

## Practice Abstract #40

### The importance of regular development meetings when designing a knowledge reservoir

The aim of the EUREKA project (<https://www.h2020eureka.eu/>) was to test the feasibility of building an EU-level open-source agricultural knowledge reservoir. Many of the lessons learnt during the project are of interest and relevance to the developers of other similar platforms at a national or sectoral level.

The main focus of EUREKA was the building and testing of an online pilot platform called the EU FarmBook (<https://eufarmbook.eu/>).

When entering the development stage of a platform such as the EU FarmBook, developers will have to take decisions that can significantly impact the end result. Therefore, it is crucial to retain a common understanding of the concept, design, and user needs of the platform. To achieve this, it is recommended to hold weekly development meetings where the development team can discuss issues they've encountered during the last week with representatives of the coordination team, user research team, User Experience (UX) team and communication team.

These meetings are essential for several reasons: a) to reinforce collaboration between the different teams; b) to prevent unnecessary delays during the development stage, and; c) to allow for better expectation management. Finally, these development meetings allow the coordination team to stay up-to-date and take appropriate actions when needed.

