Introduction

The seminar aims to bring together rural development administrations and organizations to reflect and exchange on the conditions for an effective and efficient implementation of the 2014-2020 rural development programmes (RDPs) and provide guidance and reference points on a range of implementation issues, with a particular focus on new elements of the policy. Through three parallel workshops, experiences from the EU Member States will be brought together on different specific topics and on horizontal implementation issues.

AGENDA

Chair: José Manuel Sousa Uva, Director H, DG AGRI, European Commission

8:30 – 9:30  
Registration and welcoming of participants

9:30 – 10:00  
Opening Address, Jerzy Plewa, Director-General, DG AGRI, European Commission

10:00 – 10:30  
Towards a good start of the new Rural Development Programmes,  
Unit H1, DG AGRI, European Commission
- Update on the new legislative framework
- New programming landscape

10:30 – 11:00  
Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30  Parallel Workshops – Morning session

WS 1. Implementation of RDPs: Cooperation, Knowledge Transfer and Innovation
Chair: Rob Peters, Head of unit “Research and innovation”, DG AGRI, European Commission

- Opening presentation, Mike Mackenzie, unit “Consistency of rural development”, DG AGRI, European Commission
- Programming innovation in RDP 2014-2020, Tanja Gorišek, Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, Slovenia
- Food chain and innovation, Giancarlo Cargioli, Head of Agribusiness Development Department, Emilia-Romagna Region, Italy

Discussion / Q&As

WS 2. Implementation of RDPs: Environmental and Climate issues
Chair: Josefine Loriz-Hoffmann, Head of unit “Consistency of rural development”, DG AGRI, European Commission

- Opening presentation, Christiane Canenbley, unit “Agricultural policy analysis and perspectives”, DG AGRI, European Commission
- Delivery of AEC measures – National and regional coordination in Germany, Dr. Jan Freese, NRN Germany
- Collective approaches to AEC measures, Jan-Gerrit Deleen, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation, the Netherlands

Discussion / Q&As

WS 3. Implementation of RDPs: Territorial approaches
Chair: Horea-Silviu Todoran, Head of unit “Rural Development Programmes - Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Sweden”, DG AGRI, European Commission

- The case of Kujawsko-Pomorskie Voivodeship in Poland: The regional approach to multi-funded CLLD, Ryszard Kaminiski, Kujawsko – Pomorski Agricultural Advisory Centre & Eliza Kaczmarek, Marshal’s Office of Kujawsko-Pomorskie Region, Poland
- Planned improvements in LEADER planning and implementation in Austria, Veronika Resch, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria
- LEADER success story & coordination of funds in Lithuania, Jolanta Vaciuniene, Ministry of Agriculture, Lithuania
- The European perspective on new territorial tools: ITI, CLLD & urban-rural linkages, Martijn De Bruijn, unit “Competence Centre Inclusive Growth, Urban and Territorial Development”, DG REGIO, European Commission

Discussion / Q&As

12:30 – 14:00  Buffet lunch
14:30 – 16:00  Afternoon session  
Continuation of the parallel workshops

WS 1. Implementation of RDPs: Cooperation, Knowledge Transfer and Innovation
• Using financial instruments for innovation in the Netherlands, Karel van Bommel, Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation, the Netherlands
Panel discussion around priority issues including:
• Anne Vylsteke, SCAR AKIS Collaborative Working Group
• Juha-Matti Markkola, Finnish Network Support Unit

WS 2. Implementation of RDPs: Environmental and Climate issues
• Water management and irrigation measures in Spain, Joaquin Rodriguez Chaparro, Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment, Spain
Panel discussion around priority issues including:
• John Martin, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), Northern Ireland, UK
• Dominik Mayer, unit “Climate Finance and Deforestation”, DG CLIMA, European Commission

WS 3. Implementation of RDPs: Territorial approaches
Panel discussion around priority issues including:
• Jean-Pierre Vercruysse, unit “Structural policy and economic analysis”, DG MARE, European Commission
• Pedro Brosei, unit “Consistency of rural development”, DG AGRI, European Commission
• Radim Šreň, Vice-Chairman of the Association of Local Municipalities of the Czech Republic
• Patrice Collignon, Rurality-Environment-Development International Association (RED)
• David Rodda, Cornwall Development Company, UK

16:00 – 17:00  Feedback of the workshops and conclusions
Main highlights from workshops by rapporteurs:
• Michael Gregory, European Network for Rural Development Contact Point
• Kaley Hart, Institute for European Environmental Policy (IEEP)
• Edina Ocsko, European Network for Rural Development Contact Point
Discussion with participants

17:00  Closing Address,
Dacian Cioloș, Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development

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