

What is the project main objective?

The i2connect project aims to fuel the competencies of advisors supporting interactive innovation processes to respond to multiple challenges in European agriculture and forestry.

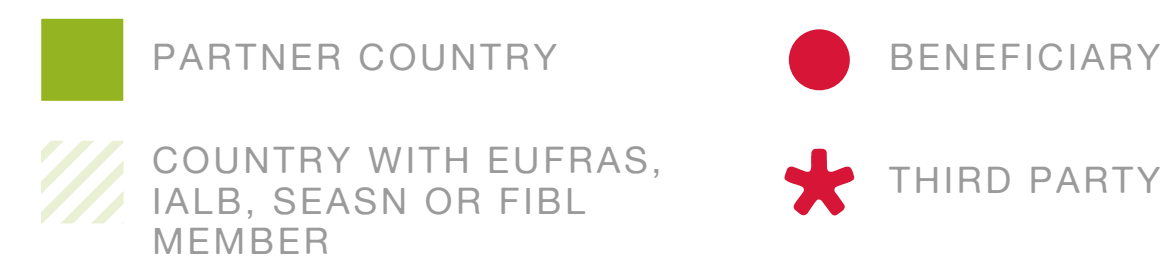
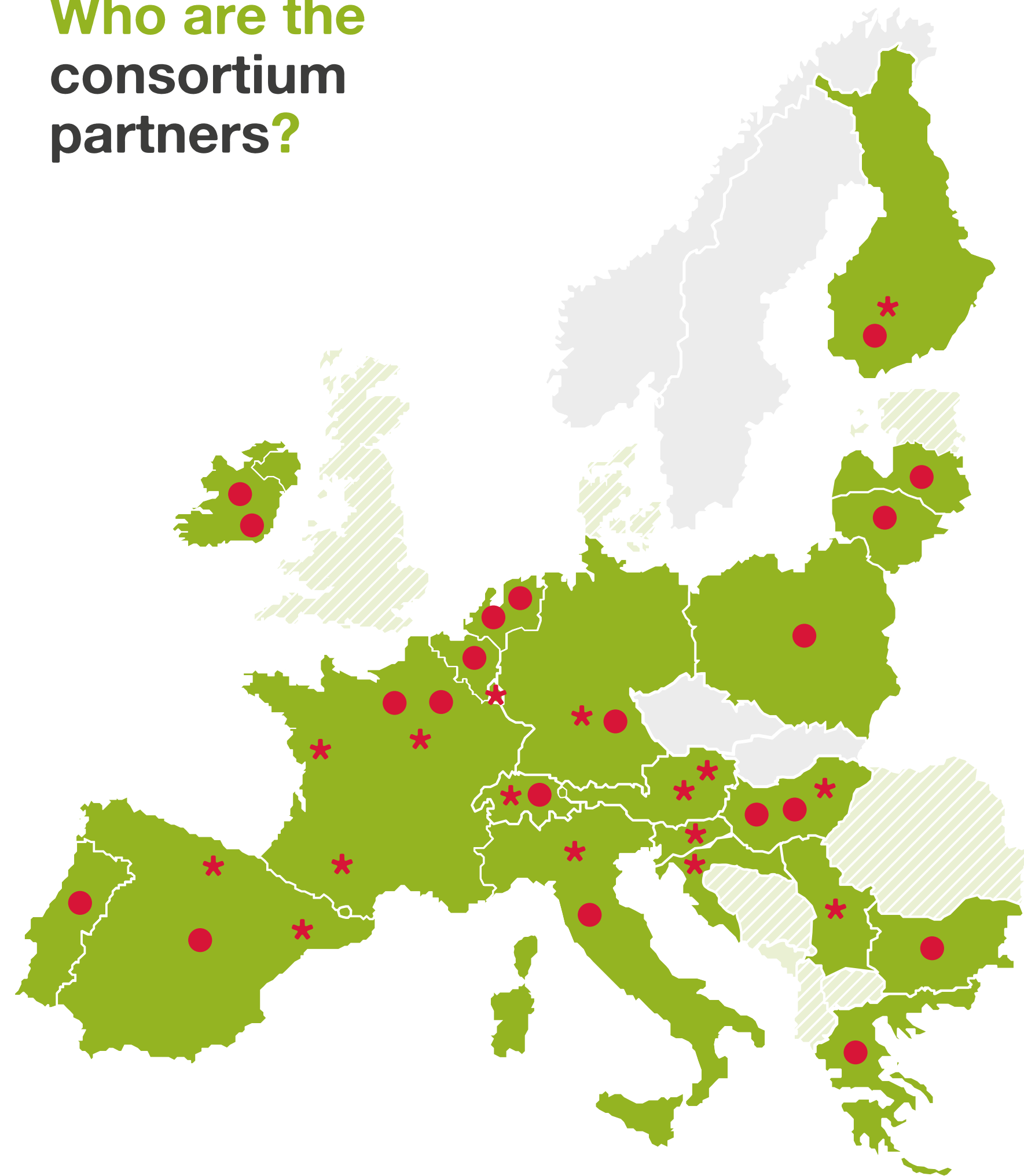
What is interactive innovation?

A process in which actors with complementary knowledge (practical, entrepreneurial, scientific, etc.) work together to develop solutions to specific challenges, make them ready to be put into practice and disseminate results to a wider audience. **Interactive innovation** includes existing knowledge which is not always scientific. It encourages **co-creation** of practical knowledge and innovative practices

How to get involved in 2connect?

- Share your successful experiences in interactive innovation support in the form of a Practical Case;
- Participate in i2connect training sessions, cross-visits, pilot projects, and networking activities
- Make your professional profile visible in an EU-wide network of innovation advisors by registering in the Advisory Services database
- Follow us on our social media channels to be up to date with the latest opportunities

Who are the consortium partners?



Direct partners

- 21 European countries
- 15 Advisory services
- 1 Farmers union
- 2 Training centers for advisors
- 3 Networks of advisory services
- 11 Research institutes
- 6 Universities
- 3 Ministries / departments of agriculture
- 1 SME

European networks

- EUFRAS
- FIBL Europe
- IALB
- SEASN

Indirect partners, to be involved via:

- The EUFRAS network: 49 members from 29 countries
- The EIP-agri network

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What are the work packages and who are their leaders?



WP1 – UHOH
Bases, frames and approaches for joint action and analysis



WP2 – TEAGASC
Identify and analyse best practices from a range of practical cases across Europe



WP3 – AGRIDEA
Develop tools, methods & didactical strategies to strengthen advisor's capacities



WP4 – ZLTO
Activate and facilitate the innovation network



WP5 – EUFRAS
Communication and dissemination



WP6 – APCA
Project management

What are the project's dates?

November 2019 – October 2024

What will be the project's main achievements?

- 30 updated AKIS country reports
- inventory of advisory organisations & advisers in 30 countries
- inventory of 100 practical cases
- 40 practical innovation cases analysed & translated into best practices
- a tool box for advisors, managers, teachers & decision makers
- 5 trainings of trainers & a pool of 50 trainers & 30 facilitators
- 40 trainings sessions & 600 advisors trained in innovation support
- 4 excellence classes & 80 managers trained
- 3 summer schools for students, 80 teachers & students trained
- 8 cross-visits & 80 advisors participating in cross-visits
- 13 pilot projects for testing best practices under different conditions and creating showcases under specific circumstances
- 4 regional innovation workshops 2 project conferences a virtual, European-wide network of advisors