

Agropol event

Brussels, Belgium (24 October 2018)

Linking Europe's rural regions:

The relevance of cross-border cooperation for rural development and
agro-food value chains

Agenda

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| 09.15 | Opening & welcome Antonella Zona, DG Agri |
| 09.20 | Introduction to Agropol and its results Steven Knotter, IDEA Consult, Agropol project leader |
| 09.45 | Cross-border cooperation in the agri-business sector: theoretical framework Prof. Xavier Gellynck, UGhent, Department of Rural Economics |
| 10.15 | Practical relevance and added value of cooperation for rural development in the agro-food sector David Lamb, ENRD, Policy Expert |
| 10.45 | Coffee |
| 11.00 | Practical cases of cross-border cooperation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thematic Smart Specialisation Platform project Consumer Involvement in Agrifood Innovation, Thomas Högman, Region Östergötland (SE)• Cross-border Operational Groups EIP Agri Estonia, Konstantin Mihhejev, National Rural Network Estonia• Copa Cogeka, cross-regional farmer's cooperatives, speaker TBC |
| 11.45 | Panel discussion: Success factors for cross-border cooperation in the agri-business sector <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alexia Rouby, DG Agri• Prof. Xavier Gellynck (Ughent)• Copa Cogeka• ... |
| 12.30 | Wrap-up |
| 12.45 | Joint buffet lunch |
