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# Launch Event for Policy Makers and Stakeholders:

## FAIRWAY and WaterProtect projects

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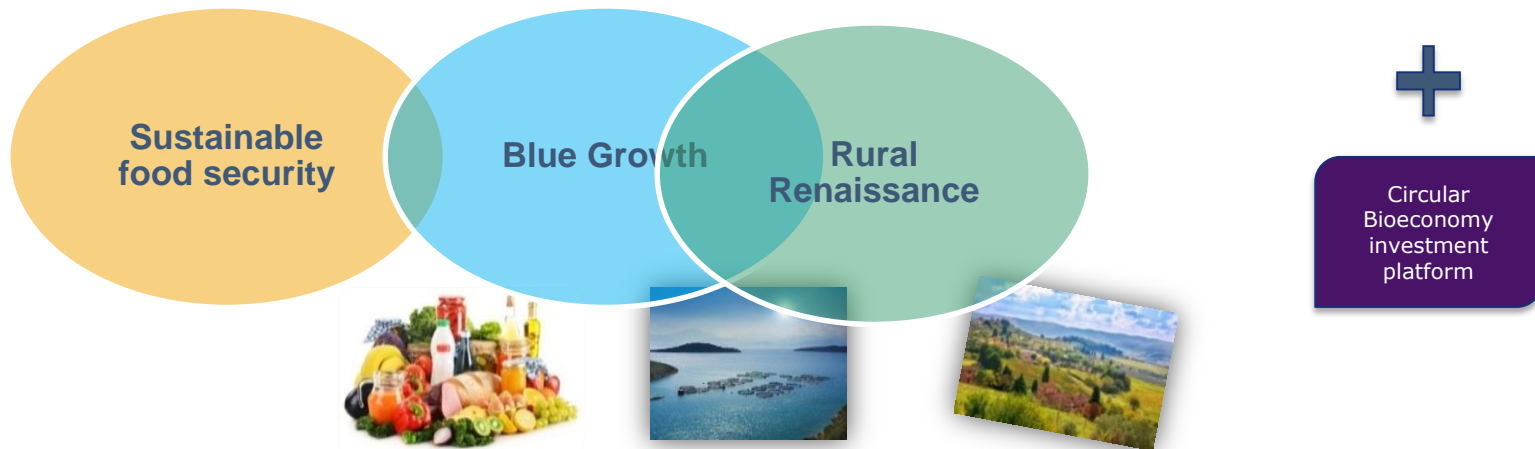
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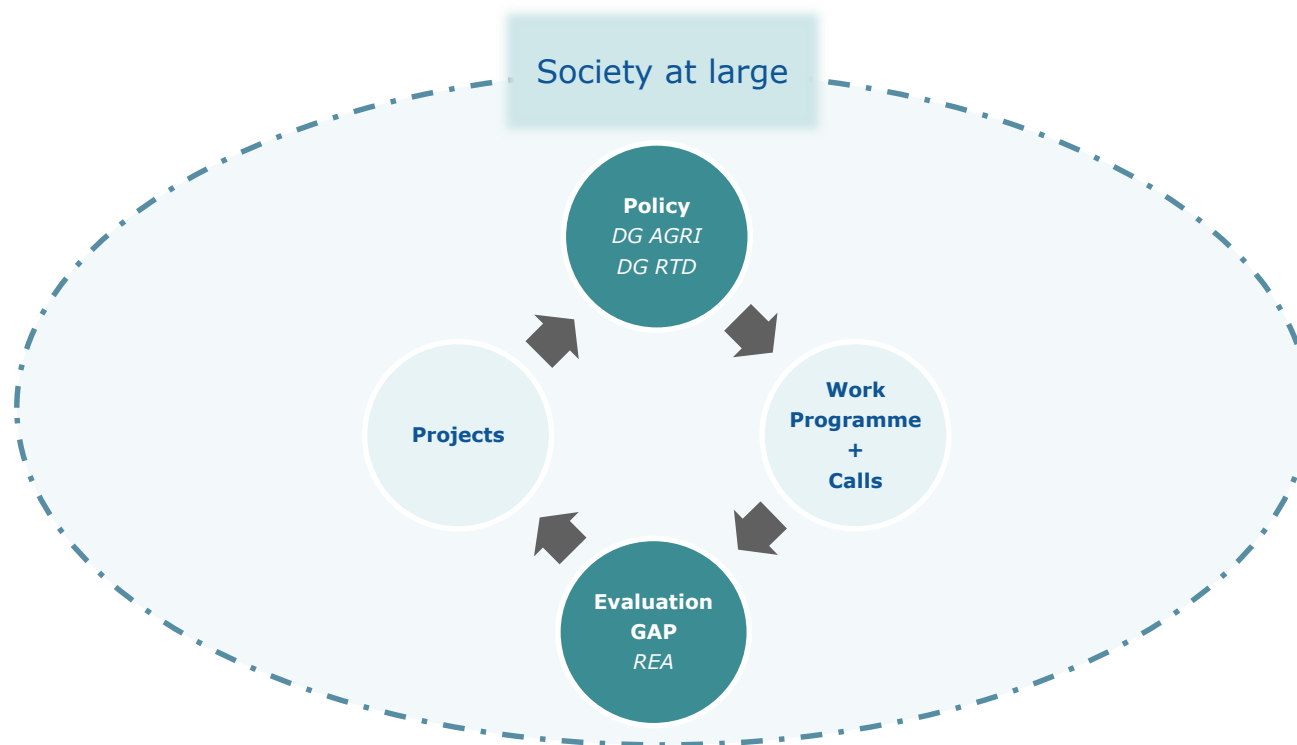


**Policy:** European Commission – Directorates General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI) and Research & Innovation (DG RTD)



**Evaluation and Grant management:**  
Research Executive Agency (REA)

# A concerted effort: from policy to project back to policy



# Fairway and WaterProtect

- **The two projects are financed by the EU under the topic:**
- ***RUR-04-2016: Water Farms – improving farming and its impact on the supply of drinking water***
- EU Contribution: **5 Million Euros approx.** for each project
- Start date (both projects): **1 June 2017**

# Fairway and WaterProtect

## WaterProtect:

**Title:** Innovative tools enabling drinking WATER PROTECTION in rural and urban environments

**Coordinator:** VITO

**Duration** 36 Months

**27** Partners

## Fairway:

**Title:** Farm systems that produce good Water quality for drinking water supplies

**Coordinator:** Wageningen University

**Duration** 48 Months

**22** Partners

## Expected impact of the topic

- good cooperation between stakeholders on pesticides, fertilisers and irrigation management practices capable of reducing point source and diffuse pollution in different contexts;
- harmonised datasets on pesticide and fertiliser contamination of the drinking-water resources;
- greater involvement of farmers and other citizens in the monitoring of water quality;
- water governance models that are more conducive to the adoption and long-term durability of efficient on-farm and land-use strategies;
- integrated scientific support for relevant EU policies (e.g. Common Agricultural Policy, Water Framework Directive, sustainable use of pesticides).

# Tips for successful communication

- **Projects with a policy dimension**

→ Ensure a two-way communication with the EC policy services through the project officer

- **Impact on society and links to stakeholders**

→ Engage with interested parties at EU/national or local level from the projects' start so your results can be widely shared & used

- **Synergies between FairWay and WaterProtect**

→ Joint activities (such as this event) are most welcome  
Other R&I initiatives are taking place at EU level on water management (EIP-Water, European Water Partnership, other EU projects, etc) so complementarities can be further developed

**Communicating EU research and innovation for project participants:**

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/gm/h2020-guide-comm\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/gm/h2020-guide-comm_en.pdf)

# How to disseminate your results?

- **EIP-AGRI platform : gateway to wider community**
  - ✓ Promotional tools (website, online newsletter, publications, etc)
  - ✓ Dedicated Focus Groups (one on water & agriculture)
  - ✓ Links to Operational groups funded under CAP
- **Share your results in an understandable language for users**
  - ✓ EIP-AGRI Practice abstract: common format for all H2020 multi-actor projects and operational groups (searchable online database)

## **EIP-AGRI Practice Abstract common format:**

<https://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/content/eip-agri-common-format>

- **Ensure open access to peer-reviewed scientific publications**

## **H2020 Guidelines on Open access:**

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants\\_manual/hi/oa\\_pilot/h2020-hi-oa-pilot-guide\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/oa_pilot/h2020-hi-oa-pilot-guide_en.pdf)



## Multi-Actor Approach (MAA)

*"The **multi-actor approach** aims at **more demand-driven innovation** through the genuine and sufficient **involvement of various actors** (end-users such as farmers/farmers' groups, fishers/fisher's groups, advisors, enterprises, etc.) all along the project: from the participation in **the planning of work** and experiments, their **execution** up until the **dissemination** of results and a possible demonstration phase."*

*(Work Programme 2016-2017)*

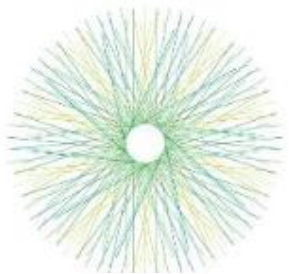
→ The multi-actor approach aims to **improve impact through co-creation between different types of actors (scientific and non-scientific)**



## Funding for interactive innovation projects

### Rural Development (regional/national level)

- Funding for setting up of an **“Operational Group” (OG)** : farmers, advisors, agribusiness, researchers, NGOs, etc) planning an innovation project (Art 35)
- **Project funding** for the **Operational Group’s project** (Art 35).
- Supporting innovation support services



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### Horizon 2020 (European projects)

- **Research projects**, to provide the knowledge base for innovative actions
- **Interactive** innovation formats:  
**multi-actor projects and thematic networks** genuinely involving farmers, advisors, enterprises, etc....  
**“all along the project”**

Involvement of OGs is strongly recommended

# H2020 Reporting on Participant Portal

## H2020 Annotated Grant Agreement

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants\\_manual/amga/h2020-amga\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/amga/h2020-amga_en.pdf)

## H2020 Grant Management documents

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/grants/grant-management\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/grants/grant-management_en.htm)



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