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**Building a Knowledge Transfer Network for Good Agricultural Practice in Romania**

Romania adopted the ‘whole territory’ approach to implementation of the EU Nitrates Directive in 2013. This meant that all farmers applying for Pillar 1 and/or 2 CAP payments / grant support needed to comply with verifiable standards of cross-compliance for reducing the risk of nitrate losses from their land management and the storage / use of mineral fertilisers and manures. This created a huge challenge for the thousands of small-scale farms that were eligible for CAP support but did not have the knowledge and expertise to implement the cross-compliance rules. In the absence of an accessible EU-FAS for small farmers, the World Bank-funded Integrated Nutrient Pollution Control Project (INPCP) established three regional ‘Knowledge Transfer Networks’ (KTN) covering the broad range of farms and socio-economic conditions that are characteristic of Romania. Each KTN consists of a carefully selected network of (mainly) on-farm demonstration facilities where farmers, advisors, relevant inspectors and local and regional authorities can go to see, learn and discuss good agricultural practices for nutrient management. Each network is supported by a Help Desk, dedicated information and training materials, team of facilitators and an annual programme of Farmers Discussion Groups and farm visits. In the first year of operation (2019) a total of 159 discussion groups with 3,100 participants were hosted and facilitated by the three KTNs. Discussions focussed upon “real farm stories” and were adjusted according to the differences that exist between sectors, farm size and region. The most common issue discussed / demonstrated was manure storage on small-scale farms - a major issue for Romania!

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