

Update on the activities of the ENRD Contact Point

6th Rural Networks' Assembly

Paul Soto
ENRD Contact Point

Brussels, 16 December 2019



#RNAssembly

Y6 | Multi-annual framework for ENRD CP activities

Capacity building and peer exchange

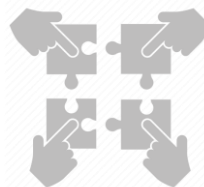
1. More effective and simpler programme implementation
2. Strengthening NRNs and NSUs
3. Simpler and more effective CLLD

Thematic work

1. Smart and competitive rural areas
2. Supporting the transition to the green economy in rural areas
3. Promoting social inclusion in rural areas and complementary thematic priorities

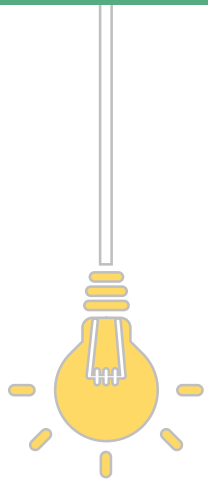
Cross-cutting activities

1. RDP Analysis
2. Good practices
3. Communication
4. Network Coordination

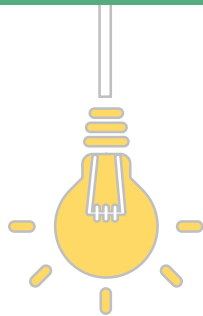




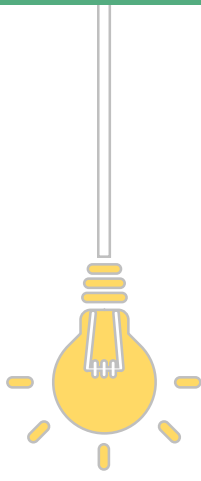
Input for the Specific Priorities for 2019 - 2020



Stage in the
programming
period



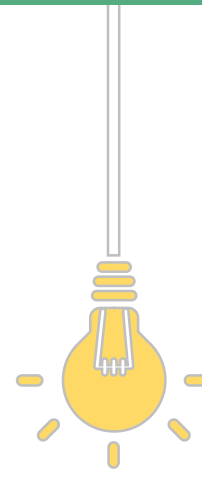
Ideas from
stakeholders
(ongoing)



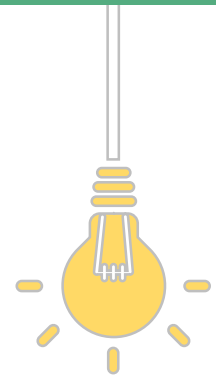
CAP
Strategic
Plans



Cork 2
Declaration
(2016)



OECD
Conference
(2018)



networX
(2019)



P1 | Support for more effective and simpler programme implementation



Events primarily targeted at MAs and PAs
Key focus- Supporting the transition to the post 2020 CAP



- **1st Workshop on 'Stakeholder involvement: Monitoring Committees and the Partnership Principle' – 22nd Oct 2019; Brussels**
- **2nd Workshop on Risk Management (2020, TBC)**
- **3rd Workshop on Simplified Cost Options (2020, TBC)**
- **Seminar on programming the post 2020 CAP (April/May 2020, Date TBC)**
- **4th Workshop on Animal Welfare and Food Safety (2020, TBC)**

+ New topics may be identified during the course of the year, and events organised accordingly.

P2 | Strengthening NRNs and NSUs



Working more closely with agricultural, environmental, territorial, and social organisations.

Peer-to-peer exchanges & multi-speed clusters



Three EU-wide NRN meetings

- **15th NRN Meeting - 19 Sept 2019; Poitiers, France**
- **16th NRN Meeting - 3 March 2020; Zaragoza, Spain**
- **17th NRN Meeting - 7 May 2020; Mullsjö, Sweden**

NRN workshops

- **Joint WS with Copa-Cogeca on stakeholder engagement: 'Cultivating network connections', 5 February 2020; Brussels**
- **WS on Facilitation techniques, 4 March 2020; Spain**
- **WS on digital communications, June 2020 (Date TBC); Brussels**



NRN toolkit / CNS / NRN Profiles and screening



#RNAssembly



**Focus on Improving and Demonstrating the achievements of LEADER.
More engagement with all the delivery chain actors = smarter outcomes**



LEADER Thematic Labs

- Smart Villages - 17 Oct 2019; Brussels
- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation - 10 Dec; Brussels
- Youth and depopulation - 20 Feb 2020; Brussels
- Widening stakeholder engagement - May 2020 (Date TBC)

Other LEADER related events

- Joint CLLD event - Post 2020 - Local action in a changing world–3/4 Dec 2019
- 7th LEADER/CLLD Sub-group meeting - 4 Feb 2020; Brussels.
- ENRD Seminar on LEADER Achievements & LEADER/CLLD post 2020 - 10 Mar 2020; Brussels

+ LAG database/partner search tool/web resources/LAG survey results/support to non-ENRD events / LEADER video



#RNAssembly

P4 | Thematic Group on 'Smart Villages'



Build on the momentum around Smart Villages (SV) and focus on implementing SV in the new programming period.

- Up to four TG meetings to explore practically how to implement Smart Villages in different parts of EU/different fields
- Thematic Briefings on enabling conditions in key areas such as energy, digital and mobility (already [published](#)).



- 9th TG Meeting on Smart Villages Lab: The Finnish framework for supporting Smart Villages. 19 - 20 Nov 2019, Finland
- 10th TG Meeting on Smart Villages and Energy Communities in rural areas – 22 Jan; Brussels
- 11th TG Meeting on Programming Smart Villages in a Member State – (Mar 2020, Date TBC)
- 12th TG Meeting – (May 2020, Date TBC)



Communication: SV Toolkit / SV community on Facebook / Networking / calls for videos (tbc)



#RNAssembly

P5 | Thematic Group on 'Bioeconomy and Climate Action in rural areas'

To explore how activities within the rural bioeconomy can produce significant climate, economic and social benefits.



Identify tools to upscale the climate benefits of rural bioeconomy – in particular within the CAP Strategic Plans



- 1st TG Meeting on 'Bioeconomy and Climate Action in Rural Areas' – 25 Sept; Brussels
- 2nd TG Meeting on 'Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation' – 11 Dec; Brussels
- 3rd TG Meeting – 19 Feb 2020; Brussels
- 4th TG Meeting – (April 2020, Date TBC)

- ENRD Seminar 'Bioeconomy and Climate Action in Rural Areas' (June 2020, Date TBC)

- Other events: ENRD Workshop 'Agriculture and environment: speaking the same language within the CAP Strategic Plans' – 6 Nov 2019; Brussels



Communication: a Rural Review on bioeconomy and climate action (TBC) and video (TBC)



#RNAssembly

P6 | Social inclusion and complementary thematic activities



Focus on vibrant rural areas

- Exploring specific topics including rural employment, provision of rural services, promotion of inclusive policies, economic and social resilience, rural poverty and demographic challenges
- Inspiring examples, multi-faceted territorial approaches



Related sub-themes:

- Emerging trends
- Vulnerable groups
- Synergies between policy approaches
- Strong case studies

Related events:



- 1st Workshop 'Vibrant rural areas: Rural Jobs' - 27th Nov 2019, Brussels
- 2nd Workshop 'Access to infrastructure and services in rural areas' - (May 2020, Date TBC)




EAFRD Projects Brochure 'Opportunities for vibrant rural areas'



#RNAssembly

 **ENRD website: The most important communication channel**
- continuously updated and enhanced -

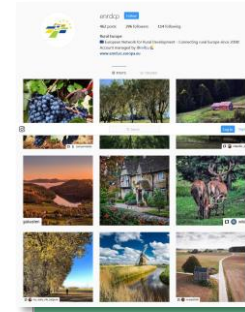
 **ENRD social media & communication methods:**

- Further develop social media channels
- More audio/video material
- Improve timeliness - short extracts from forthcoming publications and other communications

 **ENRD publications:**

- 12 monthly newsletters
- 2 Rural Connections
- 2 EU Rural Reviews (first on LEADER)
- 2 EAFRD Project Brochures (first on the RIA)

 YouTube Channel: EURural



#RNAssembly



European Network for
Rural Development

Thank you for your attention



#RNAssembly

Funded by the

