

Make sure to keep using the hashtag #ARIAwards24. Communication resources and visuals are available in the [Communication kit](#).

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 this form](#) and send it to leader@eucapnetwork.eu.

Three new EU CAP Network Focus Groups

The call for experts for three new EU CAP Network Focus Groups with a focus on innovation, knowledge exchange and EIP-AGRI has just been launched. We would like



to ask your help in sharing this call with farmers, foresters, advisors, scientists and others in your regions. The deadline to apply is **16 September 2024 23:59 hrs CET** (Brussels time).

The topics to be covered are:

- Production of protein crops under climate change.
- Local perennial plant genetic resources in view of climate change and biodiversity loss.
- Alternative solutions for livestock product differentiation.

For more detail on the topics and how to apply, please visit the [Focus Group webpage](#). We encourage all applicants to read in detail the call text (PDF file). The link to the application form can be found within this PDF file.

Updates on Thematic Work

We are very excited to announce two new Thematic Groups!

- 1) [Enhancing Biodiversity on Farmland for Improved Resilience](#) — Sharing experiences on the changes in the design, implementation and uptake of initiatives on biodiversity and resilience of farming. [Express your interest](#) to become a member by **23 August!**
- 2) [Gen Z: Leading Generational Renewal in Farming](#) — Enabling members to assess the necessary changes in both policy and practice to foster greater engagement of young people in agriculture and discuss their role in shaping rural areas. [Express your interest](#) to become a member by **9 September!**

Upcoming events

- [4th National Networking Meeting](#) – 25 and 26 September 2024 in Birštonas, Lithuania.
- [4th meeting of the Forum on Best Practices in the Agri-Food Supply Chain](#) – 9 October 2024 in Brussels.
- Workshop on [Bridging the digital divide for smart and sustainable regions](#), organised by the BCO as part of the European Week of Regions and Cities – 10 October 2024 in Brussels.
- [3rd Steering Group Meeting](#) – 17 October in Brussels.
- [Subgroup on CAP Strategic Plans 4th meeting](#) – 6 November in Brussels.
- Subgroup on Innovation and Knowledge Exchange – 12 November – online
- FG Production of protein crops under climate change, 1st meeting – 20-21 November
- FG Alternative solutions for livestock product differentiation, 1st meeting – 20-21 November



- FG Local perennial plant genetic resources in view of climate change and biodiversity loss, 1st meeting – 27-28 November
- [ARIA 2024 Awards Ceremony](#) – 4 December 2024 in Brussels.
- [3rd meeting of the EU CAP Network's Assembly](#) – 5 December 2024 in Brussels.

New online resources

EU CAP Network

- A new edition of the [EU CAP Network Newsletter](#) has been published. To subscribe, click [here](#).

Implementation

- Highlights report - [Subgroup on CAP Strategic Plans - 3rd meeting](#)
- Highlights report - [EU CAP Network's Steering Group - 2nd Meeting](#)
- Highlights report - [2nd meeting of the Thematic Group on Supporting the Mental Health of Farmers and Farming Communities](#)
- Highlights report - [2nd meeting of the Thematic Group on Green Architecture: Designing Green Strategies](#)
- Highlights report - [Young LEADER Forum](#)
- Factsheet - [Eco-schemes](#)
- Briefing - [Key ingredients for supporting the mental health of farmers and farming communities](#)

Innovation

- [Report 5th meeting of the Subgroup on Innovation and Knowledge Exchange](#)
- [Report EU CAP Network seminar 'Fostering an effective and integrated AKIS in MS'](#)

Evaluation

- [Assessing Generational Renewal in CAP Strategic Plans](#) - Event report from the Good Practice Workshop in Zagreb, Croatia
- [Assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of CAP income support instruments](#) - Guidelines from the Thematic Working Group "Assessment of CAP income support interventions"



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.

