

# Thematic Initiative on Youth in Rural Areas

## *Proposed scope, first steps ...*

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# WHY



Youth is an important target group



Youth on the move



European platform against poverty and social exclusion



# Video Greece – To start a farming activity

<http://youngandfarmer.blogspot.be/>



The Greek video is also available at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imasvRLNiqE>

# Proposed aims



Improve implementation of EAFRD measures targeting youth and young farmers



Assess the capacity of the RDPs to target youth

..... and

Stress the needs/potential of young people in rural areas

Highlight the importance of the RD policy and the activities in support of youth in rural areas

Economic, social and environmental dimension of the RD policy

# WHO

**Young people and  
their  
representatives**

**Young farmers**

**Young  
entrepreneurs**



**Organisations**

**Actors involved in  
designing and  
implementing the RDPs :  
NRNs, MAs, LAGs, etc.**

# Activities: initial proposals

## ➤ “Youth-proofing” the RDPs:

- ✓ Desk research in selected countries
- ✓ Collection of case studies



## ➤ Interactive approach

- ✓ Youth web-page
- ✓ Youth event (tbc)





# Your views ?



**Your  
participation?**

**Your suggestions**

**1<sup>st</sup> meeting?  
Definition of the  
work programme?**