



<b>Country:</b>	Hungary
<b>Organisation:</b>	AKI

<b>Title of proposed session:</b>	The power of community - how to encourage networking and cooperation between farmers and with local communities
<b>Main theme/ social challenge &amp; innovation covered:</b>	Farmers’ cooperation and networking

<b>Summary the purpose of the session:</b>	<p>Sharing real-life experience and discuss different models of farmers’ cooperation and networking through concrete examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What makes them work and how they work, along what goals and methods?</li> <li>• How to make them adaptable and self-sustaining?</li> <li>• What are the facilitating and hindering factors of the widespread diffusion of these models?</li> <li>• How can networks learn from each other?</li> <li>• How could their social benefit and impact on farmers’ wellbeing be increased?</li> </ul>
<b>Target audience:</b>	<p>Members and future members of such farmers’ networks.                  Policy makers—dealing with legislative framework, support policy, AKIS.                  Coordinating and assisting organisations such as LEADER LAGs, Short Supply Chain organisers, NGOs , national rural network, Chamber of Agriculture, research institutions.</p>
<b>Attraction:</b>	<p>The session provides opportunity for sharing ideas and learning from members/coordinators/partners of different farmers’ networks on how to make such cooperations socially more beneficiary and self-sustainable.</p>

<b>Format:</b>	<p>Concrete format depends on the expected number and composition of participants. Possibly short presentation and some interactive way of discussion.</p>
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