



LEADER/CLLD Conference Strengthening Local Development through Cooperation

Programme

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*Conference Centre Stella Polare
Milano, Italy*



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Background

The conference is part of a two-day event (24-25 September 2015) organised by the ENRD Contact Point and DG AGRI within the framework of Expo Milano 2015. The overall objective of the events is to improve LEADER/CLLD implementation, with specific focus on strengthening National Rural Networks' (NRNs) capacity to provide support and guidance to LEADER/CLLD stakeholders and to boost transnational and inter-territorial cooperation.

Objectives of the Leader/CLLD Conference

The main objective of the conference on “Strengthening local development through cooperation” is to exchange on how to support transnational and inter-territorial cooperation in the EU and with Third Countries. More specifically the event aims to:

- Promote peer learning between LEADER/CLLD stakeholders (Managing Authorities, Paying Agencies, NRNs, LAGs etc.) on improving delivery and harmonising rules for cooperation projects;
- Reflect on and highlight the applicability of local development methodologies in different rural areas within and outside Europe;
- Offer opportunities to strengthen cooperation between local partnerships within the EU and with neighbouring countries, and globally.





8:00 - 9:00

Registration at the Stella Polare Conference Centre

9:00 - 9:30

Setting the scene - introduction to the day

Welcome (Mihail DUMITRU, DG AGRI)

Overview of the objectives and agenda

(Urszula BUDZICH-TABOR, John GRIEVE, ENRD CP)

Keynote speech:

The challenges and practice of bottom-up local development

(Raúl Hernández GARCIADIEGO, Mexico)

9:30 - 10:45

LEADER and beyond: examples of cooperation projects

• **Inter-territorial cooperation:**

“Living on the Edge”

(Kristiina TIMMO, EE)

• **Transnational cooperation (TNC):**

“Mutual learning on local food promotion”

(Helle BØGE BREINDAHL, DK)

• **Cooperation between different EU Funds:**

“LAG-FLAG cooperation in Puglia”

(Nadia DI LIDDO, IT)

10:45 - 11:15

Coffee break in the poster exhibition area

11:15 - 12:15





The EU implementation framework for LEADER cooperation

Overview of the implementation framework and key changes in relation to the previous period

(Karolina JASIŃSKA-MÜHLECK, DG AGRI)

Panel discussion involving different types of actor

(Karolina JASIŃSKA-MÜHLECK, Séverine BRESSAUD, Boban ILIC, Petri RINNE)

- 12:15 - 12:30 **Introduction to the Exchange Platform**
Short presentation of the 10 posters exhibited in the exchange area
- 12:30 - 14:00 **Lunch in the poster exhibition area**
- 14:00 - 15:00 **Parallel workshops: Practical approaches to strengthening local development through cooperation**
-  **1 - How to develop cooperation with Third Countries**
Key challenges in preparing, financing and implementing cooperation projects with non-EU partners
 -  **2 - How to design a supportive delivery system for TNC**
Analysis of key steps to design a well-functioning delivery system for TNC projects and issues that need to be addressed
 -  **3 - How to build capacity for TNC**
What tools can be used to support LAGs at different stages of preparing and implementing cooperation projects
 -  **4 - How to facilitate cooperation between different CLLD Funds**
Exchange between MAs and DGs interested in strengthening cooperation between CLLD Funds at different levels
- 15:30 - 16:00 **Coffee break in the poster exhibition area**
- 16:00 - 17:15 **Exchange Platform**
10 posters with examples of cooperation initiatives will be displayed during the whole day.
During the exchange platform, participants will be able to hear more about these examples and discuss them in small groups.
- 17:15 - 18:00 **Drawing lessons from the exchange: summary and recommendations**
Feedback from workshops and discussion
- Closing comments**
Paul SOTO (ENRD CP) and Matthias LANGEMEYER (DG AGRI)

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