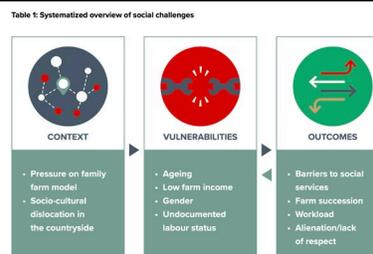




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<b>Title of proposed session:</b>	<b>From “Crisis to OSMOSis” : A COSMOS of social innovations for living better together (energy communities, open farms, women’s networks)</b>
Main theme/ social challenge & innovation covered:	<p>The sessions will draw upon the 3 strands that were highlighted within the synthesis report on challenges. More specifically we will pick one from each box:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ from CONTEXT: rural regions are confronted with a larger socio-cultural dislocation</li> <li>✓ from VULNERABILITIES : gendered power imbalances and identities</li> <li>✓ from OUTCOMES: alienation and lack of respect for farmers /farming profession</li> </ul> <p>To these strands we will allocate (and make accessible) 3* different <b>Social Innovations</b> from our database : Energy communities-Women in Olive Oil - Open Farms. How do these social innovations, <b>as part of a cosmos</b>, create meaningful change? Social innovations can be a pragmatic (solution) tool for transforming the wellbeing of farmers but only if they are rooted on specific values and only if they operate within an ecosystem – a cosmos.</p> <p><i>* The selection of the SI will depend on the farmers that will be invited/verify their participation to the meeting.</i></p>



Summary of the purpose of the session:	<p>Overall this is the theme of the session:to communicate the important common values within this cosmos of SI in order for the SI to become widely dif-fused.</p> <p>Social innovations evoke many hopes for the future especially amidst the new demography of the rural and the economic, social, educational, political and institutional and energy crisis. However, the conditions under which social innovations occur, develop, flourish and lead to societal changes are not fully understood. Therefore, this could be the purpose of the session. To Discuss how these SI relate to each other within a cosmos (ecosystem) of innovations and which values do (should) connect them. If we are to move from crisis to osmosis* we must develop a territorial approach and elaborate on how all social innovations on the ground relate to each other and to other forms of innovations such as ecological, institutional, policy innovations.</p>
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	<p>*Osmosis is a vital process in biological systems, influencing the distribution of nutrients and the release of metabolic wastes. It helps in the movement of important materials in and out of the cell and it is responsible for the ability of plant roots to absorb water from the soil. Inspired by our FARMWELL metaphor tree of challenges and tree of solutions we consider that there should be an osmotic effect of knowledge and important materials of social innovations during this European Thematic Network Exchange.</p>
Target audience:	<p>Social innovation it’s not just an idea; it’s a collective process of learning, and the development of new skills, practises, attitudes-values and governance mechanisms. That is why it is essential that all civic society actors join in order to co-create knowledge. So the target audience of this session will be all stakeholders (mainly farmers but also practisioners and policy makers)</p>
Attraction:	<p>Our 3 farmers will bring an item that relates to the story of their SI and share this story with the group. Whoever has a similar story to share will take back home the “item”.</p>

Format:	<p>The <b>moderator(s)</b> will give an idea of the 3 axis (with reference to the Synthesis report of the challenges) and present the overall database. The 3 farmers (TBC) will then present in 2-5 min their SI (TBC). Followed by interaction.</p> <p><b>Poster creation</b> : Then all participants will work around a table (a poster) in order to create a common output having as guidelines the 3 axis of the theme and trying to write down and allocate the common values- they identified from all 3 SI presented -as most important to address the challenges around the 3 axis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>√ CONTEXT: rural regions are confronted with a larger socio-cultural dislocation</li> <li>√ VULNERABILITIES : gendered power imbalances and identities</li> <li>√ OUTCOMES: alienation and lack of respect for farmers /farming profession</li> </ul> <p>note: the poster created will be used later on as a guide for the policy fact sheet</p>
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