Supporting women in agriculture is key to sector's sustainability! [1]

Making agriculture more attractive for women and young people is key to the sustainability of the sector. However, gender stereotypes are deeply engrained in European societies and often prevent women from taking leading roles in agriculture.

A case in point is the traditional transmission of family farms to sons, even when daughters would be more interested. Women in agriculture are also more often employed in low-skill jobs and so more easily replaced by technological developments.

To support and empower women in agriculture – and therefore encourage generational renewal – Member States should support business set-up, facilitate access to education, training, networking
and financing. Some countries are adapting formats/contents of agricultural studies to women’s needs/preferences and providing tailored business advice (e.g. Business Development for Women Farmers in Sweden).

Interested in this topic? Follow the ENRD work on Social Inclusion and read the EAFRD Projects Brochure 'Youth and generational renewal'.

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For a fast and smart energy switch in rural areas

The INTERREG MED Renewable energy community provides proven and easy-to-use tools free of cost for rural and island areas to help plan and finance investments in renewable energy systems. Some examples include the PRISMI wind power calculator that calculates how much wind energy your community would have produced in the past 10 years via windmills. Other tools cover how to finance the energy switch with fiscal measures, how to sustainably use forest biomass, how to benefit from micro-grids, how to optimise battery storage, how to prevent grid damage when adding intermittent renewables, etc.

Calling all towns, rural communities and islands! Make a fast and smart energy switch using INTERREG MED Renewable energy tools.
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- Europejskie Zainteresowane strony

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Rural Business Innovation Awards [7]

Vote now [8] for the most inspiring and promising initiative for the European rural areas! Discover the 18 business initiatives [9] and cast your vote until 22 October 2019.

The Rural Business Innovation Awards is a competition organised by the project RUBIZMO [10], funded by the European Union, to discover key factors for developing entrepreneurship and successful business models in rural areas. You can vote for one business initiative in each of the three categories: food, bio-based value chains and ecosystem services.

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Upcoming CLLD event in Brussels [11]

A wide range of CLLD stakeholders will gather in Brussels on 3-4 December 2019 for the 4th joint CLLD event on ‘Post 2020: Local Action in a Changing World’.

Stakeholders are invited to share their knowledge and experience from across the European Structural and Investment Funds. There will also be an interactive exhibition of LEADER, FLAG and other CLLD projects.

More than 50 LEADER LAGs have been selected to attend this invitation only event, and we will be sharing the outcomes of the event on the ENRD website in due course. Follow @ENRD_CP on Twitter for live updates during this #LeaderCLLD event.

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Share your rural bioeconomy initiative with us! [13]

The ENRD is looking for EAFRD co-funded rural bioeconomy initiatives that contribute to fighting against climate change, and those that invest in applying and scaling up innovation in rural areas.

Selected cases may be presented in the activities of the ENRD Thematic Group 'Bioeconomy and Climate Action in rural areas' [14]', and related events, publications and a video. For inspiration, you can see the new EAFRD Projects Brochure on Bioeconomy [15] and the ENRD bioeconomy videos [16] from Sweden and the Netherlands.

Send your ideas to bioeconomy@enrd.eu [17]

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Horizon 2020 energy funding available [18]

A total of €297 million in EU support is now available [19] through the Horizon 2020 Work Programme for projects on energy.

Applications are open for 15 energy topics. Nine topics relate to renewable energy solutions, while six others cover smart and clean energy for consumers, smart citizen-centred energy systems, smart
cities and communities, and smart airports.

All the information on deadlines and application requirements can be found online [19].

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New Smart Villages toolkit [20]

Discover the new toolkit [21] on the Smart Villages portal that includes policy briefs on how to support Smart Villages in the current programming period and under the future Common Agricultural Policy (CAP).

The ENRD thematic work on Smart Villages [22] will continue for a third year, focusing on producing capacity building tools to help rural stakeholders, and in particular Managing Authorities, assess what conditions are in place for supporting Smart Villages initiatives in their own context. The outcomes of the Thematic Group will be fed into the existing toolkit, a one-stop-shop for all actors interested.

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- Punkt kontaktowy ENRD

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Investing in social innovation [23]

New financing opportunities for rural Europe’s social economy were explained at the fi-compass workshop [24] organised by the European Commission, on 10 September 2019, in Lisbon, Portugal.

Examples of social innovation and entrepreneurship financing under the European Social Fund (ESF) were presented from Portugal, Spain and Italy. Special attention was directed to success factors involved in using repayable EU funding as ‘impact investment’ tools providing social and environmental benefits. Further information on the presented case studies and presentations is available online [24].

Read more about social innovation in rural areas in this factsheet [25] and the EAFRD Projects Brochure on ‘Digital and Social Innovation in Rural Services’ [26] produced by ENRD.

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Climate change and the future of farming [27]

A new report [28] by the European Environment Agency (EEA [29]) warns about the dangers of climate change for parts of Europe’s Southern and Mediterranean regions.

The study reports that crop and livestock production is projected to decrease and may even have to be abandoned in parts of Europe due to negative impacts of climate change. The EEA says adapting to climate change needs to be made a top priority for the EU agricultural sector if it is to improve resilience to extreme weather events.

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#RuralEurope on Social Media

Over 1,000 posts have been shared on social media on #RuralEurope, the online campaign run by the ENRD Contact Point, aiming to highlight the rural landscape and life across Europe.

The campaign, run between 15 July – 15 September 2019, has been well received by social media users from across rural Europe, who have contributed with their own snapshots of rural areas. Browse through all the pictures shared on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Join in and share your rural pictures by using the #RuralEurope hashtag and tagging ENRD.

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