


SCAR SWG AKIS 4 6th Meeting, October 2017

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Standing Committee on Agricultural Research

'Strategic Working Group on Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems 4'

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Paul Newell Price (ADAS) represented the VALERIE project at the 6th meeting of the SCAR SWG AKIS 4 group at the Ministry of Agriculture in Lisbon on Tuesday 10th October 2017.



The meeting provided an opportunity to hear about a variety of experiences and approaches from a range of recently completed and new multi-actor Horizon 2020 (H2020) projects, Thematic Networks and Operational Groups, including:

- “Winetwork” focusing on two common vine diseases
- Smart-AKIS with which VALERIE is collaborating on the development of a knowledge reservoir and Smart Farming Platform
- SheepNet on sheep productivity
- PLAID, AgriDemo F2F and FARMDEMO on best practices for effective demonstration farm activities
- NEFERTITI on networking European farms to boost knowledge exchange
- WaterProtect on better implementation of diffuse water pollution mitigation methods (funded from the same H2020 call alongside the FAIRWAY project)
- FERTINNOWA on sustainable water use in fertigated crops

In a session on common issues for thematic networks and H2020 projects, communication and outputs, websites and "knowledge reservoirs" were discussed. A number of delegates expressed the need for a platform that could act as a single point of entry to access outputs from EU projects, including factsheets, practice abstracts, reports and technology review documents. Perhaps the 'ask-Valerie' tool could form the prototype for such a platform? However, it was also acknowledged that such a platform would need funding to perform regular updates of links to repositories, the underpinning ontology (the structured vocabulary that drives the targeted search) and in some cases the factsheets themselves.