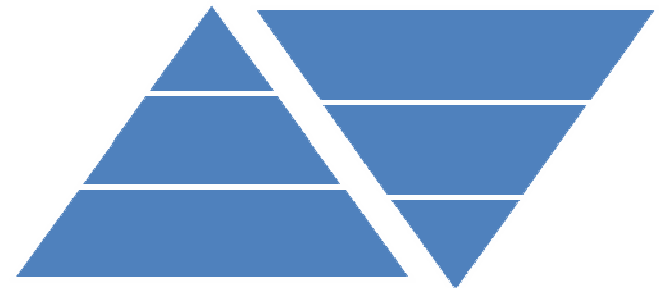
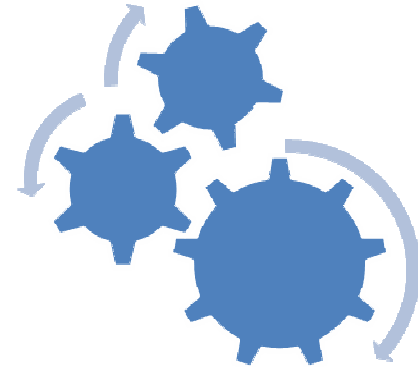


# **Discussion on instruments and priority actions to be put in place**

- Your Views**
- The Role of Contact Point**

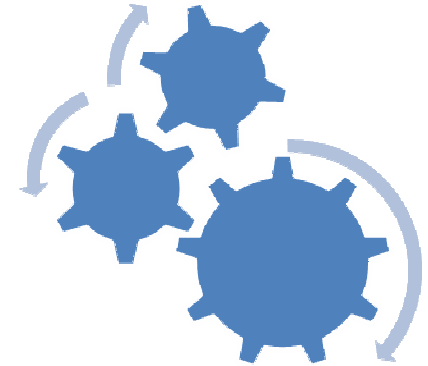
# The Morning Session

- This is a Time of Transition
- There is a meeting of cultures
- We need to look toward the future

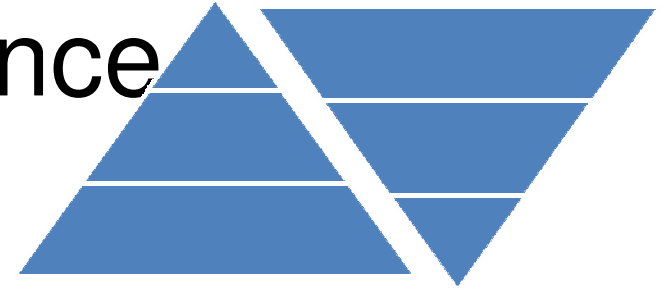


# A Time of Transition

- Structural funds to The EAFRD
- Transition between programmes
- Period of Economic Downturn
- National and Regional Restructuring
- The LAGs are undergoing significant change



# The meeting of cultures and the need for Balance



- The institutions and their cultures
  - LAGs, MA, PA, NRN, Commission, NGOs,
- The Agriculture, Environment & LEADER sectors,
- The culture of necessary Control and the culture of necessary Flexibility
- The culture of self evaluation and imposed evaluation
- The culture of visibility and discretion

# We need to look toward the future



- We need to address obstacles by finding solutions
- We need to look at constructive mainsteaming/ collaboration across the three 'vertical' axes
  - Building a relationship with the Agricultural sector
  - In places rebuilding the Local LEADER approach
- We need to measure impact and added value
- We should begin to look to the future
- *We must develop mechanisms which listen to the experience of those implementing the programme and to channel solutions to the appropriate fora.*

# Looking forward.....

- It seem appropriate to establish “focus groups” (10-15 people) including practitioners at all levels with a range of experiences in order to address issues of common concern.....

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# Looking forward.....

- **Is LEADER making a significant difference?**
- Do we need to reinvent LEADER in this programming period?