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Abstract

NEFERTITI Programme promotes the creation of interactive thematic networks related to the agriculture sector to promote knowledge, learning and the adoption of innovative techniques through the exchange of information between different actors and live demonstrations.

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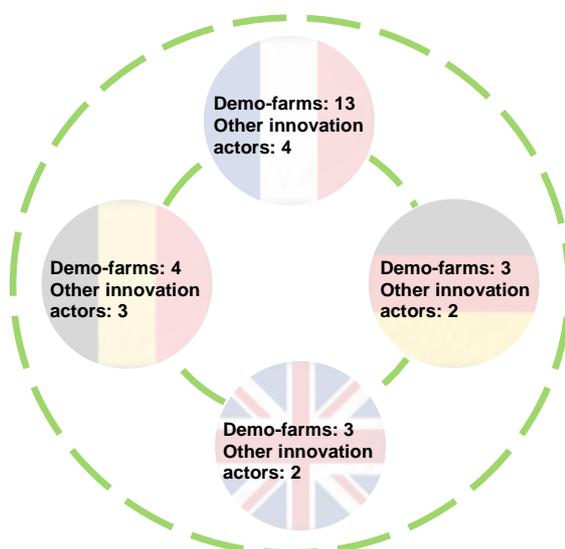
The NEFERTITI project establishes an EU-wide highly connected network of well-specified demonstration and pilot farms. This network is designed to enhance thematic knowledge exchanges, cross fertilisation among actors and efficient innovation uptake in the farming sector through peer-to-peer demonstration of techniques. NEFERTITI is organised in 10 thematic networks, representing the main agricultural sectors in Europe. Each network is organised in national/regional clusters (hubs) and themes have been chosen based on the key concerns of national/regional farming communities, reflecting the importance of the sector for the region.

Organised at EU level, a network connects several regional/national hubs, constituting a cross-border multi-actor interactive network of demo-farms and innovation actors from several EU countries working on the same topic/challenge and exchanging practical oriented knowledge, farm best-practices and relevant innovations. The hubs are groups of several demo-farms working on a given topic/challenge, connected to relevant innovation actors (farmers, advisors, education, NGOs, researchers, industry and managing authorities, etc...). Networks are composed by 4 to 6 hubs, each with their own specificities, objectives, composition and functioning, all responding to a unique aim: to improve peer-to-peer learning and innovation uptake through demo-activities and farm connectivity.

T2.2.: “Shaping and sustaining EU networks of demo-farmers” aims at shaping the architecture and governance model of the 10 demo-farmers’ networks. Each network in the NEFERTITI project has a network leader, an operational unit, consisting of the network leader and hub coaches from each hub of the network and a support unit gathering the selected innovation actors within the topic. Activities for knowledge exchange between network members, team buildings and webinars are foreseen in the project as part of this task in order to create links and trust among the hub’ coaches and to promote permanent knowledge exchange within the network.

As an example, below there is an illustration of NEFERTITI’s network 2: [N2: Data driven decisions for dairy farmers](#), with the number of members - demo-farmers and other innovation actors - per hub.

N2: Data driven decisions for dairy farmers



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In order to clearly establish the governance model, main objectives and steps in the establishment and management of NEFERTITI networks, guidelines have been created to support network leaders to build, shape and manage their own networks, with respect to the specific requirements of the NEFERTITI project. This document is attached below and has been put together with the continuous support and feedback from network leaders and hub coaches. It elaborates on:

- Members of a network and respective role
- Tasks of network leader
- Roadmap of networks' activities and provisional deadlines
- Networks' activities
- Relevant indicators
- Tools available
- Budget per network



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on how to set up a net

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