

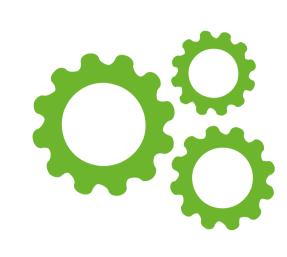




Other Thematic Network

MyCumalink, a digital network for resource sharing between co-operatives

MyCumalink, un réseau digital pour un partage de ressources entre coopératives



Practical problem

e.g when Cuma members need a specific equipment to implement new farming practices, but they aren't enough to justify a new investment in their Cuma



Partners

This project involves the network of the 11740 Cuma (machinery use cooperatives) and their 76 federations, at national, regional and local level

Objectives of the project

Calendar

Start: -

End: -

Support transition processes on the farms (such as agro-ecology) by developing co-operation and networking between farmers in Cuma. A digital platform will facilitate the tracking and sharing of resources (equipment, employees) and knowledge. MyCuma link is particularly focused on: facilitating direct interactions between Cuma / Optimising the potential use of the Cuma's database / Supporting the Cuma's projects in a new way / Meeting the expectations of new generations of farmers.

Main activities

We are developing: an internet platform / a unique database for all the Cuma network / an interactive open-access cartography of the Cuma / The access to information reserved for Cuma administrators, such as contact details, equipments available in each group, demand and supply published.

Budget

Total amount:

Expected results

This will be particularly useful for Cuma, where some farmers look for a specific equipment to implement new farming practices, but not enough to justify a new collective investment in this Cuma. They will be able to look after Cumas who can be partners, to share the use of the equipment they are looking for. This new option for building a bridge between innovative projects holders allows them to lower the costs and share risks in the innovation process, but also to find other innovation leaders and to share and disseminate their incentive amongst groups.

Results so far/first lessons

MyCymalink is already effective in the Western part of France (Bretagne, Pays de la Loire and Normandie), and will be launched all over the country in June 2019. In this kind of project, the quality of the data is a major issue. Thus, these issues need to be shared with people who input data on the Cuma data platform. This is a new challenge, and another great potential added-value being a strong national federative network.

Who will benefit

This project is tailored for Cuma members, that is to say 202 000 farmers... Each Cuma is a human-size group, where farmers buy farm machinery in common, and thus share the costs and access to new technology, improving their work conditions. These are economic objectives, but with a different approach, whereby people work and decide together, in a community, and are committed in the long term. A growing number of Cuma take part in other farming practices. E.g., 2,480 Cuma engages in alternative weeding activities in 2017. They are also involved in 130 GIEE, collective dynamics with both economic and environmental objectives, dealing with soil issues, nitrogen management and food autonomy.

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