Do you have an idea to improve the profitability of primary production?

You can apply for EU rural development funding!

Learn more about EIP-AGRI Operational Groups and see examples!

What is an EIP-AGRI Operational Group?

Partnership

In EIP-AGRI Operational Groups, farmers, advisors, researchers, and businesses work together.

Innovation

An idea that enhances the profitability, sustainability or value chains of primary production is developed into an innovation.

Communication

Project results are widely shared in Finland and across Europe.

What is an innovation in primary production?

- A significant improvement that is based on a need identified in primary production.
- For example, a new product, service or operating model that solves a problem recognised in primary production.

How to apply for support?

- Both public corporations and private communities may apply, including small- or medium-sized enterprises, research units, development organisations, foundations, educational institutions, municipalities or associations.
- For guidance and more information, contact your local ELY Centre.
- Support can cover 65–100% of costs, up to a maximum of EUR 500,000.
- A preparatory grant of EUR 5,000 is available for project planning.

Farmer, here's how to proceed:

1. Present your idea to a development organisation, such as an advisory organisation, development company, educational institution or other relevant actor.
2. Form an EIP-AGRI Operational Group together to start planning the project.
3. Contact the ELY Centre.
4. Apply for a preparatory grant to support planning.
5. Submit your application via the Hyrrä e-service.

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