

Second meeting of the Coordination committee of the European Network for Rural Development

19th May 2009

Centre Albert Borschette, 36 rue Froissart, Brussels
Room: Salle OA

Agenda

- 09.30 – 09.45 *Welcome address (DG AGRI)*
- 09.45 – 10.15 **Update on the activities of the EN RD** (DG AGRI) *Presentation by John Loughheed, Head of Unit, DG AGRI, European Commission*
- Activities to-date
 - Insights gained
- 10.15 – 13.00 **Round table discussion No.1: "Meeting the common concerns"**
(see details on next page)
- Rural development policy: What are the **common concerns** and **needs** of stakeholders in the current implementation period and for the future?
 - What **supports from networking** are needed in this policy context?
- [11.15 - 11.30 **Coffee break**]
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| 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch break |
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- 14.30 – 14.45 **Rules of procedure of the Coordination committee**
Chairman, Mr José Manuel Sousa Uva, Director, DG AGRI.
- 14.45 – 15.00 **Synthesis of the morning session: implications for the activities of the EN RD?** *Resume by Micheal Gregory, Contact Point of the European Network for Rural Development (EN RD)*
- 15.00 onwards **Issues to be addressed by the EN RD**
- 15.00 – 15.15 **Draft indication of the second year's activities (July 2009 – June 2010)** *Presentation by Gaëlle Lhermitte, DG AGRI, G3, European Commission.*
- Communications and Capacity building
 - Thematic and analytical activities
- [15.15 – 15.30 **Coffee break**]
- 15.30 – 17.15 **Round table discussion No.2: "The second year's priorities"**
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- 17.15 - 17.30 **Closing Remarks** *by the Chairman, Mr José Manuel Sousa Uva, Director, DG AGRI*

Round table discussion No.1: "Meeting the common concerns" (10.15 – 13.00)

- What are the **common concerns** and **needs** of stakeholders in the current implementation period and for the future?
- What **supports from networking** are needed in this policy context?

The 'round table' panel will comprise:

- **M. Scheele** (DG AGRI), **W. Piskorz** (REGIO)(DG REGIO), **P. Patras** (ELARD / Leader subcommittee representative), **C. Zaccarini Bonelli** (IT NRN), **M. Afan de Ribera** (COPA), **H. Martinos** (Contact Point), **M. Hegarty** (Evaluation Network)

Introduction:

- Opening remarks by the Chairman, *JM. Sousa Uva, DG AGRI*
- Overview of the main 'thematic concerns' (incl. territorial cohesion, climate change, new methods of production) *R. Peters, DG AGRI E.4*

Policy implementation issues to be discussed are:

- Simplifying and improving the implementation of RD policy. *Introductory remarks by M. Afan de Ribera, COPA*
- Policy assessment: monitoring and evaluation. *Introductory remarks by M. Hegarty (evaluation network).*
- Effective identification of RD issues and communication of RD policy. *Introductory remarks by C. Zaccarini Bonelli (IT NRN).*

Discussion on each topic/issue will follow the following format:

- i) Introductory remarks
- ii) One 'round' of panel discussion (the panel members are invited to speak once)
- iii) Discussion opened to the floor

Round table discussion No.2: "The second year's priorities" (15.30 – 17.15)

The 'round table' panel will comprise:

- **A. Bremse** (EE NRN / Leader subcommittee representative), **J. Lougheed** (DG AGRI G3), **S. Fournier** (FR MA), **C. Jochun** (AUS NRN), **B. Kovacic** (SLO MA), **P. Keating** (IR NRN), **G. Peltre** (RED), **H. Martinos** (contact Point)

Topic:

- Issues to be addressed by the EN RD and the second years activities

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