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[ENRD Workshop on Combatting Rural Depopulation](#) [1]

This is the highlights report of the ENRD Workshop on '[Combatting Rural Depopulation: Cretaing new opportunities for vibrant rural areas](#) [2]'

It overviews the key drivers and effects of population decline in rural areas across the EU, looking at the role of the Rural Development Programmes (RDPs) and other EU policies and instruments in order

to help create an enabling rural environment. It explores examples of projects contributing to the creation of business opportunities and the improvement of services and quality of life in rural communities, as well as examples of integrated approaches that can help combat rural depopulation.

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[Rural Connections Magazine, Spring/Summer 2019 Edition](#) [4]

This edition focuses on [networX](#) [5]- the Brussels meeting on 11-12 April 2019 was the largest gathering of the rural development networking community in the current programming period. The key messages from networX are highlighted as are the winners of the first ever ENRD [Rural Inspiration Awards](#) [6].

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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[Smart Villages: 8th Thematic Group meeting](#) [13]

This is the main report of the [eighth meeting](#) [14] of the ENRD Thematic Group (TG) on '[Smart Villages](#) [15]'

It provides information about how a specific village (Lormes, France) has embarked on a participative process to co-design a 'village of the future' and the way they have built different components of the local 'digital ecosystem'. The report also outlines similar initiatives and plans for developing local digital ecosystems in Germany, Spain and Donegal (Ireland).

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[Rural Networking in Action](#) [17]

Networking – and rural development networking is a prime example of this – is first and foremost about people. It is about coming together, developing new ways of thinking and operating, and building something new, together; something that is bigger than the sum of its individual parts; and something that benefits rural communities everywhere.

On the occasion of [networX](#) [5] – the largest ever gathering of the European rural networking community to be organised under the 2014-2020 programming period – we want to salute the human spirit of networking and mark 10 years of the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD).

This book highlights rural networking through the eyes of young people, as they are the ones who will determine the future development of Europe's countryside. It also illustrates how networks support rural entrepreneurship, the environment, rural heritage and vibrant rural communities – areas where the impact of rural networking is unmistakable.

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- Biodiversity, Communication, Cooperation, Culture, Entrepreneurship, Natural resources, Networking, Young farmers, Youth

Event highlights



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[Generational renewal: Attracting young farmers and entrepreneurs in Rural Areas](#) [21]

This is the main report of the ENRD Workshop on '[Generational Renewal: Attracting Young Farmers and Entrepreneurs in Rural Areas](#)' [22].

This workshop was part of the activities carried out under the ENRD thematic work on [Generational Renewal](#) [23] and [Social Inclusion](#) [24]. It included an overview of practices supporting young farmers and new entrants, land mobility and access to land in different Member States.

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- Entrepreneurship, Future CAP, Social inclusion, Young farmers

Event highlights



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[ENRD Workshop on 'Attracting Young Farmers and Fostering Generational Renewal in Rural Areas'](#) [26]

This is the main report of the ENRD Workshop on '[Attracting Young Farmers and Fostering Generational Renewal in Rural Areas](#)' [27].

It overviews the discussions and exchanges on the current Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) support to young farmers and new entrants. It includes examples of innovative ways to enter farming, and explores opportunities to support generational renewal under the post-2020 CAP Strategic Plans.

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Publication date:

March, 2019

Keywords:

- Demography, Financial Instruments, Future CAP, RDPs, Social inclusion, Young farmers

Event highlights



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[Smart Villages: 7th Thematic Group meeting](#) [29]

This is the main report of the [seventh meeting](#) [30] of the ENRD Thematic Group (TG) on '[Smart Villages](#)' [15].

It provides insights on how to use and plan Smart Villages in the future CAP Strategic Plans (according to the Commission's proposal for CAP), and how to create synergies between the CAP Strategic Plans and other funds.

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- Digitisation, Future CAP, Innovation, Rural business, Rural services, Smart Villages

Event highlights



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[Smart Villages: 6th Thematic Group meeting](#) [32]

This is the main report of the [sixth meeting](#) [33] of the ENRD Thematic Group (TG) on '[Smart Villages](#) [15]'

It overviews the main ideas on how EU policy instruments can support Smart Villages now and in the future, with a particular focus on LEADER, cooperation and the future digital strategies.

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January, 2019

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- Competitiveness, Digitisation, Future CAP, Innovation, Rural business, Rural services, Smart Villages



[Rural Connections Magazine, Autumn/Winter 2018 Edition](#) [35]

This edition focuses on communications uncovering the latest thinking from rural networkers while profiling some great examples of communication using digital channels, on-farm knowledge exchange and marketing initiatives to support Rural Development policy implementation.

The edition also includes the regular news and updates from the ENRD and the EU, as well as a collection of rural perspectives delving into topics ranging from bioeconomy value chains in Southern European countries, to initiatives to improve rural broadband, to a World Bank economic report that demonstrates how the CAP benefits the rural economy and drives growth.

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Keywords:

- Bioeconomy, Communication, Financial Instruments, Future CAP, Young farmers

Event highlights



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[Smart Villages: 5th Thematic Group meeting](#) [42]

This is the main report of the [fifth meeting](#) [43] of the ENRD Thematic Group (TG) on '[Smart Villages](#) [15]'

It overviews the main ideas on how to design 'Smart Village Strategies' which effectively empower rural communities in different national contexts.

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