



European Commission

## **Coordination committee of the European Network for Rural Development**

**9 June 2011**

**Berlaymont – Rue de la Loi 200 (Metro "Schuman") – Room:  
Walter Hallstein**

### Context of the meeting

The extra-CC meeting of 9th February 2011 included a first exchange on how networking can be further developed as a policy tool. The morning session will build on this. Specifically, as the third year of ENRD operations draws to a close, it is an appropriate time to take stock of the network's progress in terms of bringing different stakeholders together, to review other networking experiences and to develop ideas for future enhancements.

The conclusions on ways to improve ENRD networking will specifically inform discussion and agreement on the ENRD's 4<sup>th</sup> year planned activities, which is the focus of the afternoon session.

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**Agenda**

- 08.30 – 09.30      *Registration and reimbursement formalities.*
- 09.30 – 09.40      **Opening by the Chair** (José Manuel Sousa Uva, Director, DG AGRI)**
- 09.40 – 13.00      **Improving current and future EAFRD Networking****
- 09.40 – 9:50      *Introduction - Policy networking: a luxury or a necessity? (DG AGRI)*
- 9:50 – 10.15      *State of play of ENRD and NRN Networking. Main findings and Synthesis (Adrian Neal & Mark Redman, ENRD CP):*
- Overview of the MTE results, in particular the NRN Programmes
  - NRN Self-assessment (review of progress with the NRN self-assessment toolkit)
  - Results and lessons drawn from the CC survey
- 10.15 – 10.30      Discussion (clarification questions)
- 10.30 – 11.00      *Coffee break*
- 11.00 – 12.45      *Discussion session - Improving Rural Development Networking from 'grass-roots' to the EU Level (moderated by Gijs Kuneman, Director of CLM, NL)*
- 1<sup>st</sup> round - different networking perspectives
    - Europe-wide network example (URBACT, Alexander FERSTL, DG REGIO)

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- Invited interventions from CC Rural Development organisations (COPA, Thomas Bertilsson; Euromontana, Juan Gutierréz Lazpita)
- Open discussion
- 2<sup>nd</sup> round – NRN perspectives
  - Invited interventions from NRNs (Dutch NRN, Marga de Jong; Portuguese NRN, Maria Custódia Correia; Latvian NRN, Edgars Linde)
  - Open discussion

**13.00 – 14.30**      *Lunch break*

**14.30 – 15.30**      **Activity report [July 2010 - June 2011]**

- RDP projects database (Angelo Strano, ENRD CP)
- State of play of the Rural entrepreneurship initiative (Pascale Van Doren, ENRD CP)
- State of play of TWG 4 on 'Delivery mechanisms of EU rural policy' (Josefine Loriz-Hoffmann, DG AGRI)
- Questions / discussion

*15.30 – 16.00*      *Coffee break*

**16.00 – 17.30**      **Activity programme [July 2011 – June 2012]**

- Policy context, including the rural development policy post 2013 preparation (Rob Peters, DG AGRI)
- Overview of Year 4 programme, including planning of events (Adrian Neal, ENRD CP) + outcomes of Leader subcommittee as regards Year 4 activities
- Suggestions / discussion

**17.30**              ***Closing***