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Two policies provide funding for innovation in agriculture:

a) Rural Development Programme are applied within a specific program region.

b) Research Policy Horizon 2020 that co-funding innovative actions at cross-border or EU level.

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**BUDGET**

- 1.9% of the EIP budget is spent on cooperation measures.
- 98 out of 108 EIP-OGs provide support to EIP-OGs.

**TOPICS OF THE ON-GOING FOCUS GROUPS**

- Diseases and pests of orchards
- Non-chemical weed management
- Protect fruit from frost damage
- Protect fruit from pest and disease
- Reduce food loss on the farm
- Production and use of renewable energy in farming
- Pests and diseases of the olive tree
- Carbon storage in arable farming
- New feed for pigs and poultry
- Forest practices to mitigate climate change
- New forest management
- Circular horticulture
- Boost farm innovation fast through cooperation

**IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS: THE FOCUS GROUPS**

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**OPERATIONAL GROUPS (OGS)**

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- Over 3,200 Operational groups running
- 33 EIP-AGRI focus group set up already delivered the final report, 23 are ongoing

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