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# Update on the activities of the ENRD Contact Point for 2018

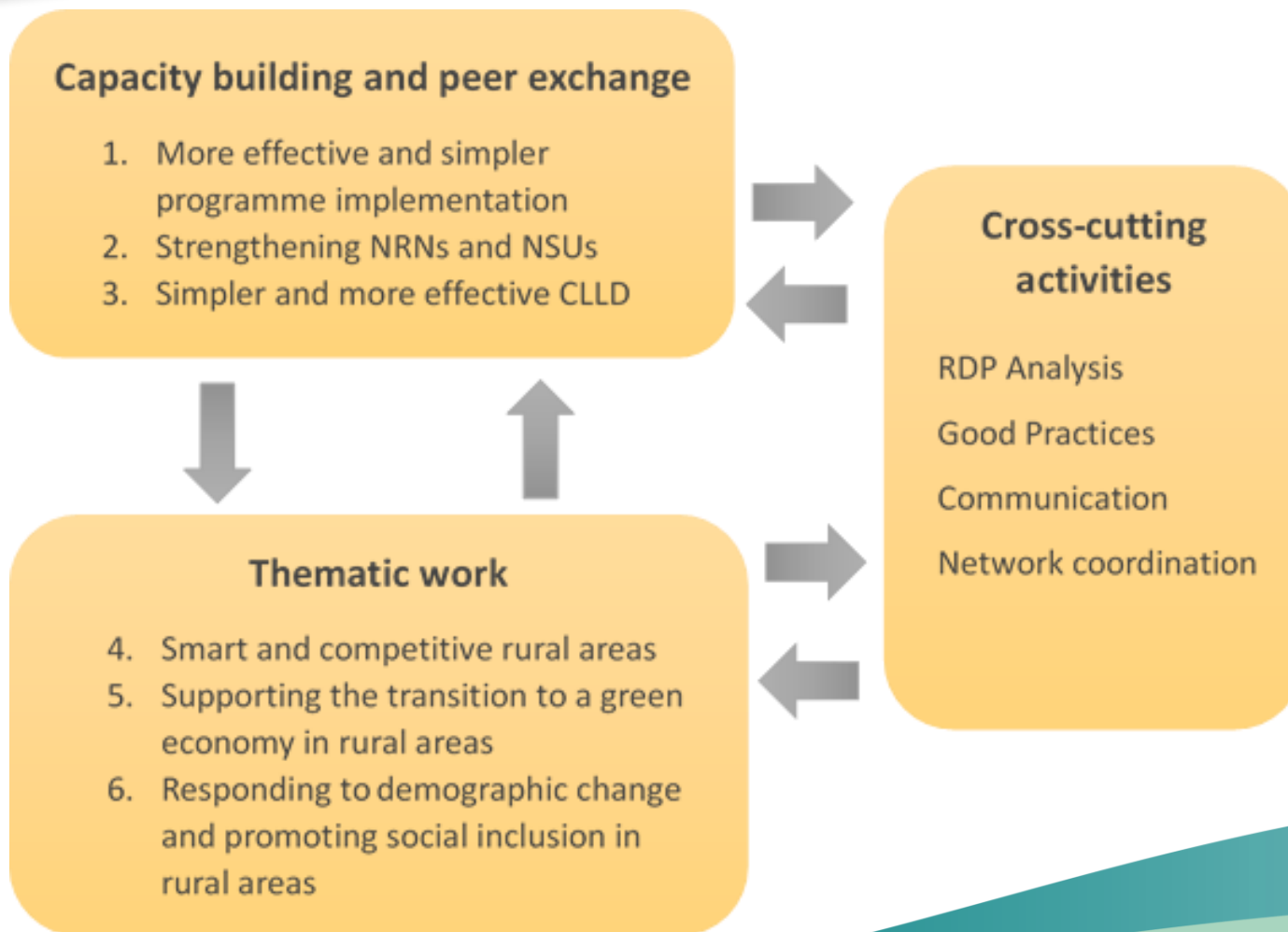
## 4<sup>th</sup> Rural Networks' Assembly

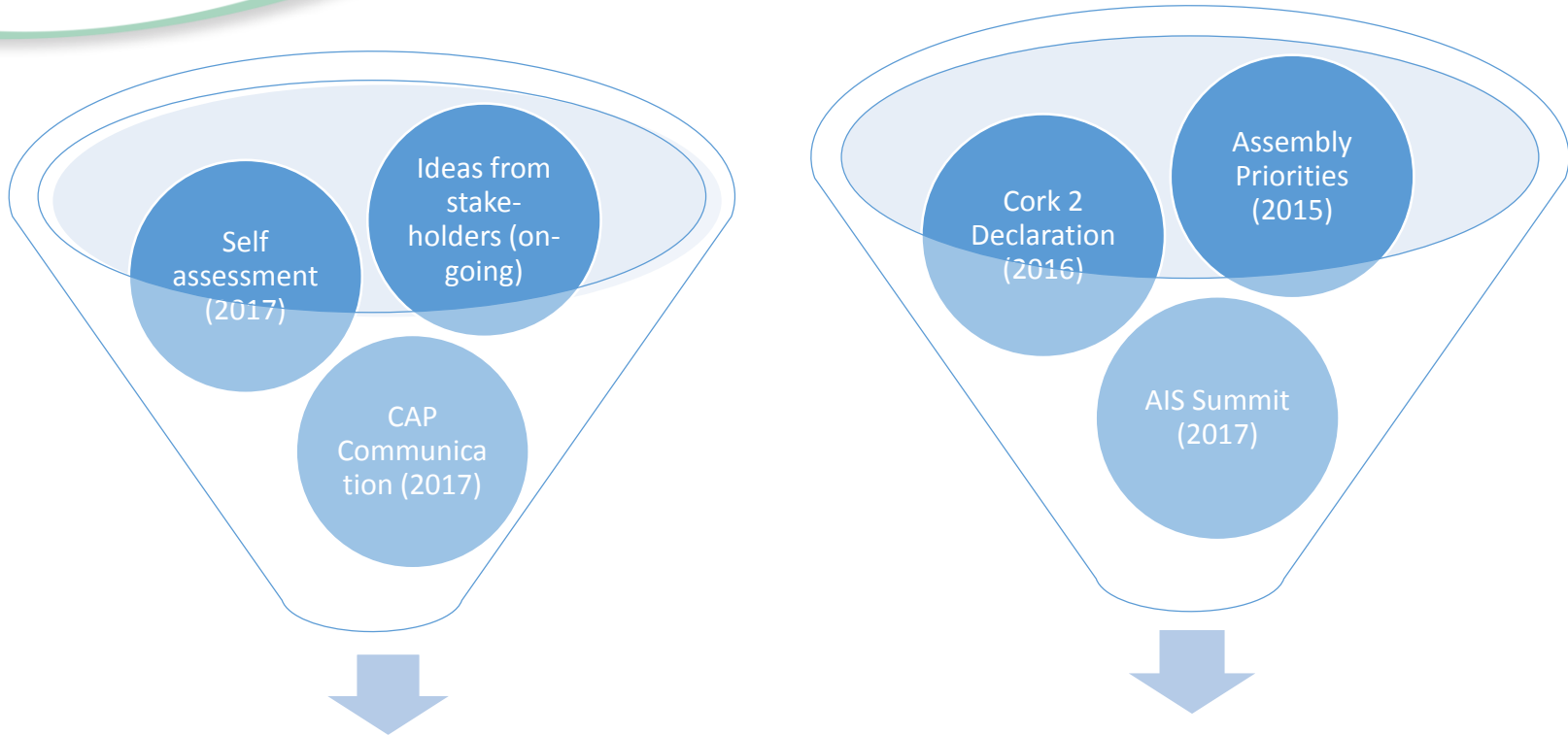
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**Brussels, 14 December 2017**

**#RNAssembly**

# Multi-annual framework for ENRD CP activities





## Specific Priorities for 2018

## **P1 - Support to more effective and simpler programme implementation**

- Workshop: The Future CAP: towards a performance based delivery model (Jan)
- Workshop: **ESIF bottlenecks / the performance review exercise** (March, TBC)
- Workshops: **Supporting the 11<sup>th</sup> OECD Rural Development Conference** (April, TBC)
- Workshop: **Changes introduced by the Omnibus** (TBC)

Topics for July to December to be defined



Stronger links between RDP analysis  
and ENRD thematic work



Increased involvement with MAs and  
PAs



More targeted outputs (events  
highlights, factsheets, GP examples)

### Three EU-wide NRN meetings

Germany (March)

Czech Republic  
(May/June)

TBC (Sept/Oct)

- Regionalised RD Networking, workshop Feb
- Generational renewal and young farmers (incl. poss workshop)
- NRN Communications (incl. poss workshop)

Common Network Statistics - **simpler**

NRN toolkit – **more user friendly**

NRN Profiles – **more useful**



Increasing focus on  
'communities of practice'



Peer-to-peer exchanges



Multi-speed 'clusters'



## Major LAG survey

Workshop 'Putting LEADER simplification into practice (Feb)

Innovation and Cooperation PWGs – building on work to date

Strengthening the analytical base and LEADER toolkit

Outreach and dialogue: Europe-wide and MS events

LAG DB, Coop partner search - additional functionalities



# LAG IMPLEMENTATION SURVEY 2017

- Implementation ‘on the ground’ **LAGs viewpoint**
- Wide-reaching (**710 responses** from 27 MS)
- Possible improvements for current and future periods
- 22% ‘new LAGs’
- 44% ‘Existing for 3 or more periods’



# LAG IMPLEMENTATION SURVEY 2017

## Some first hints...

- 48% of LAGs would welcome increase in independence **and** responsibility
- No1 Operational priority is to achieve the LDS objectives **but** only 13% consider they have the commensurate freedom to do so
- ‘Cooperation’ and ‘Innovation’ are most difficult to implement
- Highest request to ENRD – ‘support for technical elements’





To support improvements in  
implementation systems



To ensure LEADER can respond  
to new rural challenges

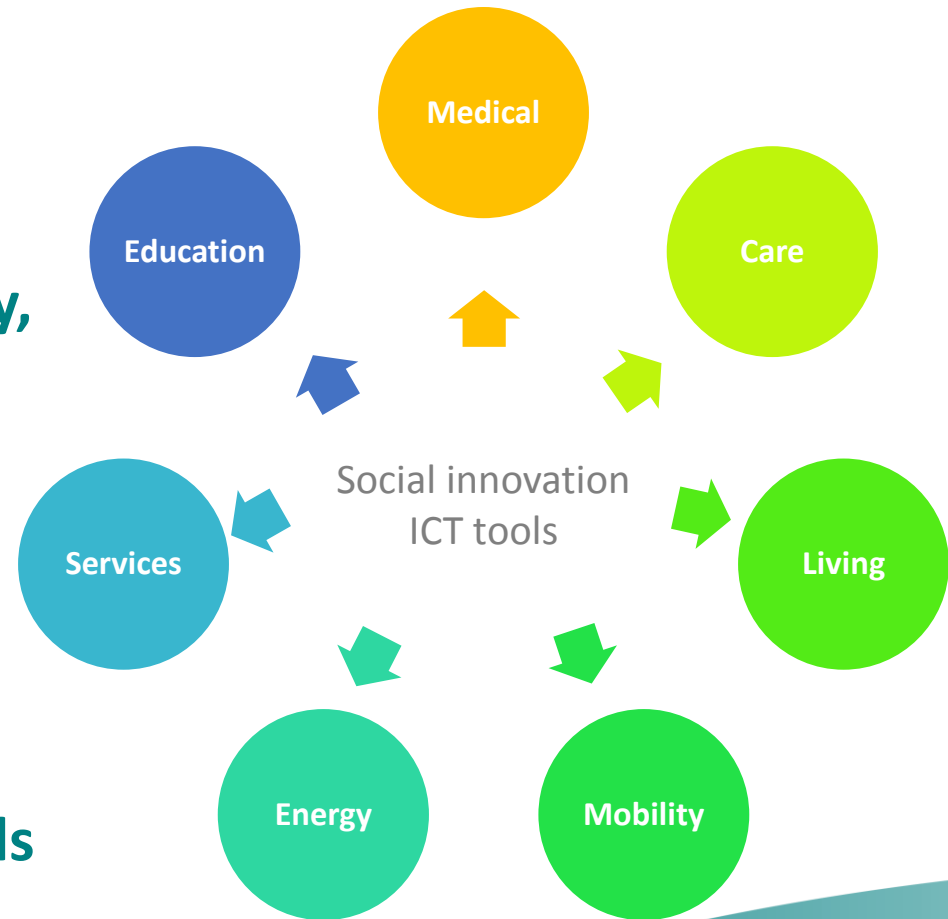


To inform policy making

## P4 – Smart Villages (Thematic Group)

The TG is exploring how rural services in areas such as **health, social services, education, energy, transport, retail and others**, can be improved and made more sustainable through

- a) by supporting **social innovation and community-led actions**, and/or
- b) By the deployment of **ICT tools**



**To share examples of emerging strategies and projects for the revitalization of rural services (social and digital innovation).**

**To make recommendations about how the RDPs can be used to support these strategies in coordination with other policies (especially M7-Basic Services and M19-LEADER).**

**To provide links to project examples and databases, research, tools, networks and organisations which can help rural communities improve rural services (Smart Villages Portal).**



Smart Villages Rural Review and Projects Brochure (by mid-2018)

ENRD SEMINAR on Smart Villages– May 2018

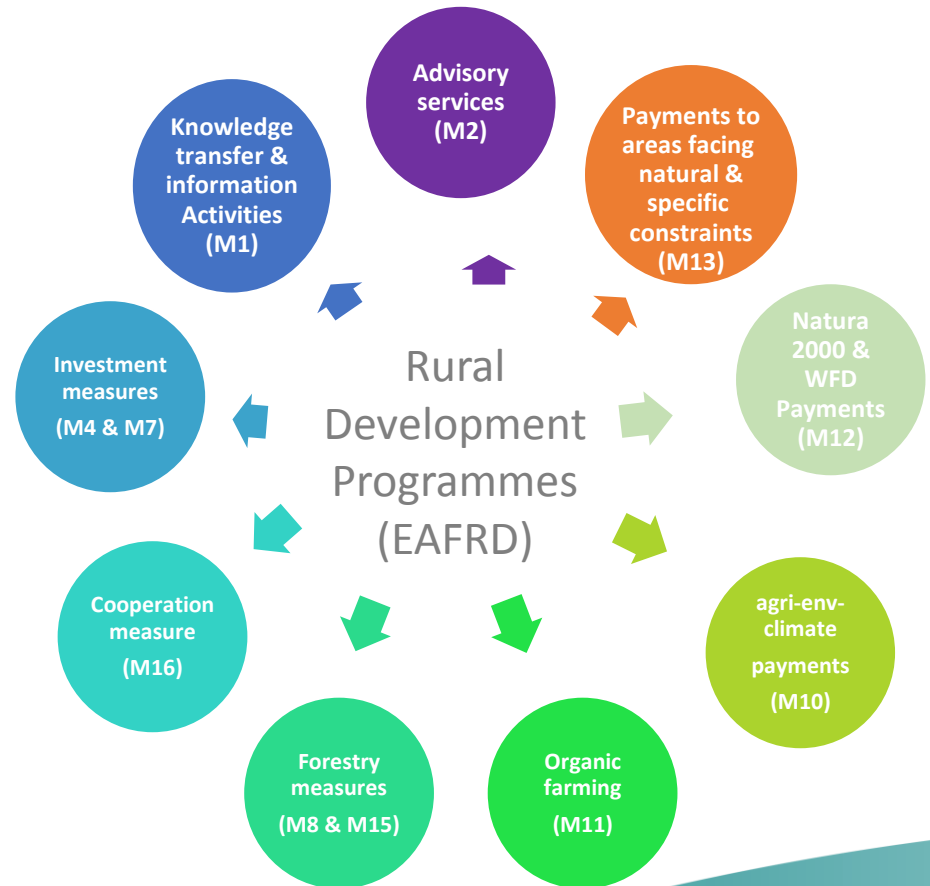
Possible extension / re-orientation of work for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2018



## P5 – Sustainable management of water and soils (Thematic Group and linked workshops)

The TG is exploring opportunities for a **more efficient use of Rural Development Programmes (RDPs)** to support the sustainable management of water and soils.

The aim is to formulate concrete recommendations on how the **design and implementation** of measures programmed under the RDPs can be improved to better address soil protection and water management.





Current 'target topics': Results-based schemes and Collective AEC approaches, Soil nutrients

Possibility for additional specific topic(s) to be addressed

ENRD SEMINAR 'MANAGEMENT OF WATER AND SOILS – JUNE 2018

Re-orientation – or new - topic for 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2018

## P6 - Making rural communities attractive and inclusive

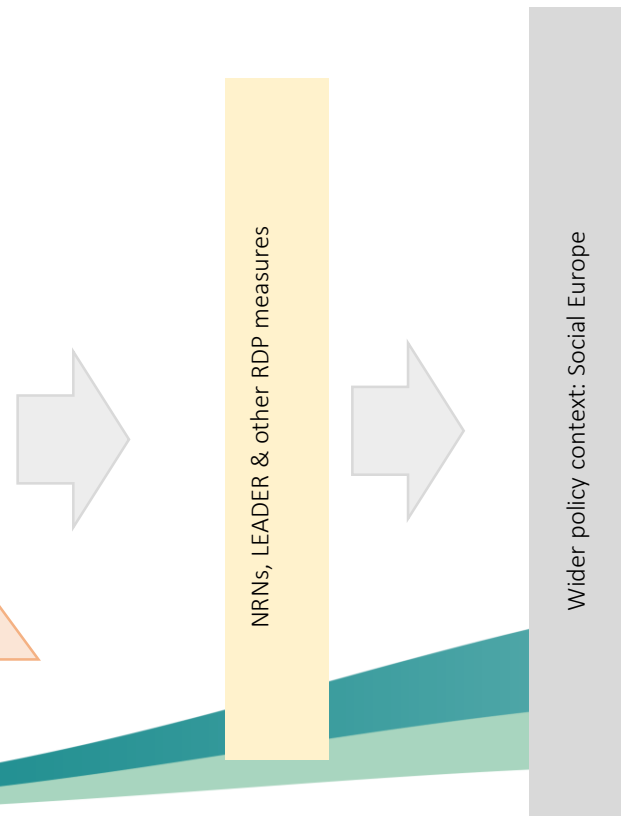
### Hierarchy of needs:

Different rural areas have very different social and demographic needs



### Social proofing:

How to make sure that RDPs & other policies contribute to social inclusion?



## OBJECTIVES:

- To **support stakeholders** in addressing demographic and social inclusion issues in rural areas through the identification of inspiring approaches and practices;
- To **identify ways in which RDPs could most effectively respond** to demographic change and promote social inclusion in rural areas.

## ACTIVITIES:

- **Background research:** thematic briefs, case studies
- **Stakeholder discussions** through the online platform of VIIMA
- **Meeting with NRNs** and other stakeholders (Nov 2017, Cyprus) to discuss key challenges & plan actions
- **Next meeting – RD Policy Workshop** envisaged for April/May – topic under consideration (TBC)

# ENRD Communications



## Website

- *Most important communications tool*

## On-line forums and social media

- Thematic – networking – LEADER / CLLD exchanges
- Twitter – ‘what’s happening today’
- Youtube videos

## Publications

- Monthly Newsletter
- Rural Connections – The ENRD Magazine
- EU Rural Review – The ENRD’s Thematic publication
- EAFRD Projects Brochures



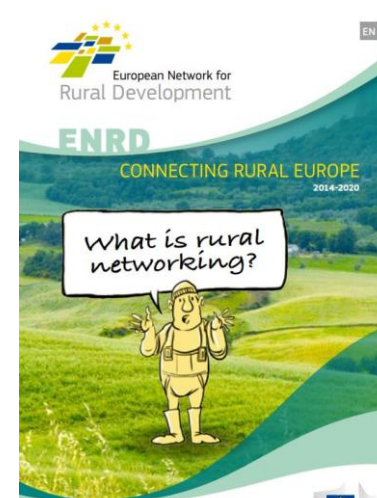
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