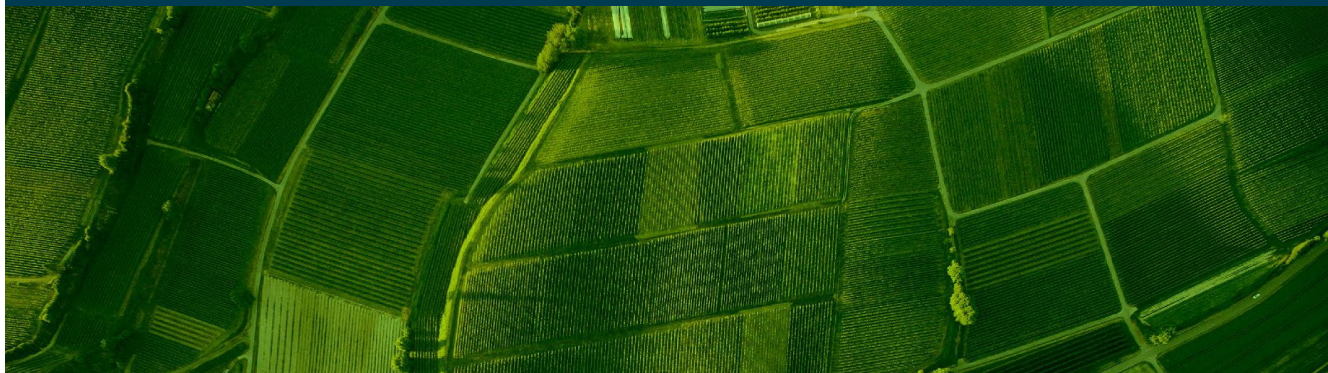


## Practice Abstract No 2

### The usefulness of setting up a networking plan between working groups in similar fields



Description	Author(s)
<p>Setting up a network and collaboration plan between working groups in similar fields can be done to increase effectiveness of working together on subjects of mutual interest. Sister projects funded under the European H2020 programmes are a good example of such a working group. Based on our experience in this context, we will draw on how to set up a successful networking plan. With a networking plan the following can be achieved: partners' mutual agreement on exchanging experiences, benchmarking and organizing joint activities to ensure collaboration, exchange and wider dissemination/sharing of results. To this end, the defined and approved network joint plan should contain, among other things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A collaboration agreement between the main project or working group coordinators</li> <li>• An agreed timetable of joint activities, like workshops, symposia, webinars, etc.</li> <li>• Planning of regular coordination meetings with project coordinators and cooperation leaders</li> <li>• Creation of a common digital cloud repository for sharing documents</li> <li>• A dissemination agreement about sister projects or working group activities</li> <li>• A preparation plan for joint documents such as policy briefs, guidelines, or handbooks</li> <li>• Guidelines to create joint thematic working groups</li> </ul> <p>The main outcomes expected to be achieved through a networking plan are:</p>	<p>Edelbis López Dávila <i>Ghent University</i></p> <p><b>Stakeholders</b></p> <p>Partners in Horizon 2020/Europe projects</p> <p><b>Country/Region</b></p> <p>EU</p> <p><b>Keywords</b></p> <p>Networking, Cooperation, Working Group</p>



- Increased exchange between actors on best practices, methodologies, failures, and knowledge gaps
- Strengthened collaboration and awareness about project activities
- Engagement with all actors involved, creating a Community of Practice (CoP)
- Optimizing dissemination and communication measures to key target audiences
- Connecting to a wider range of end-users
- Validation of results by a broader community

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