

# ENRD Workshop

## ‘Addressing bottlenecks in RDP implementation and preparing for the Performance Review’

### Agenda

21<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018

Hilton Sofia, 1 Bulgaria Blvd

Sofia, Bulgaria

At this mid-way stage in the 2014-2020 programming period, the workshop, organised in partnership with the Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, aims to:

- **explore bottlenecks faced** during the implementation of Rural Development Programmes (RDPs) and discuss how to address them;
- discuss the **preparations for the Performance Review** in 2019;
- collect and **share good practice examples** in delivering RDPs.

### Thursday 21<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Timing 🕒	Agenda item 📄
<i>Chair: Mario Milouchev, Director, DG AGRI</i>	
08.45 – 09.30	Registration and coffee
09.30 – 10.00	Welcome message, introduction to the day and opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Mario Milouchev, Director, DG AGRI</i></li> <li>- <i>Verginia Krasteva, Deputy Minister, Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry</i></li> <li>- <i>Tanya Georgieva, Ivailo Todorov, Bulgarian Network Support Unit</i></li> </ul>

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10.00 – 10.30	State of play of implementation of Rural Development Programmes 2014-2020 - <i>Guido Castellano, Petr Lapka, DG AGRI</i>
10.30 – 11:00	Q&A session
11:00 – 11.15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.15 – 12.00	Overcoming bottlenecks in RDP implementation - examples from Member States - <i>Milen Krastev, Managing Authority, Bulgaria</i> - <i>Marion Schlue, Managing Authority, North-Rhine Westphalia, Germany</i> - <i>Markus Stadler, Managing Authority, Austria</i> - <i>Fer Schenk, Managing Authority, The Netherlands</i>
12.00 – 12.30	Discussion, including Q&As
12.30 – 14.00	<i>Networking lunch</i>
14.00 – 15.30	Parallel working groups <u>Group 1: 'Preparation for the performance review'</u> - <i>Guido Castellano, DG AGRI</i> <u>Group 2: 'Addressing bottlenecks and an efficient project selection process'</u> - <i>Petr Lapka, DG AGRI</i> - <i>Concepción Cobo, Managing Authority, Andalucía, Spain</i> - <i>Karīna Afremoviča, Managing Authority, Latvia</i>
15.30 – 15.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.45 – 16.00	Feedback from the working groups
16.00 – 16:40	What can be improved in the future? – panel discussion and exchanges with participants (including Q&A session)
16:40 – 17.00	Concluding remarks - <i>Josefine Loriz-Hoffmann, Director, DG AGRI</i>

## Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2018

The day will be dedicated to **visits of a selection of EAFRD supported projects**. Transport by bus will be provided and offered by the Bulgarian Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry.

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09.00	<i>Gathering and departure by bus from the meeting point – Hilton Sofia, 1 Bulgaria Blvd. Transfer to Slivnitsa municipality (Sofia province)</i>
10.30 – 11.30	<p><b>Slivnitsa municipality, Sofia province – 1<sup>st</sup> round of visits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Project under Measure 322 ‘Village Renewal and Development’ developed by LAG Slivnitsa – Dragoman RDP 2007-2013</li> <li>- Project under Measure 313 ‘Encouragement of Tourism Activities’ developed by LAG Slivnitsa – Dragoman RDP 2007-2013</li> <li>- Project under Measure 322 ‘Village Renewal and Development’ RDP 2007-2013. Project name: ‘Renewal and reconstruction of city park in Slivnitsa’</li> <li>- Project under Measure 321 ‘Basic Services for the Economy and Rural Population’ RDP 2007-2013. Project name: ‘New Sport Hall Construction’</li> </ul>
11.30 – 12.00	<i>Bus transfer to Dragoman</i>
12.00 – 13.00	<p><b>Dragoman, Sofia province – 2<sup>nd</sup> round of visits:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Project under Measure 313 ‘Encouragement of Tourism Activities’ RDP 2007-2013. Project name: Tourist information centre</li> <li>- Project under Measure 312 ‘Support for the Creation and Development of Micro-Enterprises’ RDP 2007-2013</li> <li>- Project under Measure 312 ‘Support for the Creation and Development of Micro-Enterprises’ developed by LAG Slivnitsa-Dragoman under RDP 2007-2013. Project name: ‘Green world’ energy efficiency, reconstruction and heating system and kitchen equipment renewal</li> </ul>
13.00 – 14.30	<i>Lunch</i>
14.30	Departure by bus to Sofia city and Sofia airport
15.30	Estimated arrival time at Sofia airport