

Open Space: CRD Event Session

The CRD event open space session included 3 representatives from Lithuania and one representative from Estonia. The session opened with a presentation of the objectives of the CRD event, the logistics needed and the participation of the NRNs in the process. The CRD event open space was hosted by the ENRD Contact Point.

Main key points discussed:

- Social evening: use this time to introduce the agenda and facilitators/moderators; the social evening is part of the agenda; use this social evening as an Ice Breaker supported by questions to NRNs on figures about communication activities and products, should not be limited to a welcome dinner only;
- The event should be interactive – importance of venue/logistics
- Questions about the think-thank session:
 - Is the public really interested?
 - Need self-assessment/evaluations forms to really focus on the subjects that interest NRNs and LAGs
- Selection of projects/speakers
 - Need to cover all EU regions
 - Selection criteria is essential
 - Some suggestions have been made e.g. Youth Rural Net from IT NRN, the Nordic-Baltic LEADER Cooperation Award e.g Intercultural Cooperation project “Growing Gastronomists” with LAGs from France, England and Estonia
- What are best methods? How to engage stakeholders at local and regional levels?
 - Need practical solutions
 - Need figures/factsheets
 - What about interpretation needs to allow speakers at local level to intervene and collect the best experiences?
- Media involvement in the event? To what extent?
- What about an EU corner? Europe Direct corner?