

FRANCE

Technical assistance

Location

Nationwide

Programming period

2014 – 2020

Measure

M20 – Technical assistance

Funding (EUR)

Total budget 10 000

EAFRD 5 300

National/Regional 4 700

Project duration

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The French National Rural Network organised a workshop on gender issues for actors involved in delivering rural development policy.

Summary

Research evidence has shown that gender equality is a significant problem for women in rural areas and in agriculture. In order to organise a joint response to this issue, the French National Rural Network organised a one-day workshop for Local Action Groups (LAGs), regional networks and EIP-AGRI Operational Groups.



During the workshop, participants received information and brainstormed about how to develop common tools and approaches that would help ensure women are equally represented in projects supported by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

Results

The workshop helped improve cooperation and networking between actors involved in the delivery of rural development policy.

It allowed for the development of common tools and approaches to address gender issues through the EAFRD.

It is estimated that through the action plan produced and snowballing from the 70 workshop participants, approximately 500 people received some information from the workshop.

The rural network of Mayotte repeated this action at the regional level.

Context

Ensuring equality, and particularly gender equality, is an obligation that must be considered at all times under EAFRD-funded projects. However, evidence shows that it is difficult to achieve this goal in most projects. A study by the Commissariat Général à l'Égalité des Territoires (CGET) gave some clear indications about gender discrimination, and sociologist Sabrina Dahache has published research that provides quantified figures about the difficulties women face in entering agriculture. Therefore, this is a known problem, and action is needed to reverse the situation.

Objectives

The aim of this workshop was to discuss gender equality in rural areas and the agricultural sector through awareness raising among actors involved in the delivery of rural development policy.

Activities

The workshop was held on the 5 April 2018 in Paris, and its target audience was LAGs, regional networks and EIP-AGRI Operational Groups. The workshop provided participants with the tools to carry out actions to ensure that women are treated equally within the delivery of rural development policy. The occasion was also an opportunity to bring together different actors involved in

rural development to discuss the subject and become aware that this is a common problem.

More than 70 people participated in the workshop. During the workshop, they received information about gender issues in the sector through the presentation of relevant studies' findings, followed by discussion and brainstorming to create a concrete action plan and common tools.

Main results

A synthesis of the workshop was included in an operational document and an action plan was produced.

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Additional sources of information

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