



European Network for Rural Development

**Financing for LEADER/CLLD:
Opportunities and relevant practices**

AGENDA

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Context of the workshop

This workshop is part of the series of ENRD activities for the preparation of the programming period 2014-2020, with enhanced focus on implementation issues. This workshop will aim at:

- Identifying the elements of effective funding mechanisms for LEADER/CLLD and how these can be integrated into the relevant policy delivery mechanisms
- Outlining specific challenges in relation to the funding of LEADER/CLLD
- Exchanging and discussing possible practices and solutions

The workshop will bring together more than 100 stakeholders involved in LEADER implementation:

- LEADER subcommittee members
- National and regional Managing Authorities
- Local Action Groups (LAGs)
- Paying Agencies
- EU institutions
- EU Networks

Outline programme

Chair: *José Manuel SOUSA UVA, Director, DG AGRI*

Facilitators: *Michael Gregory and Marina Brakalova, ENRD CP*

8:30 – 09:30	Registration of participants
Session I 9:30-11:00	Financial programming for LEADER/CLLD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Overview of financial aspects and regulatory framework for LEADER programming and implementation, <i>by Peter Toth, ENRD CP and Pedro Brosei, DG AGRI</i> ➤ <i>Overview of the Simplified Cost Options in ESF, by Elsa Kmiecik, DG EMPL</i> ➤ The auditors' perspective, <i>by Martinus Bindels, DG AGRI</i> ➤ Panel discussion
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
Session II 11:30 – 13:00	Financing LAG operations and functioning: possible practices and tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Introduction ➤ How to put in place smart systems to support effective financing for LEADER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>by Rosário Gama, Paying Agency, Portugal</i> • <i>by Marek Treufeldt, Paying Agency, Estonia</i> ➤ Possible approaches to tackle the need for upfront funding, <i>by Donald Aquilina, Managing Authority, Malta and Marisa Marmara, LAG Manager, Malta</i> ➤ Simplified cost options – a tool to simplify LAG and project

	<p>financing, <i>by Reiner Aster, Managing Director, gsub mbH, Germany</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Panel discussion
13:00 -14:30	Lunch
Session III 14:30 – 16:00	Financing project implementation within CLLD/LEADER: practices and tools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Introduction ➤ Umbrella projects to simplify administration for both project implementers and authorities, <i>by Carin Alfredsson, Swedish Board of Agriculture</i> ➤ The role of the LAGs as resource animators. Innovative resourcing solutions, <i>by Ryan Howard, LAG Manager, IE</i> ➤ The Crowd funding and crowd equity funding concepts, <i>by Jörgen Andersson, farmer, Sweden</i> ➤ Panel discussion
16:00 – 16:30	Conclusions and closing