What does the Network do?

- Helps ambitious SMEs to innovate and grow internationally
  - Key instrument in the EU's strategy to boost growth and jobs;
- Bringing together business support organisations from European and International countries;
- **Objective - Support SMEs:**
  - Become more economically, environmentally and socially sustainable;
  - Increase digitalisation levels;
  - Become more resilient to external shocks
We help SMEs to

- Access new markets (EU and beyond);
- Innovate;
- Find international partners;
- Cooperate & interact with clusters and industrial ecosystems and value chains;
- Flanking advisory services (from A2F to IPR support).
The Network

- **Kick-off** of the ‘new’ network - 01/01/2022
- **Structure of EEN:**
  - **Central office:** DG GROW (policy direction) & EISMEA (grant management)
  - The **Steering and Advisory Group**
  - Operational **Groups** in the Network
    - Sector Groups
    - Thematic Groups
    - Working Groups
  - **Specialist** roles in EEN
Sector Groups

- Aligned to the industrial ecosystems;
- Client-oriented activities within specific sector;
- Knowledge centers;
- Connecting with ecosystem stakeholders;
- Providing policy feedback.
AgriFood Sector Group

- **Mission** - enhance cooperation in the agrifood area of the network
- **Objectives**
  - ensure interaction among network partners;
  - share knowledge, experiences and best practices;
  - build synergies with other Network Sector and Thematic Groups & relevant ecosystem stakeholders (Clusters, EIT…);
  - inform companies about EU programs and policies & increase co-operation with other EU initiatives (EU Code of Conduct, Farm to Fork Strategy, etc.)
Thank you!

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