

EU CAP Network Catch-up

October 2024

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

ARIA 2024: 'Empowering young people'

We are pleased to inform you that the ARIA finalists have been announced on the [awards page](#) and that the [Popular Vote](#) is open!

On the [ARIA webpage](#) of the EU CAP Network website, you will find the finalists of each category, [the link to the Popular Vote](#), and visual content for your own ARIA promotion in our [communications kit](#).

We encourage you to promote the Popular Vote via your channels and social media, and invite your contacts (colleagues, friends and family) to cast their vote and choose their most preferred project. **The Popular Vote is open until Sunday, 1 December at 18.00 (CET)**. Make sure to use the hashtag #ARIAwards24 when communicating about ARIA.

Invitations have been sent to the project promoters for the [Awards Ceremony](#) being held in Brussels on 4 December. This year the projects can be supported at the ceremony by up to two representatives of their NN.

Please help us by **ensuring you and your projects register as soon as possible**.

If you have any questions on the materials needed for shortlisted projects, please email aria@eucapnetwork.eu.

CNS 2023 Summary report is now available!

Thanks to your ongoing support and data provision, we are happy to announce that the first edition of the Common Network Statistics (CNS) Summary report in the new structure has been published online. The report analyses qualitative and quantitative data on networking activities from 2023 provided by all 28 National Networks with the aim to provide an overall picture of NN achievements and to facilitate peer learning.

The summary report (already presented in each regional NN cluster before summer) can be found online [here](#).



LAG Directory

The [LEADER LAG Directory](#) currently features 1 166 Local Action Groups from 19 Member States. It is being updated on an ongoing basis as we receive information from Member State Managing Authorities. LAGs can now be searched for by the key themes, linked to their Local Development Strategies (LDS), that will be the focus of their work.

This is the first phase of the LAG Directory, the next stages will be to include more information on individual LAG profiles and a partner search tool.

Transnational cooperation (TNC) opportunities for LAGs

You can check the new TNC opportunities in a shared folder [here!](#) We have several new offers this month. 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.

Updates on Thematic Work

1) [Enhancing Biodiversity on Farmland for Improved Resilience](#)

This Thematic Group will give members the opportunity to share experiences on the changes in the design, implementation and uptake of initiatives on biodiversity on farmland at scale (i.e. beyond single farms) to improve resilience. Pictures and presentations from the 1st meeting are available on the [event page](#).

The [2nd meeting](#) will take place on 13 November.

2) [Gen Z: Leading Generational Renewal in Farming](#)

This Thematic Group will enable 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. Pictures and presentations from the 1st meeting are available on the [event page](#).

The 2nd meeting will take place on 11 December.

We invite you to complete this [online questionnaire](#) and share information about projects that promote generational renewal in farming. The collection of good practices is open until 2 December. Your contributions will help us map initiatives at the Member



State level that support young people entering the sector or help young farmers become more resilient. We look forward to hearing from you!

Upcoming events

- [Rural Youth Autumn Seminar 2024 'Master Yourself'](#) – 26 Oct-2 Nov in Latvia.
- [Nourishing Europe: Financing the Path to Resilient and Sustainable Food Systems](#) – 31 October, online and in Brussels.
- [4th Meeting of the Subgroup on CAP Strategic Plans](#) – 6 November in Brussels.
- [Good Practice Workshop: Assessing simplification of the CAP for beneficiaries and administrations](#) – 7- 8 November.
- [Result-based funding models in agriculture](#) – 14 November in Finland.
- [7th meeting of the Subgroup on Innovation and Knowledge Exchange \(SolKE\)](#) – 12 November – online.
- [ARIA 2024 Awards Ceremony](#) – 4 December 2024 in Brussels.
- [3rd meeting of the EU CAP Network's Assembly](#) – 5 December 2024 in Brussels.
- EU CAP Network workshop dedicated to National Networking for innovation – January 2025.
- EU CAP Network seminar on 'Robotics and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in farming and forestry' – 19-20 February 2025 – [call open until 12 November](#)

New online resources

EU CAP Network

- The public version of the EU CAP Network's [Annual Work Programme](#) for 2024/2025 is now available on the EU CAP Network website and can also be downloaded as a PDF.
- A new edition of the [EU CAP Network Newsletter](#) has been published. To subscribe, click [here](#).
- The Facilitation Handbook for NNs, which provides a number of facilitations techniques and tools, and also served as a workbook for the 4th NN Meeting, can be downloaded [here](#).

Implementation

- [New CAP Strategic Plan Factsheets](#) - provides easy to use and visual factsheets presenting different approaches implemented by the EU Member States in addressing the objectives of the CAP.
- Analytical work - [The CAP's Green Architecture – designing green strategies](#).
- [Common Network Statistics \(CNS\) report](#) (based on 2023 data).

Innovation



- A new edition of the [Innovation and knowledge exchange newsletter](#) has been published.
- [Press article](#) - Agricultural cooperative in Slovakia applies regenerative farming to restore soil health and productivity - 22 Oct 2024
- Report - [EU CAP Network Workshop 'Circular water management'](#)
- Report - [EU CAP Network Workshop 'Women-led innovations in agriculture and rural areas'](#)
- Project Brochure - [EIP-AGRI Operational Groups](#) (Available in EN, FR, DE and now in Czech as it was translated by the Czech NN).

Would you like to translate any EU CAP Network publications on innovation and knowledge exchange? Please get in touch innovation-knowledge@eucapnetwork.eu.

Evaluation

- New Evaluation Learning portals available. Check [here](#).
- CAP Evaluation Insights: [Climate change](#).
- Good Practice Workshop report: [Assessing the contribution of carbon farming to CAP climate objectives](#).



Be sure to follow **@eucapnetwork** on X, 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.

