

AGENDA

8th National Rural Networks meeting

Rome, 24-26 March 2010

Piazza della Pilotta No 4, 00187 Rome

Wednesday 24 March – Presentation of the Italian NRN: cocktail & welcome dinner

Marriott Grand Hotel Flora - Roof Alianto / Via Vittorio Veneto, 191 - 00187 - Rome

- 19:00 Cocktail & dinner, hosted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry Policies
- Presentation of the Italian NRN (during cocktail) by Mr. Giuseppe Blasi, Director General

Thursday 25 March – Thematic initiatives, field visits and NRN forum

09.00 – 09.15 Introduction to the day's proceedings - *Italian NRN/ENRD CP*

09.15 – 10.00 ENRD activity update:

- Thematic Working Groups
- Other ENRD/CP activities update

10.00 – 12.30 ENRD NRN thematic initiatives – parallel workshop sessions¹:

Workshop 1: Social farming - Italian NRN/ENRD CP:

- Presentation of draft summary comparative analysis report main findings: CP
- Discussion of the issues – All participants

Workshop 2: Forestry policy - Italian NRN/ENRD CP:

- Discussion of proposals received from NRNs
- Presentation of initial RDP screening results: CP
- Review of possible priority activities to be undertaken
- Discussion of the issues and proposed approach and methods

Workshop 3: Rural entrepreneurship/response to economic change – Irish NRN/ENRD CP

- Presentation of rural entrepreneurship/response to economic change thematic initiative
- Discussion of possible follow up actions, approaches and methods

Workshop 4: Pilot PIKSE / Relevant experience Coordination Team meeting

- Update on progress and initial findings from first case studies
- Discussion of refinements to approach and methods

During the 4 workshops refreshments for every group will be provided.

¹ Thematic initiative workshops 1, 2 and 3 will be attended by members as established at the 7th NRN meeting (please consult list enclosed to agenda). Participants not already member of these or interested in workshop 4 are invited to register at [www.\[create doodle-link\]](#)

Afternoon: Optional choice between thematic initiative field visits (options 1 and 2) and NRN forum (option 3):

12.30: *Departure for field visits (lunch box will be provided):*

Option 1: Examples of social farming in the Rome peri-urban area

Option 2: Examples of forestry practices in the Province of Rome

17.30 Return to Rome city centre

The field visits are intended to complement the launching of the Thematic Networks, promoting discussion with rural operators (farmers, forestry holders) about practical needs and opportunities. They will provide first-hand experience to inspire the discussion on the following day and to enable more direct comparison and exchange of ideas between different Member States.

Option 3: NRN Forum (same location as the morning session)

12:30 Lunch

14.00 – 17.30 General NRN forum to include:

- Progress report on 'Pilot Relevant Experience Initiative', including presentation of case studies and methodologies being developed for examples in the areas of 'renewable energy' and 'investments in agri-processing/agricultural holdings'
- Development of common approach to expand and systematize the NRN information tool
- Initial discussion on "monitoring of networking"
- Review of other priority NRN themes/events of interest

17:30 End of the session

Friday 26 March – Finalizing the Thematic Networks Working plan / Interactive workshop forum

09:00 – 11:00 Parallel workshop sessions continued:

Workshop 1: Social farming – Italian NRN/ENRD CP

- Agreement on proposed approach and methods
- Agreement on detailed work plan / next steps

Workshop 2: Forestry policy – Italian NRN/ENRD CP

- Agreement on proposed approach and methods
- Agreement on detailed work plan / next steps

Workshop 3: Rural entrepreneurship – Irish NRN/ENRD CP

- Agreement on proposed approach and methods
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Workshop 4: Pilot PIKSE / Relevant experience Coordination Team meeting

- Agreement on refined approach and methods for next phase

11.00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11.15 – 13.15 Short summary reports from workshop moderators to NRN plenary forum, followed by discussion and comments including:

- *Workshop 1: Social farming*
- *Workshop 2: Forestry policy*
- *Workshop 3: Rural entrepreneurship/response to economic change*
- *Workshop 4: Pilot PIKSE / Relevant experience Coordination Team meeting*
- Summary of discussion on “monitoring of networking”
- Summary of discussion on NRN info tool development.
- Summary of other identified priority NRN themes/events of interest
- Any other issues

13.15 – 13.30 Next steps, closing comments and end of forum

13.30 Buffet lunch