

Increasing stakeholder involvement

Increasing the involvement of stakeholders in the implementation of rural development is one of the four mandatory objectives of National Rural Networks. A number of resources has been identified from the current work of the ENRD Contact Point that can help networks in fulfilling this objective.

The table below aims to provide support and guidance with regard to the increasing of stakeholder involvement. You can find useful information sources developed and/or shared by the ENRD, displayed in chronological order (from 2014 onwards).

Title of resource	Source	Type of resource	MS	Date	Summary	Link
ENRD Thematic Initiative on 'Stakeholder involvement'	Themes webpage	Thematic work	All	15/07/2014	To contribute to the achievement of the stakeholder involvement objective, the ENRD Contact Point has carried out a series of thematic activities in 2015 laying the platform for future work throughout the 2014-2020 period.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en/themes/increasing-stakeholder-involvement
1st Rural Networks' Assembly	Events webpage	Event	All	26/01/2015	The first Rural Networks Assembly marked a major milestone in increasing stakeholder involvement in the implementation of EU rural development policy. The Assembly provided a unified platform to share stakeholder priorities and concerns covering all aspects of rural development policy 2014-2020, ranging from programming to evaluation and from CLLD to innovation.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en/en-rd-events-and-meetings/rural-network-assembly-%E2%80%93-26-january-2015-%E2%80%93-brussels-be
1st Meeting of Thematic Group on Increasing Stakeholder Involvement	Events webpage	Event	All	12/02/2015	The first meeting of the ENRD's Thematic Group on Increasing Stakeholder Involvement aimed at bringing together representatives of various stakeholder organisations and National Rural Networks (NRNs) to	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en/en-rd-events-and-meetings/Thematic-Group-Stakeholder-Involvement-1st-Meeting-20150212

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					work together on the topic of 'increasing stakeholder involvement in rural development policy'.	
ENRD 'Stakeholder Involvement' Seminar	Events webpage	Event	All	26/03/2015	The first ENRD Seminar on Stakeholder Involvement brought together 137 participants from 26 Member States to discuss effective stakeholder involvement in rural development. The aim of the event was to share experiences and enhance the capacity of networking as a tool for increasing stakeholder involvement.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en/en-rd-events-and-meetings/enrd-stakeholder-involvement-seminar-20150326
2nd Meeting of Thematic Group on Increasing Stakeholder Involvement	Events webpage	Event	All	27/03/2015	The second meeting of the ENRD's Thematic Group on Increasing Stakeholder Involvement aimed at identifying areas where networking can improve stakeholder involvement in rural development policy and its implementation. The event also aimed to develop recommendations for European and National Rural Networks through analysing 'stakeholder involvement' examples and practices.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en/en-rd-events-and-meetings/Thematic-Group-Stakeholder-Involvement-2nd-Meeting-20150327
6th NRN Meeting on Stakeholder engagement	Events webpage	Event	All	08/11/2016	The 6th NRNs' meeting discussed network governance in terms of structure and role of the NRNs. It further addressed links with stakeholders and how exchanges are fostered within and between EU Member States. The main ENRD CP tools in support of NRNs	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/news-events/events/6th-nrn-meeting_en

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					were also presented and discussed.	
Finnish model of Stakeholder engagement	Events webpage	Presentation	FI	08/11/2016	This presentation, by Teemu Hauhia, (Finnish NSU) focuses on the Stakeholder Engagement model adopted in Finland.	https://prezi.com/usvugnq8dmzb/nrn-finland-network-activities/?utm_campaign=share&utm_medium=copy
The first European Rural Networks' Assembly - Interview with Aldo Longo, DG AGRI	Rural Connections - Spring 2015, page 20	Article	All	1/04/2015	Mr Longo shares his views on the first meeting of the European Rural Networks' Assembly, held in Brussels on 26 January 2015.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/uploaded-files/publi-enrd-magazine01-2015-en.pdf
The EU needs a Rural Day! (Sweden)	Rural Connections - Spring 2015, page 22	Article	SE	1/04/2015	Tommy Nilsson from the Swedish NSU is proposing an EU official Rural Day in order to reach a broader audience and coordinate efforts in promoting rural areas.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/uploaded-files/publi-enrd-magazine01-2015-en.pdf
The first ever Scottish Rural Parliament (UK, Scotland)	Rural Connections - Spring 2015, page 24	Article	UK-SCOT	1/04/2015	Emma Cooper from Scottish NRN, on the first Scottish Rural Parliament held between 6-8 November 2014.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/uploaded-files/publi-enrd-magazine01-2015-en.pdf
Involving women in the Rural Development Programme in	Rural Connections - Spring 2015, page 32	Article	UK-NI	1/04/2015	Report on the Northern Ireland practice of reaching out to potentially marginalised groups and involving them in the rural development practices.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/uploaded-files/publi-enrd-magazine01-2015-en.pdf

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Northern Ireland (UK)						
3rd Meeting of Thematic Group on Increasing Stakeholder Involvement	Events webpage	Event	All	28/05/2015	The third meeting of the ENRD's Thematic Group on Increasing Stakeholder Involvement aimed at discussing ideas, themes and examples identified for the final TG report. Key recommendations were identified for the NRNs with regard to stakeholder involvement, including: - for MAs on how to best use NRNs and networking as tools to improve policy; - for stakeholder organisations on how to best add value to their own activities through cooperation with NRNs.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en/en-rd-events-and-meetings/Thematic-Group-Stakeholder-Involvement-3rd-Meeting-20150528
ENRD thematic work on stakeholder involvement	Rural Connections - Summer 2015, page 4	Article	All	1/07/2015	An article on the ENRD thematic work on stakeholder involvement.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/publi-enrd-magazine02-2015-en.pdf
Thematic Group on Stakeholder Involvement (Sweden)	Good practice webpage	Good practice	SE	15/07/2015	This good practice presents how the Swedish National Rural Network has set up thematic working groups to improve and encourage the role of rural stakeholders in the delivery of rural development activity.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/se-stakeholder-working-group-gp_web.pdf
Learning Networks for LAGs (Flanders)	Good practice webpage	Good practice	BE-F	31/10/2015	This good practice presents how the Flemish NSU has arranged a series of Learning Networks for LAGs focussing on specific themes. The learning	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/gp_web_template_be_Infl.pdf

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					networks aimed to support the exchange of information and improving LEADER and CLLD implementation.	
Thematic Group (TG) self-assessment driven by TG members (Sweden)	Networking webpage	Good practice	SE	15/01/2016	The Swedish NRN actively uses thematic groups. The work performed by these groups is aimed at tangible operational objectives, and the activities are systematically assessed. The assessment is made by the thematic working group itself, and accordingly, the Network Support Unit also actively involves network members in the self-assessment process.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/self-assessment_tool_tgs_se_final_150116_1.pdf
LEADER training in Wallonia	Rural Connections - Spring 2016, page 21	Article	BE-W	1/04/2016	Article by Xavier Delmon from the Walloon NSU, on launching a new method for training LAG managers in its territory. The method used a participatory process to define the knowledge and skills required by LAG managers and provides them with a self-assessment tool to identify their training needs.	https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/publi-enrd-magazine04-2016-en.pdf