Italian winegrowing hills added to the UNESCO World Heritage List [1]

Le Colline del Prosecco di Conegliano e Valdobbiadene, a hilly landscape in Veneto (northeastern Italy), have recently been added to the UNESCO World Heritage List [2].

The site includes part of the vinegrowing landscape of the Prosecco wine production area. The landscape is characterized by ‘hogback’ hills, ciglioni – small plots of vines on narrow grassy terraces – forests, small villages and farmland. For centuries, this rugged terrain has been shaped and adapted by man. Since the 17th century, the use of ciglioni has created a particular chequerboard landscape consisting of rows of vines parallel and vertical to the slopes. In the 19th century, the bellussera
technique of training the vines contributed to the aesthetic characteristics of the landscape.

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This edition of the [EAFRD Projects Brochure](https://enrd.ec.europa.eu) illustrates how the mainstreaming of the bioeconomy is being accelerated by Rural Development Programmes (RDPs) around Europe.

A sustainable bioeconomy, while it benefits everyone, has particular relevance for rural communities. The twelve projects featured in this Projects Brochure illustrate how RDPs are helping rural communities seize the opportunities offered by the bioeconomy through the production of sustainable food and feed, innovative bio-based products, renewable energy, environmentally sustainable growth and awareness raising.

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This edition features a focus on networX, [8] the landmark event for rural development networking organised by the ENRD, and on the first ever ENRD Rural Inspiration Awards [9].

Members of the Rural Development community who are making a positive difference in rural areas are featured in the ‘Rural perspectives’ section, including great examples of social and digital communications – from Ireland and at European level – and transnational cooperation projects in the tourism sector targeting a new kind of tourist and a report detailing the positive impact of the CAP on rural development in Poland. The regular news round-up includes the latest on the ENRD’s thematic work on Smart Villages and the Bioeconomy and a report on new rural credit services.

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The ENRD Seminar 'Bioeconomy: seizing the opportunity for rural Europe' (Brussels, 3 July 2019) was an opportunity to share practical experiences of rural bioeconomy and discuss the use of RDPs and CAP Strategic Plans to support rural bioeconomy value chains.

The event included plenary sessions and working groups focusing on different aspects related to the bioeconomy: how to build a bio-based value chain, rural climate action through bio-based initiatives, building rural bioeconomies through smart villages, challenges to policy coherence, and regional approaches. The participants discussed the recommendations on the use of RDPs and CAP Strategic Plans elaborated by the ENRD Thematic Group on 'Mainstreaming the Bioeconomy'.

The event also launched a new ENRD publication on rural bioeconomy.

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Member States' Evaluations Now in the eLibrary!

The European Evaluation Helpdesk for Rural Development is pleased to announce that you can now find evaluations conducted in the Member States in the evaluation eLibrary!

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How to Evaluate RDP Contributions to Animal Welfare: Experiences from Germany [16]

New Factsheet!

How to Evaluate RDP Contributions to Animal Welfare: Experiences From Germany [17]

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03/07/2019
Preparing for the ex ante evaluation of the CAP Strategic Plan [18]

Working Package 1: Preparing the ex-ante evaluation in a nutshell is available now!

This Working Package includes:

1. Indicative roadmap for the ex-ante evaluation and Strategic Environmental Assessment of the CAP Strategic Plan. [19]
2. Indicative outline of terms of reference for the ex-ante evaluation of the CAP Strategic Plan. [19]
3. Indicative outline of terms of reference for the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the CAP Strategic Plan. [19]
4. Stakeholder mapping checklist. [19]

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European bioeconomy 'in real life' - new ENRD videos [20]

How does the bioeconomy work 'in real life'? Find it out with these inspiring videos featuring bioeconomy projects in the Netherlands [21] and Sweden [22]!

De Laarhoeve (NL) processes agricultural ‘waste’ from local farmers to turn it into new delicious products to be sold by the farmers themselves. In Alvesta (SE), 12 farmers got together to set up a
biogas unit that processes manure and community waste into biofuel. Two bioeconomy success stories made possible thanks to the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development!

Both videos are available with subtitles in English, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Polish on the ENRD Youtube channel.

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New bioeconomy briefings [24]

Three new briefings [25] on bioeconomy offer an overview of policy and tools supporting the bioeconomy in rural areas, provide recommendations on the use of RDPs and future Strategic Plans, and explore the role of awareness-raising and communications in mainstreaming the bioeconomy.

The briefings target European, national and regional/local policy-makers and combine theoretical knowledge with practical examples. They focus on the following topics:

- European rural bioeconomy: policy and tools [26]
- Recommendations on the use of RDPs to mainstream the bioeconomy [27]
- Exploring the role of awareness-raising and communication in promoting the development of sustainable bioeconomy value chains [28]

The briefings are the result of the analytical work carried out by the ENRD Thematic Group on 'Mainstreaming the Bioeconomy' [13].

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Supporting rural infrastructure and Smart Villages

A recent fi-compass publication describes a technical assistance initiative to support rural infrastructure and Smart Villages development, aiming to better inform EAFRD managing authorities about the use of financial instruments.

The use of innovative financial instruments and their efficient combination with EAFRD or EIB financing could boost investment levels in rural Europe, ensuring the sustainability of rural infrastructure financing in the medium to long-term. This responds to local needs by involving local partnerships such as LAGs and could help the development of the Smart Villages concept across the whole EU.

The initiative is promoted by the European Commission Directorate General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI) in collaboration with the European Investment Bank (EIB).

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