



European Rural Networks' Steering Group

Future Activities EU Rural Networks

#RNSteeringGroup

6th Meeting
Brussels – 25th October 2016

Capacity Building and P2P ENRD activities (excluding RDP evaluation)

More effective and simpler programme implementation

- 4 Workshops: ANC and AEC + 2 more tbc first half 2017
- Follow up stakeholder WS + practical outputs - FAQs

Strengthening NRNs and NSUs

- 3 NRN meetings (SH involvement + governance, advisory services, innovation camps)
- 2 WS (Generational renewal, regionalised networks).
- Toolkit, NRN profiles, NRN stats, ad-hoc support

Support to simpler and more effective CLLD

- Seminar: “Achieving results the CLLD way”, WS on “Smart LEADER”, LEADER Sub-group.
- Practitioner Led Working Group on Cooperation, toolkit, LAG DB, Partner search tool, Fact sheets on SCO, Umbrella projects...



Supporting the evaluation of RDPs

1. Better evaluation methodologies and tools

Guidance „Evaluation of innovation in RDPs 2014-2020“ (TWG no. 4)

2. Good practices in RD evaluation

Good Practice Workshops (e.g. on Evaluation of National Rural Networks)

3. Yearly capacity building

Training on evaluation of LEADER/CLLD

4. Further developed M&E system

Assessment of the implementation of Evaluation Plans (Synthesis of evaluation components included in AIRs submitted in 2017)

Planned activities of the Evaluation Helpdesk for 2017 (selection)

Capacity Building and P2P EIP-AGRI network activities

2017 Focus on:

- Support to and networking of Operational Groups
- Networking and P2P activities for advisers



Outcomes Subgroup on Innovation 20/10/2016

“OG networking, capacity building and peer exchange” possible activities

Examples: Social media (eg Youtube) | OG managers peer-exchange (see AT example; AgriSpin; Baltic deal)

EU-level activities

- Disseminating results of OGs
- **Events for OGs working on the same topic**
- Connecting OGs with research (MAP + TN)
- **EIP-Erasmus+ approach visits/exchange for OGs**
- **OG cross-border activities**
- Combining workshop + webinars...
- EU seminar on specific topic **bringing advisers together**
- EU seminar on OG setting-up / share approaches
- Exchange forum on specific themes (eg climate change)
- Exchange OG plans, project reports, experiences,...
- Shared Q&A space on the EIP-AGRI website
- Webpage on OGs (> MA survey)
- NRN budget for translation
- Share information with MAs about participants in EIP activities from their country

ENRD Thematic Priorities

P4 - Smart and competitive rural businesses

- 2 sub-themes: digital solutions for rural businesses + smart business support
- 4 TG meetings + 1 seminar
- Good practices, RDP analysis, factsheets, projects brochure, rural review....

P5 – Resource efficiency

- Possible sub-themes: Water + soil quality, water use efficiency, carbon sequestration and conservation
- Activities and outputs as above

P6. Promoting social inclusion

- NRN group on the integration of migrants
- Workshops on social inclusion (tbc)



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Thematic work for 2017 (possible topics)

1. **Digitisation**: opportunities for farmers and new businesses, skills, tools (workshop?)
2. Digitisation: development of knowledge hubs
3. Disseminate the possibilities of digitisation (conference Portugal?)
4. **Linking farmers and consumers** in short supply chains (seminar?)
5. New tools for raising consumer awareness (social media / event / other?)
6. Support to SME for innovative services and products (workshop / seminar?)
7. Farm resilience: focus on **farmers' education**, training and knowledge exchange (event?)
8. Farm diversification / alternative sources of income (FG, workshop?)
9. Optimising farming systems in a circular approach (event?)
10. **Climate mitigation tools** & incentives for the farming & forestry sector (FG?)
11. Upscaling climate adaptation strategies to the regional level (workshop / seminar?)
12. CC adaptation: insurance schemes / risk management (FG?)
13. New ways for **energy use on the farm** (FG?)
14. Revitalising existing, neglected infrastructures and irrigation scheduling (old and new)
15. Demonstrations, better use of **water**, more efficiently (included smart irrigation & knowledge)