

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE STUDY VISIT: ROMANIAN NATIONAL RURAL NETWORK AND SPANISH CAP NETWORK

Date and time: Monday, 10th of march- **09:30 - 14:15 h** - Ministry, Madrid.

From Tuesday 11th march to Friday 14th march - Project visits.

Modality: In-person meeting.

Place: Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Pº Infanta Isabel, 1 28014 Madrid, Spain.

Context

The Article 126 of Regulation (EU) 2021/2115, concerning national and European CAP networks, states that national CAP networks “**shall build on existing practices and experience in networking activities in the Member states**” and that the European CAP network is established by the Commission “**for collaboration between national networks, organisations and administrations in the field of agriculture and rural development at Union level.**”

It also states that the objectives of **collaboration** through national and European CAP networks include “**fostering innovation in agriculture and rural development and supporting peer learning and the inclusion of all stakeholders in the process of knowledge exchange and knowledge building, as well as interaction between them.**”

To achieve these objectives, the tasks of the networks include “**contributing to capacity building of Member state administrations and other actors involved in the implementation of the CAP strategic plans**”; the “**creation of platforms, forums and events to facilitate the exchange of experiences between stakeholders and peer learning, including exchanges with networks in third countries**”; “**support for cooperation projects,..., including transnational cooperation**”; and “**the creation of links to other strategies or networks funded by the Union.**”

Also, in the case of the national CAP networks, the tasks include “**participation in the activities of the European CAP network and contribution to these activities.**”

Regarding this last task, the national networks participate in activities of the European CAP Network and in this sense, the Spanish CAP Network actively collaborates in European events and work in clusters such as the Mediterranean cluster, together with the Romanian network, as well as in thematic clusters, such as the antennae and communication clusters, which are led by the Spanish network or the youth clusters in which it also takes an active part.

Objectives of the day

The general objective of the conference is to exchange knowledge between the national networks. For this purpose, the following specific objectives have been established:

- ✓ Exchange knowledge and experience regarding the activities undertaken by the Romanian and the Spanish CAP network.
- ✓ To know other units involved in the implementation of the Strategic Plan with the aim of serving as a reference and inspiration for the networks involved, as LEADER, evaluation and eco-schemes.
- ✓ Visit successful Spanish EAFRD projects in Andalucia and Castilla La Mancha regions.

Agenda

Monday, 10th of march.

SCHEDULE	TIME	OUTLINE
09:10 - 9:30	20'	Reception of attendees
09:30 - 09:55	25'	Welcome and presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Presentation of the Romanian team Elena- Daniela Rebega General Director of Romanian Managing Authority for NRDP and SP○ Jorge Sainz Elias Deputy Director-General of Agricultural Policy Planning in Spain.
09:55 - 10:25	30'	Presentation of the Red PAC and the Territorial Antennas Programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Sara Josefa Herrero Rodríguez - Head of the Spanish CAP Network○ Eva García Villaraco Ruiz de Lira - Territorial Antenna of the Spanish CAP Network in Castilla La Mancha and Madrid - Technical Assistance *A space is reserved for questions after the presentation.
10:25 - 11:15	50'	Presentation of the Romanian National Rural Network: <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Structure, functions and objectives.○ Activities carried out at national level and in the territory that may be of interest to the Red PAC (on different topics of interest including also promoting eco-schemes) *A space is reserved for questions after the presentation.

SCHEDULE	TIME	OUTLINE
11:15 - 11:45	30'	EU CAP Network. Context and updates. Cristina Rascón García - Networker coordinator - EU CAP Network Elena García Garrido - Policy Analyst - EU CAP Network
11:45 - 12:15	30'	Coffee Break
12:15 - 14:30	2h 15'	Presentation of areas of interest: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brief presentation of the Spanish CAP Strategic Plan. Eva García Sarro Deputy Assistant Director for Agrarian Policies Planning General Subdirectorate for Agrarian Policies Planning. ○ CAP Evaluation Raquel Díaz Molist Head of the Investment Programming and Monitoring Area General Subdirectorate for Agrarian Policies Planning ○ EAFRD structure, LEADER and investments Isabel Aguilar Pastor Deputy Director General of Planning and Coordination General Directorate of Rural Development, Innovation and Agri-food Training. ○ Eco-schemes Paz Fentes Piñeiro Deputy General Director for Arable and Industrial Crops and Olive Oil <p>*A space is reserved for questions after the presentations.</p>
14:30		Wrap-up and end of the meeting

Tuesday, 11th of March. Study visit to good practices (on the way to Seville)

Name	Location	Funding	Description
Dehesa El milagro. Organic farm	Unnamed Road, 45687, Alcañizo, Toledo https://maps.app.goo.gl/2pC5zeGwEpTMGLxE7	--	An agricultural and livestock farm of almost 300 hectares certified organic, located in the Toledo region of Oropesa. The livestock part is devoted to Avilanian breed cows crossed with Limousins and pure Avilanian oxen, Talavera breed sheep, broiler chickens and slow-growing hairless-necked capons, and laying hens. As for agriculture, they have 80 hectares of crops, dedicated to orchards and greenhouses, stone fruit trees, meadows, and reforestation of native trees. In addition, they have a workshop, a meat cutting room, and a warehouse for logistics and basket assembly.

Wednesday, 12th of march. Study visit to good practices (in Seville)

SCHEDULE	TIME	OUTLINE
8:45-9:00	30'	Welcome and brief explanation about the route

Name	Location	Funding	Description
PÂTISSERIE TOKYO	C. de Goya, 18, B, 41860 Gerena, Sevilla https://maps.app.goo.gl/qAFSoSn4LqQDFrEH9	LEADER (Woman)	Micro bakery with innovative and signature pastry and ice cream. "We only use pure natural ingredients of exceptional quality, where possible organic, from suppliers recognized for their quality and their values of sustainability and fair trade to create authentic unique bites full of flavor for you".

Name	Location	Funding	Description
			A very innovative project carried out by a young woman and her husband. They started from scratch and the project owes everything to LEADER funds and the help of the Rural Development Group Corredor De La Plata. Their project has had a lot of press coverage.
The bakery is a small place and the group will be subdivided. In parallel, other projects by the Local Development Group and the Andalusian network can be explained (Ex. LEADER Cooperation)			

Name	Location	Funding	Description
Museo del Vino de Bodegas Salado Wine Museum of Bodegas Salado	Cam. de Merida, 14, 41806 Umbrete, Sevilla https://maps.app.goo.gl/m51kadbUmdgfToxH8	LEADER	<p>Wine tourism project at Bodegas Salado, one of the wine-making bastions of the region and the province of Seville, with more than two centuries of history and countless awards and recognitions.</p> <p>This is an investment that has allowed the creation of new spaces to host wine tourism experiences in the winery, an activity started by this family business in 2014 with the aim of diversifying the business and offering visitors and tourists the chance to discover the wine-making tradition of the family itself, Umbrete (where the Fiestas del Mosto has been celebrated for more than three decades) and the region.</p> <p>Through this project, Bodegas Salado has transformed the old sales building into a beautiful Wine Museum, where the atmosphere of the bicentennial winery is recreated and valuable elements related to the manufacture of this liquid gold and the Salado family legacy are exhibited, in addition to having other modern equipment.</p>

Name	Location	Funding	Description
			Star project of the Aljarafe - Doñana Rural Development Group.

Thursday, 13th of March. Study visit to good practices (in Seville / on the way to Málaga)

Name	Location	Funding	Description
MUSEO de la CAL de MORÓN Lime Museum	<p>Las Caleras de la Sierra, 21, 41530 Morón de la Frontera, Sevilla</p> <p>https://maps.app.goo.gl/f1ToFcpev96oNA686</p>	LEADER	<p>Museum dedicated to the recovery and maintenance of the world of lime. Lime was declared by UNESCO in 2011 as an Intangible Symbol of Humanity.</p> <p>The Museum is located in the village of Las Caleras de la Sierra at the foot of the Sierra de Esparteros, and offers us a journey through time to introduce the visitor to the ways of life of the artisan. Among its facilities it has rehabilitated ovens, different infrastructures and buildings, to stage some of the activities that the lime maker traditionally carries out.</p> <p>Both its location and its easy accessibility allow us to consider the Lime Museum as an instrument of tourist, cultural and productive attraction. Its adaptation to the immediate environment is a source of promotion of the rich heritage, which has grown around the exploitation of local natural resources. It offers various workshops on traditional techniques, green construction.</p> <p>Very grateful for the commendable work of Rural Development Group of the Serranía Suroeste Sevillana</p>

Name	Location	Funding	Description
OG H2Olivetree	<p>OLEAND, Autovía A92, km. 66, Vía de servicio. 41540 La Puebla de Cazalla, Sevilla</p> <p>https://maps.app.goo.gl/aw8KXoa2sP1AF2xd7</p>	Operational Group	<p>H2Olivetree Operational Group "Reuse of water from dressing table olives for irrigation in the olive grove."</p> <p>The H2OliveTree project proposes the possibility of using wastewater to irrigate olive groves in order to demonstrate, through demonstration trials, the suitability - without risk to the soil, surface and groundwater, and plants - of applying this wastewater, temporarily stored in ponds, in small doses using drip irrigation.</p>

Friday, 14th of march. Study visit to good practices (in Málaga)

Name	Location	Funding	Description
<p>OPTIONAL Reservations may be required</p> <p>AS AN OFFER TO THE ROMANIAN NETWORK (ON THEIR OWN)</p> <p>Laberintus Park</p>	<p>Parque de Santillan, 29520 Mollina, Málaga</p> <p>https://maps.app.goo.gl/u2zAAQrRJkJDxPyb6</p>	LEADER	<p>The world's first biotechnological labyrinth, a unique combination of nature and technology designed to surprise you at every step. This innovative concept uses biotechnology, a science that uses living and natural elements to create incredible interactions.</p> <p>Innovative and novel project DEVELOPED THANKS TO LEADER GRANTS FROM Grupo Desarrollo Rural Antequera.</p>

ORGANIZED BY RED PAC

The **Red PAC** is the meeting point that connects all people and entities related to the rural environment and agricultural activity, with the aim of disseminating and ensuring compliance with the objectives of the Strategic Plan of the CAP in Spain. At the same time, it aims to raise awareness among the population about the importance of the rural environment and the agricultural sector for our present and future.

The unit responsible for the PAC Network is the General Subdirectorate of Agricultural Policy Planning within the General Secretariat of Agricultural Resources and Food Security of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

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