

ENRD Thematic Group | LEADER

Making the seven LEADER principles work in practice for all LAGs under the CAP Strategic Plans

2nd Thematic Group meeting | 24 May 2022

Agenda

The current transition period is a time when Member States continue with the implementation of LEADER under the 2014-2022 programming period rules. At the same time, Member States are finalising their CAP Strategic Plans, and starting to design national implementing rules, procedures, and guidance for the selection of LAGs and the selection and implementation of local development strategies.

Lessons learnt from LEADER work carried out during recent years of the 2014-2022 programming period by the ENRD Contact Point indicate that the full application of the seven key principles of LEADER by all LAGs remains challenging (and challenged) whereas it is in fact the main source of LEADER's added value.

The LEADER Thematic Group 'Making the seven LEADER principles work in practice for all LAGs under the CAP Strategic Plans' (LEADER Thematic Group) is based around each of the seven LEADER principles as defined in legislation (Art 31.2. of Regulation (EU) 1060/2021).

This is the second meeting of the Thematic Group (TG), which is organised with the ambition to facilitate discussion and exchanges between the TG members for a common understanding of the seven LEADER principles, about the factors 'blocking' and 'conducive' to this and relevant Member State experiences related to the practical implementation of the seven LEADER principles.

Aims of the meeting

- To achieve a common and clear understanding of each of the seven LEADER principles;
- To discuss the LEADER principles – public-private partnerships, local development strategies, cooperation and networking – and relevant key factors affecting ('blocking' and conducive to) their full application in practice by all LAGs in the EU;
- To share and discuss relevant Member State experiences in relation supporting the full application of the LEADER principles: public-private partnership, local development strategies, cooperation and networking; and
- To agree on finalising the outputs of the TG, focusing on the summaries of each LEADER principle.



Timing 🕒	24 May 2022 Agenda Items
08.45 – 09.30	Registration
09.30 – 10.15	Introduction to the 2nd meeting of the Thematic Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to the day, summary of TG progress, next steps (ENRD CP) • Reflections on four LEADER principles (DG AGRI) • Ice-breaker – ‘zooming in’ to the day in small discussion groups (ENRD CP)
10.15 – 10.45	Introduction to the morning working group discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structured panel discussion with TG members – in focus: public-private partnership, strategies (with panellists from France, Greece, Ireland) • Introduction to working groups (ENRD CP)
10.45 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.30	Working groups – Round 1: Public-private partnership, strategies Discussion of definitions, key factors, good practice examples
12.30 – 13.15	Lunch
13.15 – 13.45	Introduction to the afternoon discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structured panel discussion with TG members – in focus: networking and cooperation (with panellists from Bulgaria, Ireland, Spain) • Introduction to working groups (ENRD CP)
13.45 – 14.45	Working groups - Round 2: Cooperation and networking Discussion of definitions, key factors, good practice examples
14.45 – 15.00	Coffee break
15.00 – 15.15	Summary of the work done on the four principles discussed during the day
15.15 – 15.45	Panel discussion Thematic Group reflections – working methods, themes, lessons learnt about the seven LEADER principles (with panellists from Czechia, Finland, Portugal)
15.45 – 16.00	Bringing it all together – drawing conclusions, summary, next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Conclusions and outputs of the Thematic Group ▪ Next steps