European Network for Rural Development

Financing for LEADER/CLLD: Opportunities and relevant practices

AGENDA

12th November 2013

Centre Albert Borschette - Rue Froissart, 36 - 1040 Brussels

Room - 0A
Context of the workshop

This workshop is part of the series of ENRD activities for the preparation of the programming period 2014-2020, with enhanced focus on implementation issues. This workshop will aim at:

- Identifying the elements of effective funding mechanisms for LEADER/CLLD and how these can be integrated into the relevant policy delivery mechanisms
- Outlining specific challenges in relation to the funding of LEADER/CLLD
- Exchanging and discussing possible practices and solutions

The workshop will bring together more than 100 stakeholders involved in LEADER implementation:

- LEADER subcommittee members
- National and regional Managing Authorities
- Local Action Groups (LAGs)
- Paying Agencies
- EU institutions
- EU Networks
# Outline programme

**Chair:** José Manuel SOUSA UVA, Director, DG AGRI  
**Facilitators:** Michael Gregory and Marina Brakalova, ENRD CP

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