



Exchange programme for young farmers

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Content

- EU policies and exchange schemes
- Pilot project: Exchange programme for young farmers



What can the EU's rural development policy do for Young farmers?

- Business start-up aid per Young farmer
- Investments in physical assets
- Knowledge transfer and information actions,
including exchange programmes
- Advisory services, farm management and farm relief services
- Cooperation etc.



Knowledge transfer and information actions under the EU's rural development policy 2014-2020

New measure with stronger profile and broader scope:

- Training and skills acquisition actions
- Demonstration activities
- **Novelty: Farm and forestry exchange schemes and visits**



Farm and forestry exchange schemes and visits under the EU's rural development policy 2014-2020

Implemented in 14 MS (40 RDPs)

MS/regions must specify in their RDP:

- **The appropriate capacities** to provide knowledge transfer services
- **Content** and **duration** of the exchanges and visits



What can other EU's policy do for YF in relation to exchange schemes?

What is Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs?

EU-funded exchange programme for entrepreneurs from the EU Members States and 10 additional countries.

- 1-6 months exchanges for new entrepreneur (NE) with experienced entrepreneur (HE) abroad
- Opportunity to exchange knowledge, business ideas, contacts and experiences



Pilot project: Exchange programme for young farmers 2013-2015

1. Identify the needs of young farmers

- **Literature review and** Interviews with **stakeholders** on needs of Young farmers
- Survey/interviews with 2,205 **young farmers**, around 75 per country

2. Inventory of exchange schemes

- Get an overview of exchange programmes for young farmers, case studies
- Collected key information of them in a database
- Conducted in-depth case studies on 22 schemes

3. Develop a guide for improving exchange schemes

Location of exchange schemes offices

Some key facts on exchange schemes

Since 1912 (*Travel to Farm*)

About 185 worldwide

Very different in origin, objectives and organisation

Types of schemes distinguished

Classic exchange schemes

Leadership and mentoring schemes

Classic exchange schemes for organic farm

Schemes with a specific business focus

Web-based exchange schemes

Group-based exchange schemes

EU-schemes





For further information

[Pilot project Exchange programme for young farmers \(not yet available\)](#)

ec.europa.eu/agriculture/external-studies/index_en.htm

[The European Network for Rural Development \(not yet available\)](#)

<https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en>

[Conference "Knowledge for Young Farmers" \(Brussels, 15-16/10/2015\)](#)

http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/events/2015-young-farmers-knowledge_en.htm

[Erasmus for young entrepreneurs:](#)

<http://www.erasmus-entrepreneurs.eu/>

Thank you