

Thematic Group on 'Improving RDP implementation' 2nd Meeting

AGENDA

Brussels, 7 May 2015

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38, rue de la Loi - 1040 Brussels (2nd floor meeting room)

Background:

Based on the input provided by the Rural Networks' Assembly and Steering Group, the first TG meeting (Brussels, 17.03.2015) promoted a first exchange about:

- Urgent aspects to be addressed at the outset of the programming period for the successful implementation of Rural Development Programmes
- Specific priority themes, in order to identify most important issues to be the focus of possible thematic work for the ENRD and National Rural Networks in the next future.
- First ideas about the scope of the ENRD seminar to take place in June addressing opportunities for the improvement of RDP implementation.

The outcomes of the first TG meeting were summarised in a report circulated to all TG members.

Main objectives of the meeting:

To take stock of the outcomes of the TG so far, bring them to a more operational level and start building a set of recommendations on how to ensure a successful implementation of RDPs at the outset of the new programming period. In this frame, the specific objectives of the meeting are to:

- ✓ Share and reflect upon **concrete experiences and approaches** that are relevant to those aspects identified by the TG as key for the successful start of RDPs.
- ✓ Identifying possible bottlenecks and constraints and distil factors for success on which to base **initial recommendations** for stakeholders involved in RDP implementation, including networks.
- ✓ Bring forward the identification of **thematic priority issues** and preparations for the ENRD seminar.

Agenda

9.00 – 9.30 **Registration and coffee**

9.30– 9.50 **Session 1. Introduction to the day**

Outcomes of the TG so far and introduction to the purposes of the meeting
Fabio Cossu, ENRD CP

9.50 – 11.20 **Session 2. Building initial recommendations for the successful start of RDPs**

- Communication about RDP policy and programmes, *Ed Thorpe, ERND CP*
- Formal and informal coordination mechanisms, *Elena Saraceno, ENRD CP*
- Building common understanding, ‘reading together’, *Juha-Matti Markkola, FI NRN*
- Raising administrative capacity and quality, *Paul Soto, ENRD CP*
- Quality management system for RDP MAs, *Andrea Evangelista, INEA Italy*

Discussion in groups:

What are the specific issues and the main areas for improvement?

What are the positive experiences and approaches we can learn from?

11.20 – 11.40 *Coffee break*

11.40 – 12.40 **Session 2 (continued)**

Drawing initial recommendations for different stakeholder groups

What needs to be done? How and by who?

12.40 - 14.00 *Lunch break*

14:00 – 15:30 **Session 3. Getting the priority right for the future work of Rural Networks**

- RDPS 2014-2020 some facts & figures, *Fabio Cossu, ERND CP*
- Local food, short supply-chains and rural-urban linkages, *David Lamb, ERND CP*
- Empowering advisory services and knowledge transfer, *M. Kuegler EUFAS*
- Pillar 1 – Pillar 2 linkages, *Christiane Canenbley, DG AGRI*

Discussion in groups:

What are the specific issues? What can be achieved through RDPs and NRNs? What are the inspiring examples?

15:30 – 16:30 **Session 4. Update on preparations for the ENRD seminar and next steps**

Discussion on key messages and examples to bring forward to the ENRD Seminar

16:30 – 16:45 **Wrapping up and closing - next envisaged steps for the TG work**