



# Capacity building for National Rural Networks – seminar, workshop B Brussels 30.3.2009

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# The view of farmers and agri-cooperatives to Rural Networking at EU and national levels



## Main points in the presentation

- 1. Why networking is important?**
- 2. Expectations for networking**
- 3. Need for a global EU approach and perspective**
- 4. What do we need in the European Network for Rural Development?**
- 5. What can Copa - Cogeca do?**
- 6. To Conclude**

# 1. Why networking is important?

**Need for interlink between European,  
National and Local levels:**

- **bottom up and**
- **top down information flow**
- **common approach**

## 2. Expectations for networking

**Monitoring National Rural Development programs?**

**or**

**Network for rural issues in wider scope?**

- identifying tools to address
- analysing tools and their effectiveness to tackle the problems

**Common denominator difficult to find!**

### 3. Need for a global EU approach and perspective

**Building up from national perspectives**

**Coordination with EU organisations**

**Feedback to National Rural Networks**

## 4. What we need in the European Network for Rural Development?

**Information on National Rural Development programs**

**Showcase examples of best practices**

**Platform for debate especially to deepen the discussion in important areas/issues**

**Feeding in to the National Rural Networks**

## 5. How can Copa Cogeca contribute?

### **European organisation**

- **76 member organisations**
- **from 27 Member States in the EU**

**Member organisations nationally implanted and involved in RD as farmers and co-operative leaders in implementing/using these measures.**



## 6. To Conclude

⇒ **Networking**

⇒ **EU dimension**



Thank you for your attention!

