

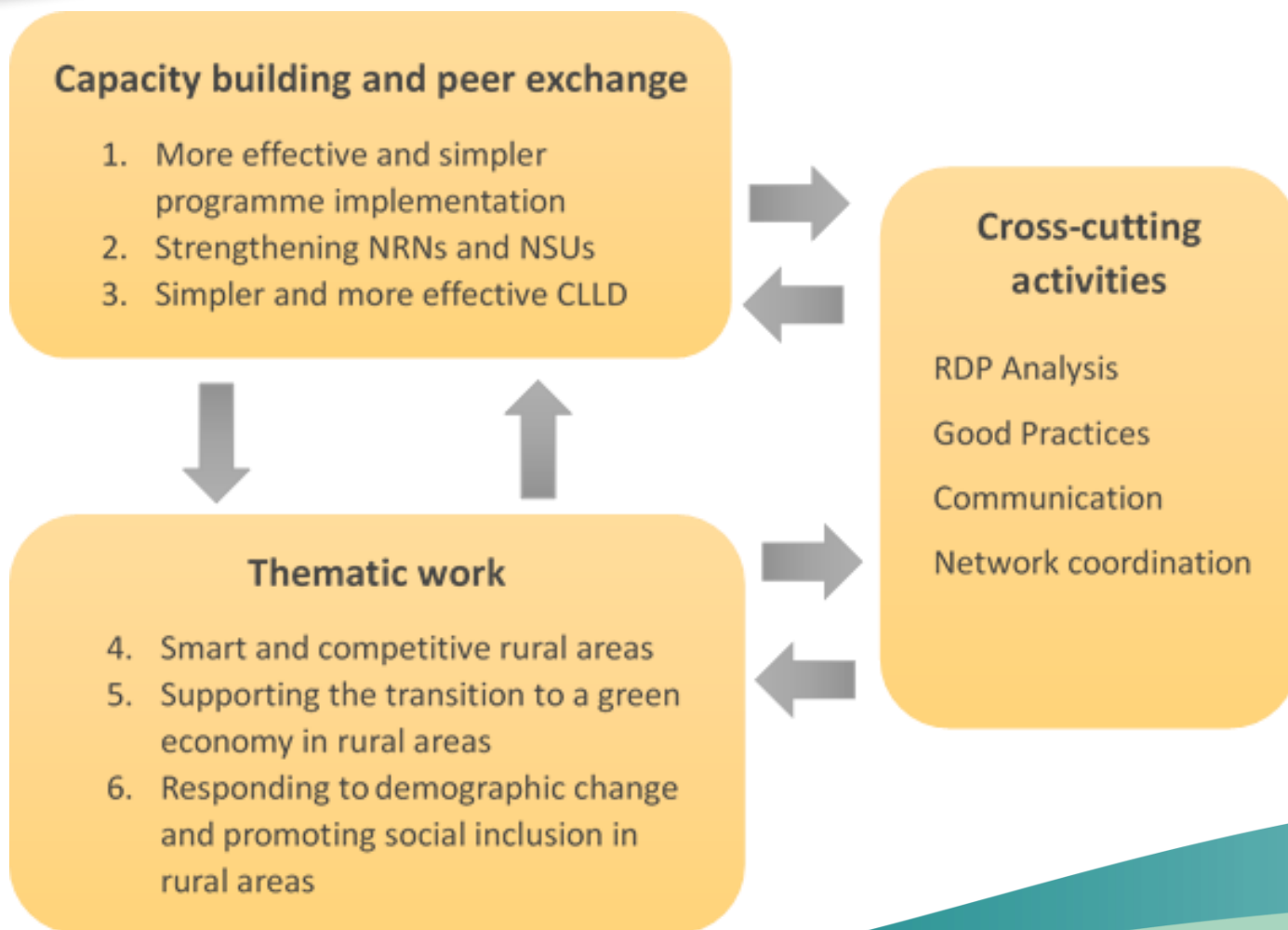
Update on the activities of the ENRD Contact Point

**9th National Rural Networks
Meeting**

**Mike Gregory
ENRD Contact Point**

Nicosia, Cyprus, 15 November 2017

Priorities for ENRD CP work



P1 - Support to more effective and simpler programme implementation

Q2

- Workshop 1: **Moving from compliance to performance based delivery systems** (Postponed to the second half of January 2018 - TBC)

Q3

- Workshop 2: **Preparing for the performance review exercise** (February - March 2018 - TBC)

Q4

- Workshop 3: **Changes introduced by the Omnibus** (TBC)

P1 - RDPs



Stronger links with thematic work and RDP analysis (depending on topic)



Increased involvement with MAs and PAs



More targeted outputs (events highlights, factsheets, GP examples)

P2 - Networking

Capacity Building and Peer Exchange

EU-level linkages

Stakeholder involvement

Communication of networking activity

Support for clusters, demand-led initiatives and communities of practice

P3 – Leader/ CLLD

Major LAG survey

Two PWGs – building on work to-date, with associated workshops

Major workshops, ‘Putting Simplification into practice’

Outreach including: joint CLLD event & Open days, Lisbon AIS, LINC, ELARD, MS events

Cooperation; partner search, fiches, database, events

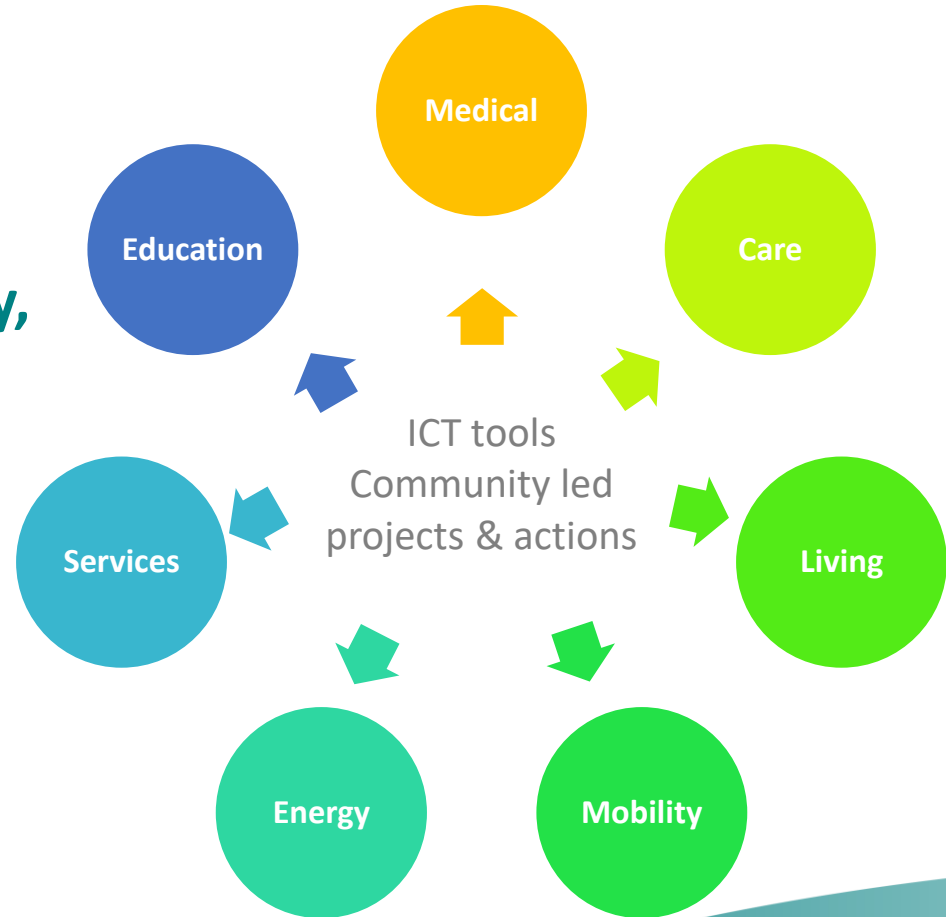
Strengthen info base & analysis – additional Website functionalities

LAG self assessment

P4 – Smart Villages TG

The TG will explore how rural services in areas such as **health, social services, education, energy, transport, retail and others**, can be improved and made more sustainable through

- a) the deployment of **ICT tools** and/or
- b) by supporting **community led actions** and projects.



P4 – Smart Villages TG

To share examples of emerging strategies for the revitalization of rural services (digital innovation or social innovation or both).

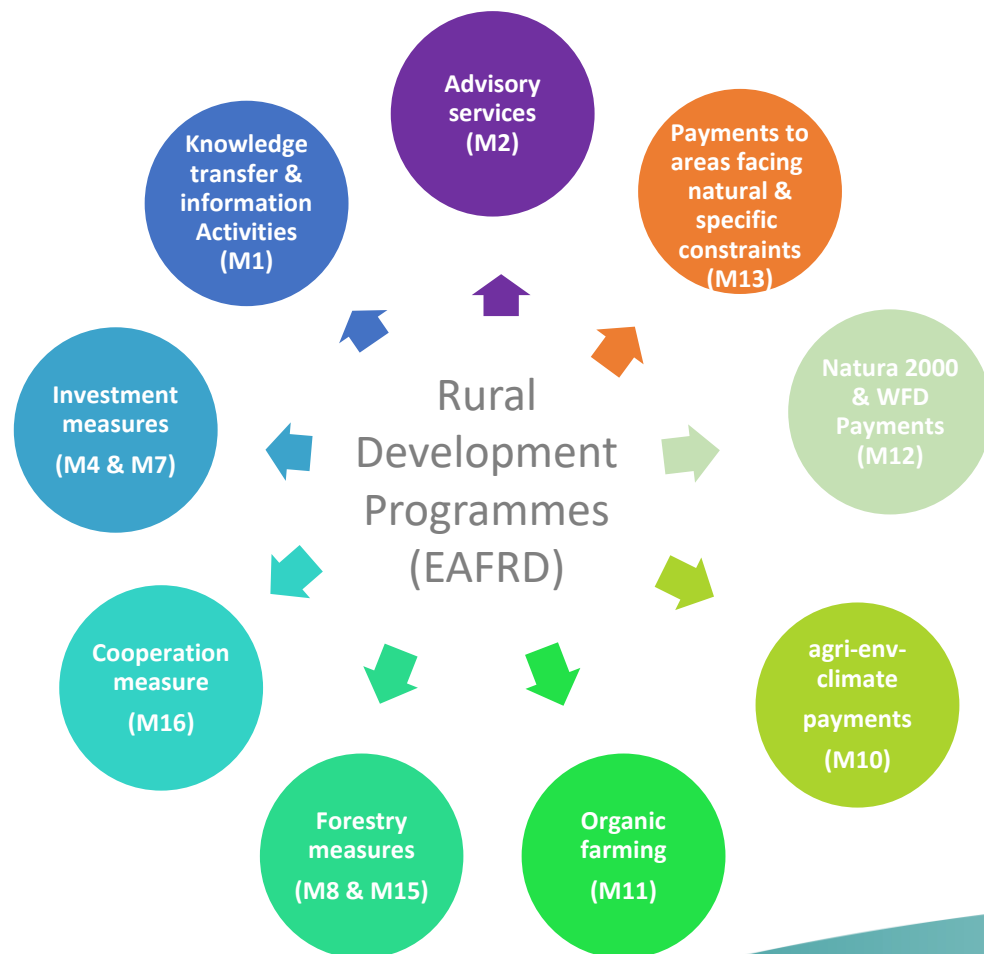
To make recommendations about how the the RDPs can be used to support these strategies in coordination with other policies (especially M7 Basic Services and M19 LEADER.

To provide links to guidance, tools and project examples which can help rural help rural communities improve rural services.

P5 – Soil and Water Management TG

The TG will explore opportunities for a **more efficient use of Rural Development Programmes (RDPs)** to support the sustainable management of water and soils.

The aim is to formulate concrete recommendations on how the **design and implementation** of measures programmed under the RDPs can be improved to better address soil protection and water management.



P5 – Soil & Water Management TG

Target area: water management - both supply and water quality – and soils
To include ‘Nutrient management plans’

First TG meeting – October 24 – helped define the initial specific topics of focus:

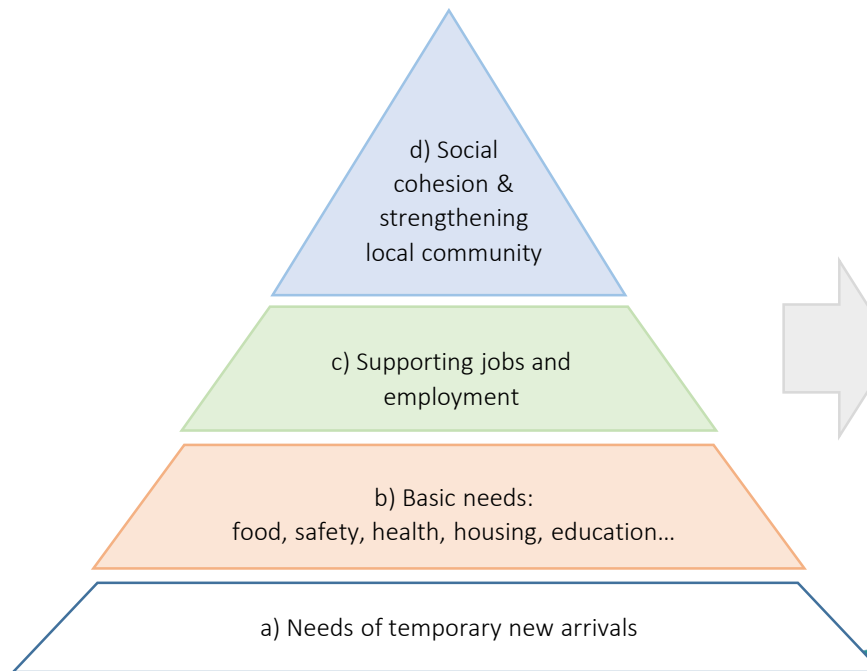
- Results based schemes and Collective AEC approaches
- Soil nutrients

Desk analysis and in-country work on these topics now starting
Possibility for one or two more specific topics to be addressed commencing early 2018 (e.g. knowledge constraints, P1-P2)

P6 - Making rural communities attractive and inclusive

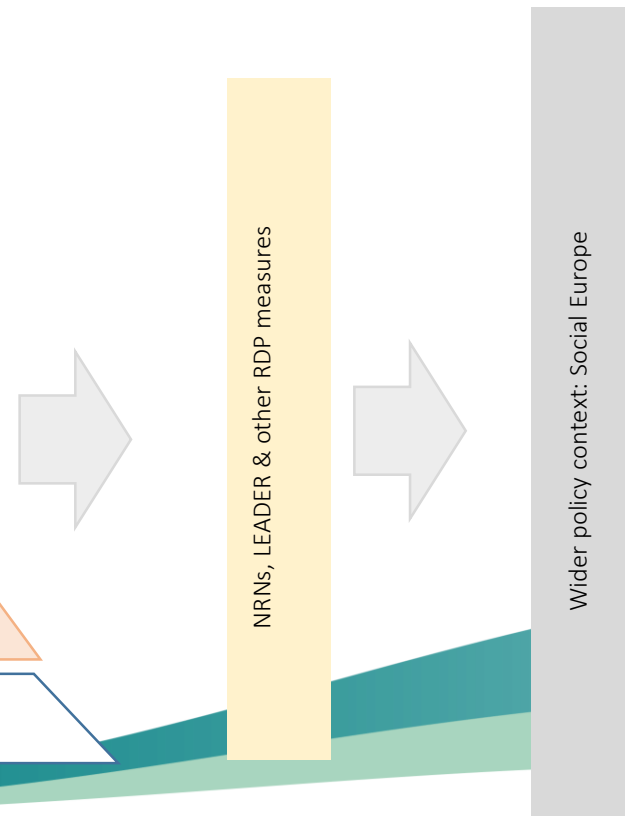
Hierarchy of needs:

Different rural areas have very different social and demographic needs



Social proofing:

How to make sure that RDPs & other policies contribute to social inclusion?



P6 - Making rural communities attractive and inclusive

OBJECTIVES:

- To **support stakeholders** in addressing demographic and social inclusion issues in rural areas through the identification of inspiring approaches and practices;
- To **identify ways in which RDPs could most effectively respond** to demographic change and promote social inclusion in rural areas.

ACTIVITIES:

- **5 thematic briefs**
- **Stakeholder discussions** through the online platform of VIIMA
- Supporting **communities of practice** on specific sub-themes
- **Face-to-face meetings** (1st meeting with NRNs & other stakeholders in Cyprus, 16 Nov)
- **Background research:** background paper, case studies, etc.

CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

1) RDPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• From compliance to results (WS 2018, TBC)• Preparing for the performance reserve exercise (WS 2018, TBC)• Changes introduced by the 'Omnibus' (WS 2018, TBC)
2) NRNs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NRNs + RDP implementation in regionalised countries (WS Jan 2018 TBC)• NRN Communication (WS-2018 TBC)• 3 NRN meetings (1st in Cyprus 11/17)• Exchange + capacity building with newer networks, toolkit
3) LEADER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Progressing Cooperation & Innovation Practitioner WGs: workshops, factsheets, recommendations and guidance.• Simplification – WS 2018

THEMATIC ACTIVITIES

4) SMART

- TG Smart Villages. Revitalising rural services through digital and social innovation.
- 4 TG meetings (1st mtg on 26/10/17)
- Seminar (2018)
- Various outputs: Publications, factsheets, website.

5) GREEN

- TG Water and soil management, 4 TG meetings (1st mtg on 24/10/17), Seminar (2018)
- Natura 2000 Action Plan (WS 28/09/17)
- Conservation agriculture in drought-prone countries (TBC, 2018)
- Outputs: as above.

6) INCLUSIVE

- Social support systems making rural communities attractive and inclusive
- 2 WS + Practitioner WG

ENRD Communications

Website

- *Most important communications tool*

On-line forums and social media

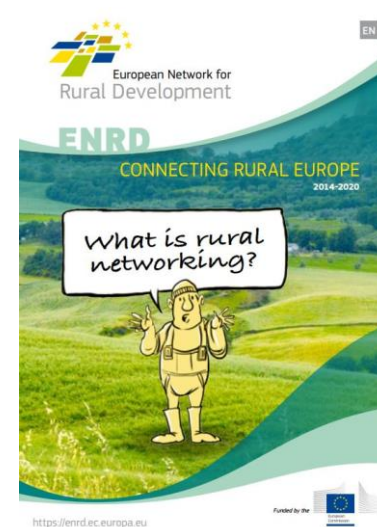
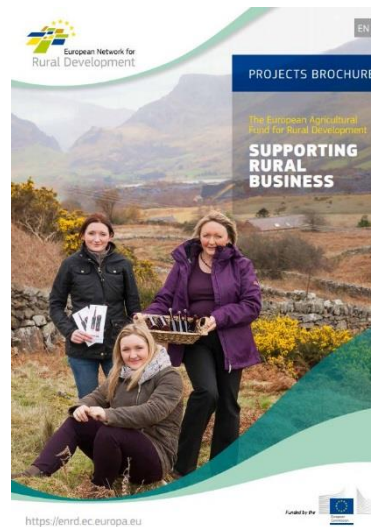
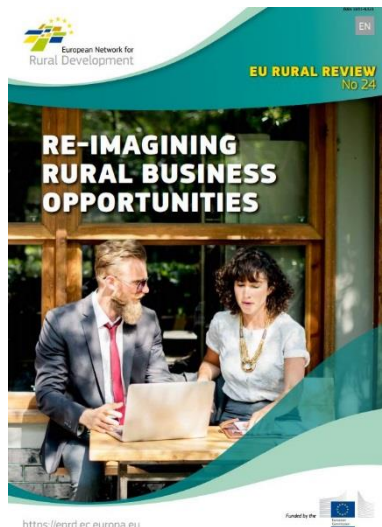
- Thematic – networking – LEADER / CLLD exchanges
- Twitter – ‘what’s happening today’
- Youtube videos



Publications

- Monthly Newsletter
- Rural Connections – The ENRD Magazine
- EU Rural Review – The ENRD’s Thematic publication
- EAFRD Projects Brochures

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