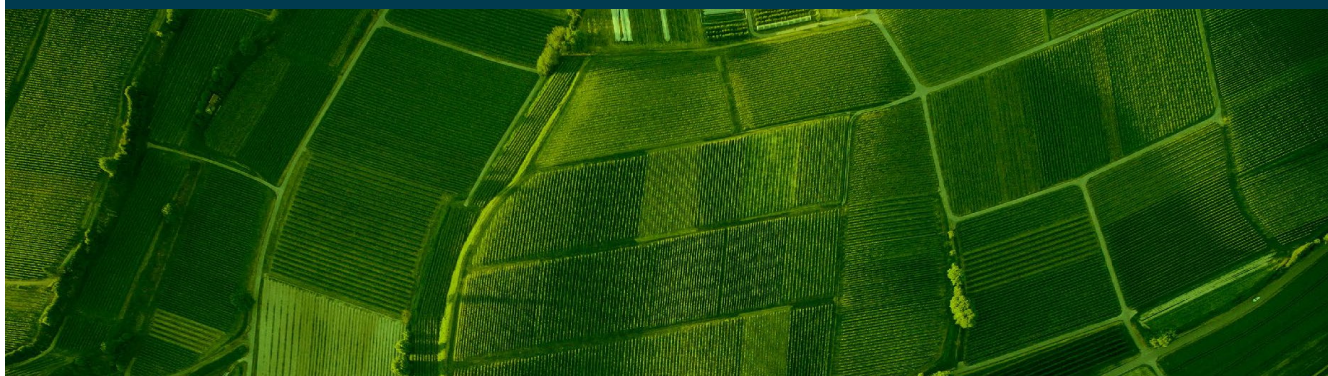


Practice Abstract No 1

Key steps to initiate successful networking between working groups in similar fields of research



Description

Networking between working groups/projects in similar fields is an important, yet often rather intuitive and unstructured instrument to strengthen the potential for collaborating. It can be an effective way to avoid overlaps, identify opportunities for joint actions and develop strategies that can help generate more awareness and relevance for the subject. To employ a structured approach for networking, all working groups seeking alliance should declare a dedicated task group. Those task groups are responsible for getting into first personal contact and to share their overall objectives with each other. Working group coordinators should be invited to kick-off meetings as a first way to positively reinforce intentions to cooperate between working groups. After initial contact a meeting with project representatives should be organized to start discussions about possible cooperation activities (e.g. shared information material, joint policy briefs, workshops, newsletters, communication, etc.). Outcomes and agreements of the discussions need to be framed in an Action Plan. The following points should be covered during the joint coordination meeting:

- Introduction of participants
- Setting clear, common objectives and expected outcomes
- Brief presentations of the working groups
- Discuss foreseen in each project
- Discuss opportunities for collaboration and joint activities
- Define a common strategy

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Regular follow-up meetings with alternating organizers, are essential to ensure all working groups stay in contact with each other and invested. This makes sure that each project or working group is given the chance to organize a meeting once per meeting cycle.

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