#### **Policy Learning Platform**

5 December 2018, Hamburg Thematic Workshop

Enhancing rural innovation capacity and performance: policy challenges and exchange of experiences









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# Welcome

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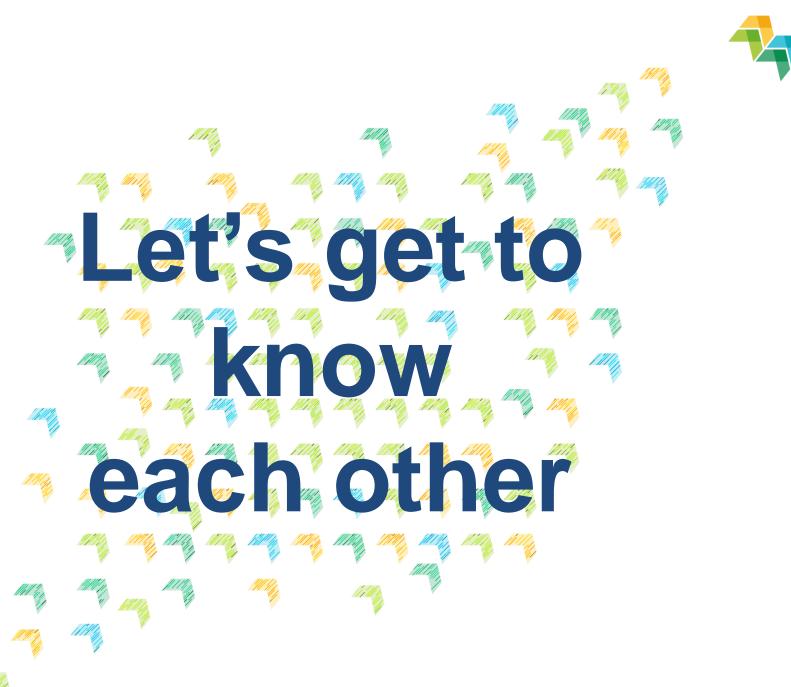
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Research and innovation



SME competitiveness

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# Workshop agenda



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- OECD, DG AGRI and JRC S3P Agri-Food policy and research updates
- Good Practice presentation from projects
- Networking lunch
- Experiences from regional Action Plans
- Parallel working group discussions
- Wrap-up and focus on next steps

Make the most of the workshop! Ask questions! Share your insights!



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# Workshop background



SME competitiveness

Rural innovation and development challenges is of relevance for a number of projects within the Research & innovation (TO1) and the SME competitiveness (TO3) themes.

- Projects focusing on framework conditions for rural innovation, SMEs and entrepreneurship in rural regions and important industry sectors.
- Rural innovation capacity is key to rural and sparsely populated regions staying competitive and ensuring sustainable regional growth.

#### How can policies strengthen and support innovation in rural areas?

# Workshop objectives



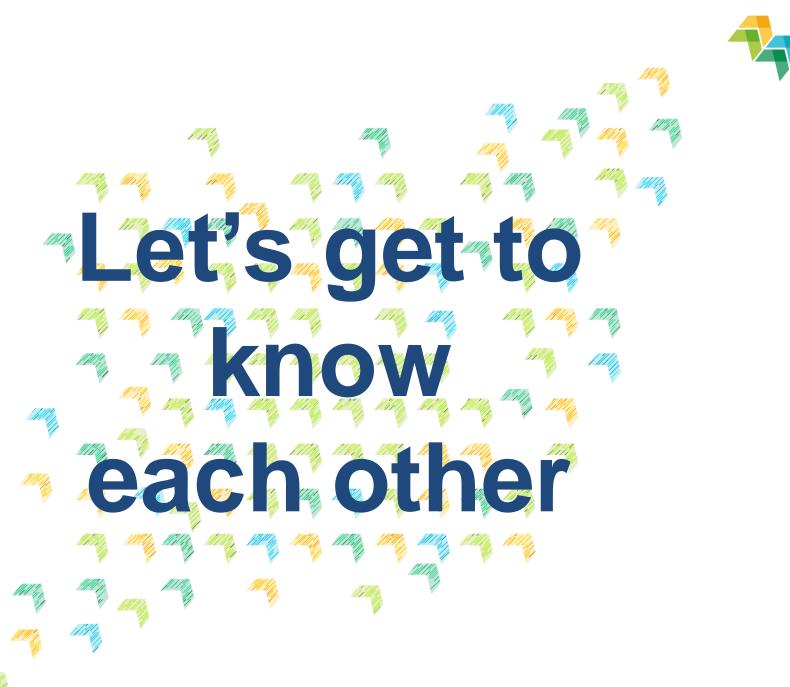
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Focus on how to enhance rural innovation capacity and performance for project stakeholders.

- Learn about EU level policy initiatives to support rural innovation and development.
- Discuss the policy approaches of Interreg Europe projects and lessons learned.
- Share your own views, experiences, and success stories of rural innovation.
- **Find** seeds for future project cooperation and inspiration to tackle common challenges.









# **Policy update presentations**

Andres Sanabria OECD - Regional and rural policy unit

Ingeborg Zaiser European Commission - DG AGRI

Katerina Ciampi-Stancova Joint Research Centre Thematic Smart Specialisation Platform on Agri-Food



### **Andres Sanabria**

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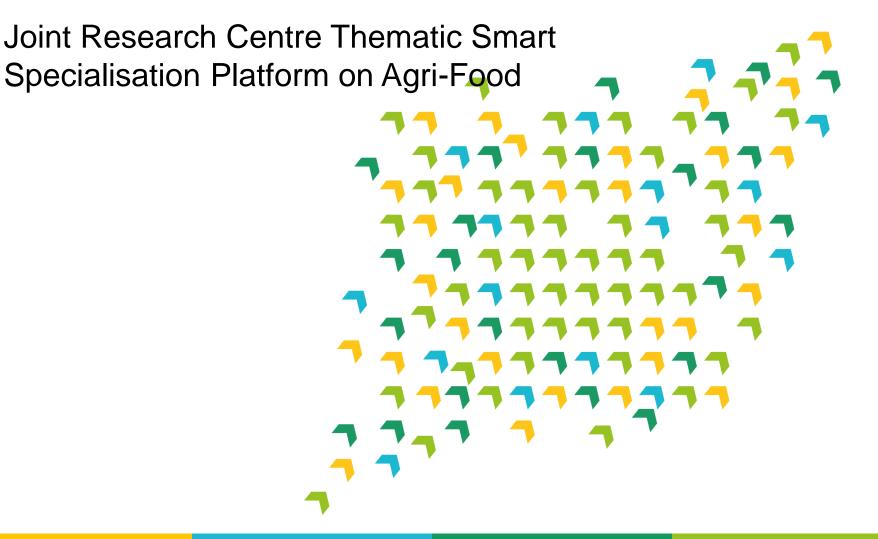
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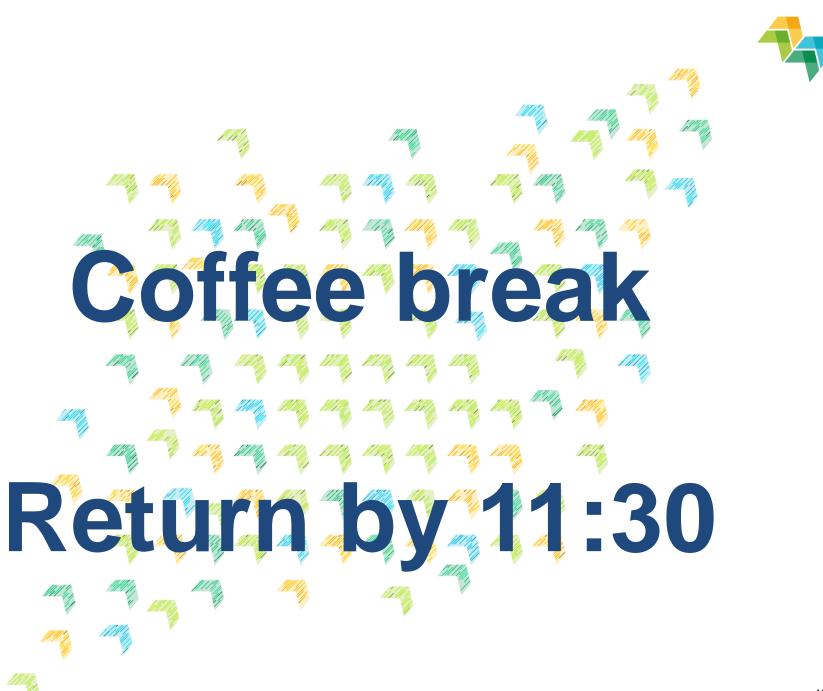
#### **European Commission - DG AGRI**





### Katerina Ciampi-Stancova







# **Good Practice presentations**

Lars Hustveit Sogn and Fjordane County Municipality, Norway

Simon Tijsma Province of Fryslân, Netherlands

Galya Vladova HafenCity University Hamburg, Germany

Michelle O'Sullivan Cork Chamber, Ireland



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# **Action Plan presentations**

Romina Magni de Antonio FAMCP Federation of municipalities, regions and provinces of Aragon, Spain

Ninetta Chaniotou Kainuun Etu Oy, Finland

Artūrs Penčura Zemgale Planning region, Latvia

Jose Manuel San Emeterio ERNACT, Ireland



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**Break-out** session discussion

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