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LINSA: Alternative pathways to sustainable agriculture

LINSA - Learning and Innovation Network for Sustainable Agriculture - is the name for a network consisting of actors from diverse sectors of agricultural development (such as producers, customers, advisors, researchers, NGOs, SMEs, local administrations etc.) who are mutually engaged with common goals for sustainable agriculture and rural development. LINSAs are organised around a jointly developed, practiced and/or disseminated innovation. Their common rationale of network formation includes needs for knowledge, socio-economic consolidation of the innovation and collaboration for promoting the innovation. Advisors, participatory researchers and other facilitators can help LINSA to define LINSA objectives, to innovate, to find support from different sources, to build a LINSA governance structure and operation. In order to support LINSA development more effectively, they need to develop a relationship of trust with LINSA participants and care for the network's integrity, find their own meaningful role in the network, and accept that fostering processes of innovation and learning is time-demanding. Therefore, supporting LINSA requires not only technical expertise in the field of LINSA's innovation, but also social skills and resources, like solid facilitation skills, network and organisational development skills, and access to professional networks. For further information: [www.solinsa.org](http://www.solinsa.org) and <https://www.agrilink2020.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/AgriLink-conceptual-framework.-Theory-Primers.18.pdf>.

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The AgriLink Conceptual Framework and all Theory Primers can be found here: <https://www.agrilink2020.eu/our-work/conceptual-framework/>.



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