



European Rural Networks' Steering Group

ENRD Integrated Work Themes

The following is a list of topics that have been suggested for future thematic groups/workshops and/or support activities organised by the ENRD Contact Point.

Could you please let us know *which of these topics you or someone from your organisation would most like to participate in and contribute to*. Please also let us know if you have other proposals. You may tick any number but please be realistic.

Name of Steering Group member

Organisation

Priority 4 Building smart and competitive rural areas	
<p>1. Smart and sustainable villages (more strategic approaches to P6 specially FA 6.B and 6.C) How promote sustainable and inclusive services (rural broadband, digital services, social innovation, smart transport, urban rural linkages, etc.) and create resilience through collaboration.</p>	
<p>2. Smart agriculture and forestry (mainly P1+2) How to use the RDPs to help different types of farms respond to the technical changes happening in agriculture and become more resilient? How to design and implement smart investment packages adapted to the needs of farmers and combining grants, financial instruments and other sources of finance? How to use the RDPs to develop new products and markets from agricultural and forestry raw materials, and incorporate actions for the bioeconomy?</p>	
<p>3. Smart and competitive rural businesses (P6). How to promote competitive and resilient clusters of rural businesses which build on rural assets and create jobs? Building links between farm and non-farm businesses. New sources of rural employment based on environmental and cultural assets. Smart specialisation, the experience economy, rural destinations.</p>	
<p>Other. Please specify.</p>	

Priority 5 Promoting the transition to a green economy in rural areas	
1. The low carbon economy and climate change (examples of successful use of measures, barriers, solutions - P5+4) and How can the RDPs be used effectively to reduce agricultural emissions and enhance carbon sequestration? What is being done in the RDPs on renewable energy, where and how?	
2. The simple and effective use of land management measures. (M10 and M.15). How to tailor and target land management measures to enhance climate and environmental outcomes in agriculture. What are the RDPs funding and how? What approaches are being used (eg collective approaches)? What are their strengths and weaknesses? How to simplify control and verification requirements without hindering environmental and climate outcomes?	
3. A resource efficient rural economy (agriculture, water, soils, energy....P.5). How are investment measures, land use management incentives, soft measures being used to promote resource efficiency (successful examples, barriers, solutions, etc.)? Building upon relevant EIP Agri Focus Group activity (eg precision farming, nutrient recycling, etc.) how can RDP support be channelled to achieve resource efficiency goals.	
Other. Please specify.	

Priority 6 Responding to demographic change and social exclusion in rural areas	
1. How to use the RDPs to integrate refugees and migrants (Mainly FA 6.B+M16) What potential do different kinds of rural areas have for integrating refugees and migrants in a viable way. What are the bottlenecks and what examples of promising solutions? How to use the various measures available in the RDPs (Leader, basic services, cooperation, diversification...) in a more strategic way to support integration? How to build cooperation with other funds and agencies?	
2. Generational Renewal. (FA 2B and 6B) In particular, how to turn young people in rural areas into a force for change in farming and other rural businesses?	
3. How to support the integration of Roma communities into rural development? (Mainly FA 6b)	
4. How to fully use the potential of women in rural development (mainly FA 6B)	
Other. Please specify.	