

'Climate Action and Resilient Rural Economies'

Agenda 25 June 2020

Webinar link will be announced to confirmed participants

Drawing on its thematic work around the topics of bioeconomy, climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation in rural areas, the ENRD Contact Point is organising a webinar on 'Climate Action and Resilient Rural Economy'.

The webinar will bring together a wide range of practitioners and policy makers from all over Europe. Its main objectives are:

- To take stock of the lessons learned concerning the contribution of the Rural Development Policy and programmes to a climate resilient, low-carbon economy;
- To share reflections resulting from the work carried out by the ENRD Thematic Group on Bioeconomy and Climate Action, highlighting the EAFRD's potential in enabling economically profitable climate friendly practices;
- To share experiences, views and ideas regarding how to transfer these lessons into the future CAP Strategic Plans, in order to contribute to more resilient rural economies and to the delivery of the EU Green Deal.

As the EU plans recovery measures following the global COVID-19 crisis, the 'green economy' and climate action should be seen as smart opportunities for increasing the resilience of rural economies, as also emphasised by Commission President von der Leyen. The global environmental and climate crises that spurred the European Green Deal have not disappeared. The seminar will examine how the CAP Strategic Plans can become a central tool for ensuring that rural areas contribute to EU climate targets while ensuring a balanced social and environmental development.

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Main agenda items	
09:00 – 09:30	Welcoming participants, testing connections and online networking space
09.30 – 10.00	Opening and introduction to the day Mario Milouchev, Director, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
	The European Green Deal, the CAP after 2020 and Climate Change Herwig Ranner, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
	Q&A
Successful experiences from the RDPs	
10:00-11:00	Mainstreaming climate action in agriculture: Experience of a demonstration farm Petr Marada (CZ)
	Territorial climate action: Klimaregion Laura Schicktanz (AT)
	Diversification through the circular bioeconomy: FeedBackFarm Jason Kiem (NL)
	Facilitated group discussion
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
Tools and enablers	
11.15 – 12:00	Examples of rural enterprises and farmers contributing to climate action - videos
	Panel discussion with stakeholders of different EAFRD-funded initiatives
	 Approaches to promote climate friendly practices: Klimatkollen climate advice module, Maria Stenberg, Swedish Managing Authority (SE)



	 Monitoring and communicating climate action: Measuring the carbon footprint of parmigiano cheese, Carla Scotti, Prati_CO Operational Group (IT) Making climate action profitable: Label for sustainable energy wood from hedgerows - Fanny Berlingen, French Agroforestry Association (FR) Discussion	
Supporting climate action through the future CAP Strategic Plans		
12:00 – 12:45	CAP post 2020 contribution to resource efficient and climate resilient rural economy Christine Falter, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission Climate action and resilient rural economies — Ideas for Flanders Simon Lox, Flemish Managing Authority, Belgium Discussion	
12:45 – 13:00	Wrap-up by keynote listeners: Valeria Forlin, DG CLIMA Katerina Vrublova, COPA-COGECA Asger Mindegaard, EEB Closing remarks — Christine Falter, DG AGRI	