

LEADER: Building bridges for the future “Open Discussions” during Day 2 of the event

What to expect?

Introduction

This document is meant to walk you through in a relaxed way of what type of a discussion space we are creating during the forthcoming LEADER event.

Often, after having participated in a workshop or conference, you realize that the coffee breaks have been the most interesting part. How is that possible? The agenda really looked interesting; the people were interesting; but

still it seemed hard to get to the heart of the matter. As if the conversation was blocked somehow, during the official part of the event...

Conducting an exciting conversation is not hard— even easy when you meet with people during the breaks of the workshop. Just an example:

Cup of coffee...

Did you hear...?

Really, that is interesting!



Cup of tea...

How did that evolve....?

And, in what way...?

What I did then...

Yes, yes, that worked very well..

Great, let's tackle this together...

Coffee?

Tea for me please...

We aim to have this energetic conversation spirit, as present during the breaks, throughout the whole event agenda! The format we therefore use in the “LEADER: Building bridges for the future event” is aimed to adapt to your wishes. As if we are having an extended, even very extended, coffee break, where you can set the agenda for exciting conversations.



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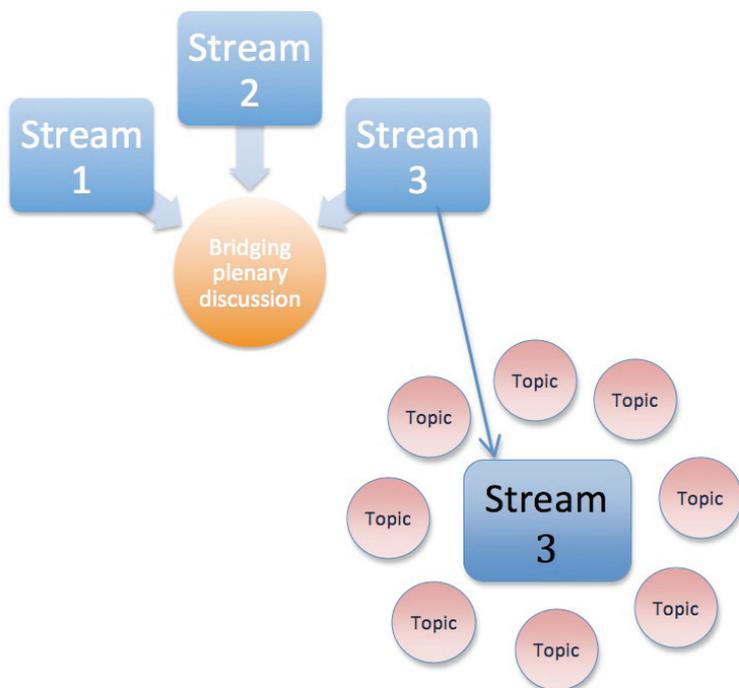
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Your agenda!

In the agenda of you will see an activity called ‘Open discussions’. This agenda item needs some explanation. To have inspirational discussions that create bridges amongst stakeholders towards the realization of concrete actions, for the next programming period for making LEADER more effective we need to have a bit of a plan.

Having an inspirational discussion with 450 people is possible - but for a limited time. Therefore we aim to have a **plenary ‘open discussion’** combined with smaller extended **open discussions** on 3 main **themes** take place.



Three themes in three streams

Theme for Stream 1 – How can we **design** a Rural Development Programme which captures the added value of LEADER?

Theme for Stream 2 - How can we **develop** more effective Local Development Strategies and Local Action Groups?

Theme for Stream 3 – How can we **deliver** the LEADER approach more simply and efficiently?

Why these **streams**? They are based on extended preparatory work, suggestions and ideas of which many of **you provided through MyENRD platform**.

What if...

I wish to suggest topics...



You have extensive experience with LEADER from different perspectives – as representatives of Managing Authorities, Local action groups, Paying agencies or other organizations.

There are many practices that you want to share, you recently experienced challenges, you have questions you wish to share and discuss that would make your work with LEADER reach the effect you need. ... Or maybe something that is bothering you, a super idea that you have, something not clear that you would like to have your peers assist you with... something specific...something burning... **What to do then?** Put your topic as an agenda item under one of the overarching THEMES you choose to join! **How?**



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On April 17, day 1 of the event, between 16.30 hrs. to 17.30 hrs., during the introduction of the ‘Open Discussions’ session, you have the opportunity to raise the topic that **you** would like to discuss. Just anything you like? Yes, **as long as** it contributes to answering one of the overall stream questions as they have been outlined above and **as long as you are willing to initiate and help** an open discussion with a group of people that will join you.

The schematic overview of the agenda will look, on the 17th as follows:

	Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3	Topic 4	Topic 5	Topic 6	Topic...
Stream 1							
Stream 2							
Stream 3							

An empty square is waiting to be filled with **your** suggestion!

- 08.45** Warm welcome in your ‘stream’
- 09.00** Stream introduction and short reflection on the stream theme and proposed topics
- 09.15** Finalising the agenda (introducing the host and harvester per topic)
- 09.30** Open discussions in groups – part 1
- 10.30** Coffee/tea break
- 11.00** Open discussions – part 2
- 11.45** Stream plenary to share views and conclusions
- 12.30** Lunch

Our work will flow according to this general frame:

In Auditorium:

Stream 1 – How can we **design** a Rural Development Programme which captures the added value of LEADER?

In Studio:

Stream 2 – How can we **develop** more effective Local Development Strategies and Local Action Groups?

In Riverside:

Stream 3 – How can we **deliver** the LEADER approach more simply and efficiently?

If you are one of those suggesting a topic, then also realize that you need to be ready to **‘host’** the topic, which means as much as *facilitating* the topic open discussion: ensuring that all participants feel at ease to share views, opinions, ideas, etc. Each topic also needs to have a **‘harvester’**: somebody ensuring that the fruits of the discussions are not lost but cherished by noting AND visualizing these ideas, views, the shared practices, the common conclusions made, statements raised, etc., on your group **flipchart paper and board**.

On 18 April, the second day of the event, the moderators welcome you at 08.45, thus warming you up for the day where we will bridge experiences and ideas through **open discussions** for which you have set the agenda. Where to find your streams? In the Auditorium, Studio or Riverside (see your map in the Agenda):



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