

Agricultural and Rural Inspiration Awards 2023 is launched

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Identifying and sharing good practices on how the CAP is implemented at project level offers opportunities to inspire peer-learning, facilitate knowledge transfer, encourage the replication of benefits, and build capacity between CAP stakeholders. These are among the factors driving the EU CAP Network's new **Agricultural and Rural Inspiration Awards (ARIA)**, which were launched on 5 April.

The **Agricultural and Rural Inspiration Awards (ARIA) 2023** are now open for submissions. This year's theme is "**Boosting skills for agriculture and rural areas**" and will spotlight CAP-funded projects that showcase lifelong learning and empower people to support innovation and competitiveness.

ARIA23 is designed to expand on the successes of the [ENRD's Rural Inspiration Awards](#) (held yearly from 2019 to 2022) and each year the awards focus on a different theme. This year's focus is on good practice projects supported by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) and the European Agricultural Guarantee Fund (EAGF) that **promote the [Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas](#) and [the Rural Pact](#)** as well as this year's theme – the [European year of Skills](#).

Applications may only be submitted by **National CAP Networks and National Support Units**. Projects can be submitted under four categories: **Smart & competitive agriculture, Environmental protection, Socio-economic fabric of rural areas, and Rural stakeholder skills**.

Submissions are open until August. After this date, the EU CAP Network will evaluate all the submissions and shortlist the finalists, from which an expert jury will select four winners (one per category). An online **Popular Vote** will then be open in parallel to allow the public to cast their vote. The five winners will be announced during the **award ceremony** scheduled in winter 2023.

For regular updates on the competition, follow the [EU CAP Network website](#) and social media (**#ARIAwards23**).

For further information, please visit the EU CAP Network website: https://eu-cap-network.ec.europa.eu/agricultural-and-rural-inspiration-awards-2023_en



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