

**ERIAFF Network**  
**European Regions for Innovation**  
**in Agriculture, Food and Forestry**

Final declaration of the ERIAFF Conference  
RURAL INNOVATION ON THE MOVE  
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1. During the Conference proceedings, ERIAFF Regions<sup>1</sup> have confirmed their continued collaboration on the themes of agricultural, agrifood and forestry innovation within the framework of the European Innovation Partnership – EIP Agriculture.
2. The Conference event stresses the importance of Regions as key actors in supporting and developing EU policies on innovation, with a particular accent on the management of art. 36 (Cooperation) under the Rural Development Regulation for the 2014-2020 programming period.
3. ERIAFF Regions are committed to actions which facilitate the integration of different EU policies, especially the important synergies between innovation and research in agriculture (Horizon 2020). Accordingly, they are cooperating to develop a joint activity programme to support, maximize and add value to our individual regional strategies in the field of rural research, development and innovation. The priorities and themes which emerged during our first European ERIAFF Conference will form the basis for future cooperation in research and implementation.

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<sup>1</sup> Andalusia (ES), Aquitaine (FR), Aragón (ES), Basque Country (ES), Bavaria (DE), Bretagne (FR), Castilla y Leon (ES), Catalunya (ES), Centre (FR), Dubrovnik-Neretva (HR), Emilia-Romagna (IT), Flevoland (NL), Istria (HR), Liguria (IT), Limbourg (NL), Marche (IT), North Karelia (FI), PACA (FR), Pays de la Loire (FR), Picardie (FR), Satakunta (FI), South Ostrobothnia (FI), Toscana (IT), Umbria (IT), Veneto (IT), Wales (UK)