

Thematic Group on Improving RDP implementation

First meeting

ENRD Contact Point
Brussels, 17 March 2015

Session 1: Introduction

- **ENRD Thematic Work** on RDP implementation
Role & Purpose of the Thematic Group
- Purpose, structure & expected outcomes of
today's meeting

ENRD Thematic Work on Improving RDP implementation

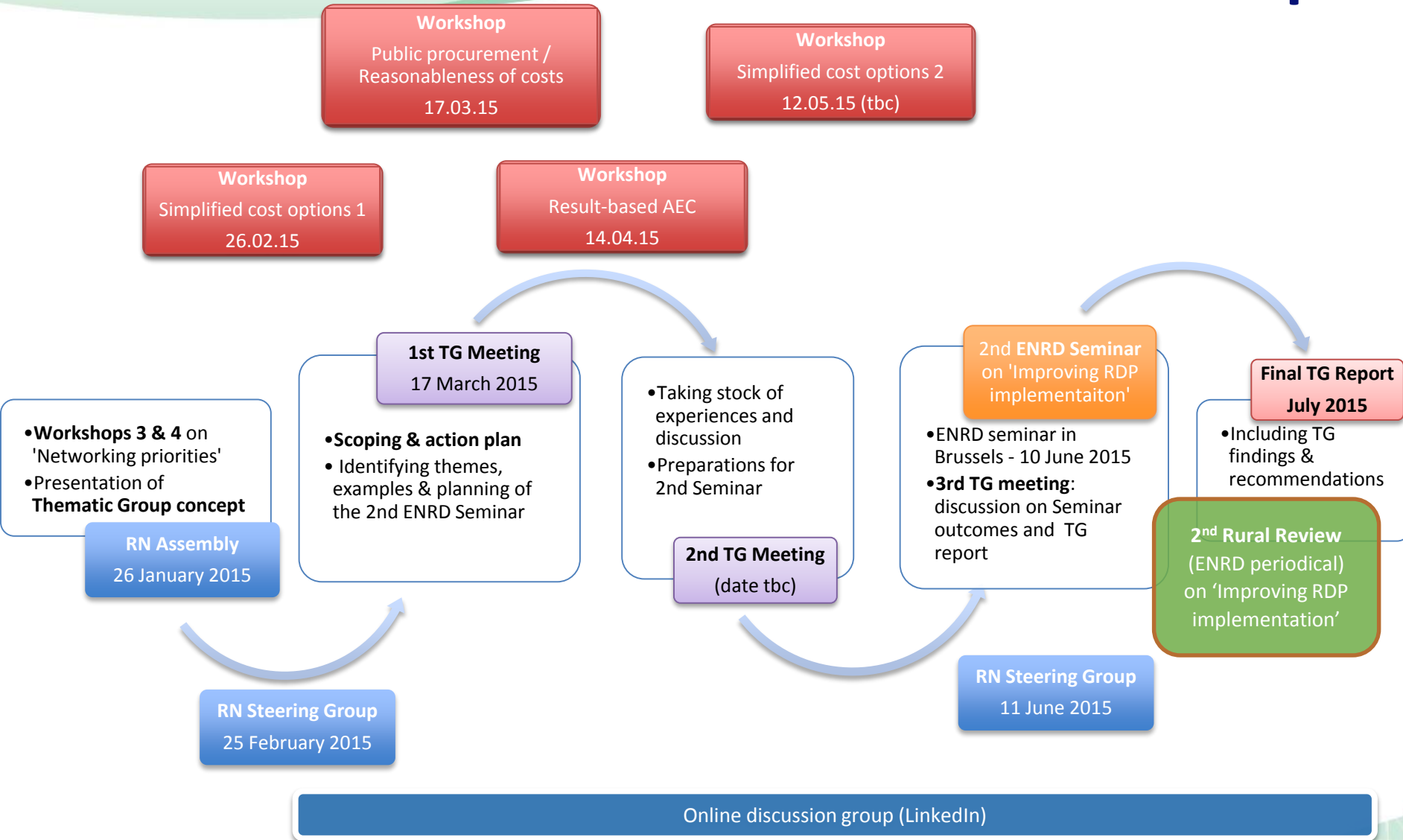
The focus of the ENRD's work during Year 1 (until July 2015)

'Integrated work packages' on:

- Stakeholder involvement
- Improving RDP implementation
- LEADER/ CLLD

ENRD thematic work on Improving RDP implementation: context and aims

- *‘Improving the quality of implementation of rural development programmes – objective of the ENRD & NRNs*
- Provide those involved in RDP implementation with knowledge and tools to address key challenges and improve performance of RDPs
- Identify key areas for action for EU networks... through involving key ‘delivery stakeholders’



Objectives of the Thematic Group

Identify key areas for improvement around RDP implementation and inform future ENRD work

- Identify key priorities and challenges across EU MS and regions in terms of delivery and performance of RDPs
- Share, illustrate and raise awareness about new / promising approaches
- Identify where/how **'networking'** can add value

Thematic Group Method

- Exchanging **views and experiences** among key rural development stakeholders (directly / indirectly involved in RDP implementation)
- **Working meetings:** 17 March, first week of May (proposed), June (ENRD Seminar)
- **Online exchanges:** Dedicated LinkedIn group
- **Contribution of all TG members is key!**

Members of the Thematic Group

- Membership is open & voluntary
- Representatives of those directly /indirectly involved in the design and implementation of RDPs
- Other stakeholders concerned by RDP implementation on-the-ground (advisors, project holders, beneficiaries, etc.)

Expected outcomes

- Examples of (good) **practices / approaches** about RDP implementation
- **Report:** administrative and other constraints, practices for distilling key success factors, recommendations
- **Seminar:** opportunities for improving RDP implementation
- **Community of practice** established

Purpose & expected outcomes of the 1st Thematic Group Meeting

*'Actively contribute to a
better design and
implementation of RDPs'*

'Share and learn from others'

'Gain new knowledge'

*'Effective **tools** and strategies for RDP design and
implementation'*

*'Ideas and discussion on
simplification of the implementation,
better **targetting** of support'*

*'Opportunities for **National Rural Networks** to increase quality of implementation'*



Your expectations:

*'To improve **attractiveness** of
knowledge transfer, rural advice and
innovation measures in RDP '*

Purpose of today's meeting

- Focus on “*what's important now*”: key issues and possible support from EU networks for the rolling out of the RDPs (*Session 2*)
- Focus on “*what comes next*”: working out issues and needs around priority themes (*Session 3*)
- Focus on preparing the way to the June ENRD **Seminar**: first ideas *what, who, how?* (*Session 4*)
- **Next steps** of the Thematic Group