



European Rural Networks'  
Steering Group

Follow-up 5<sup>th</sup> Steering Group meeting &  
Linking EU rural networks' priorities with Cork  
2.0

#RNSteeringGroup

6<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
Brussels – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016

1. Completion of the ENRD Thematic Group "Transition to green economy" and "Smart & Competitive Rural Areas (incl. Seminar, Project brochure & Rural Review).
2. ENRD Contact Point Annual Work programme approved, with input of SG.
3. **Successful Cork conference with significant contribution of EU rural networks (Market Place + Photo Expo) and its stakeholders. Cork 2.0 declaration take up in the centre of attention.**
4. Workshops on ex-post evaluation and NRN evaluations (incl. publication of guidelines).
5. Thematic working group on "Evaluation of LEADER/CLLD" and successful sounding board meeting.
6. **EU Strategic Framework ready for adoption and basis for EU rural networks' self-assessment.**
7. SG helped to fine-tune ENRD thematic groups. 1<sup>st</sup> ENRD Thematic Group on "Smart & Competitive Rural Businesses" had a promising start; 2<sup>nd</sup> ENRD Thematic Group on "Resource Efficient Rural Economy" starts on 26/10.
8. EIP Focus group on forest bio-mass + meeting EIP Focus Group Emissions of Cattle farming
9. EIP seminar on new business models (big data) and EIP workshop on Cities & Food
10. Subgroup on Innovation, Digitisation high on the agenda of EIP.



# RN priorities feed into Cork Declaration

## Cork II

1. Promoting rural prosperity
2. Strengthening rural value chains
3. Investing in rural viability and vitality
4. Preserving the rural environment
5. Managing Natural resources
6. Encouraging climate action
7. Boosting knowledge and innovation
8. Enhancing rural governance
9. Advancing policy delivery and simplification
10. Improving policy delivery and accountability

## Assembly

1. Simplification
2. Advisory services-knowledge transfer-innovation
3. Local food- short supply chain-urban-rural, small farms
4. Pillar 1- Pillar 2 linkages
5. Demographic change + social inclusion
6. Multifund approaches
7. Green economy, jobs + growth
8. Starting up NRNs
9. Evaluating network activities
10. Climate change

