



## European Rural Networks' Assembly

### LEADER Sub-group

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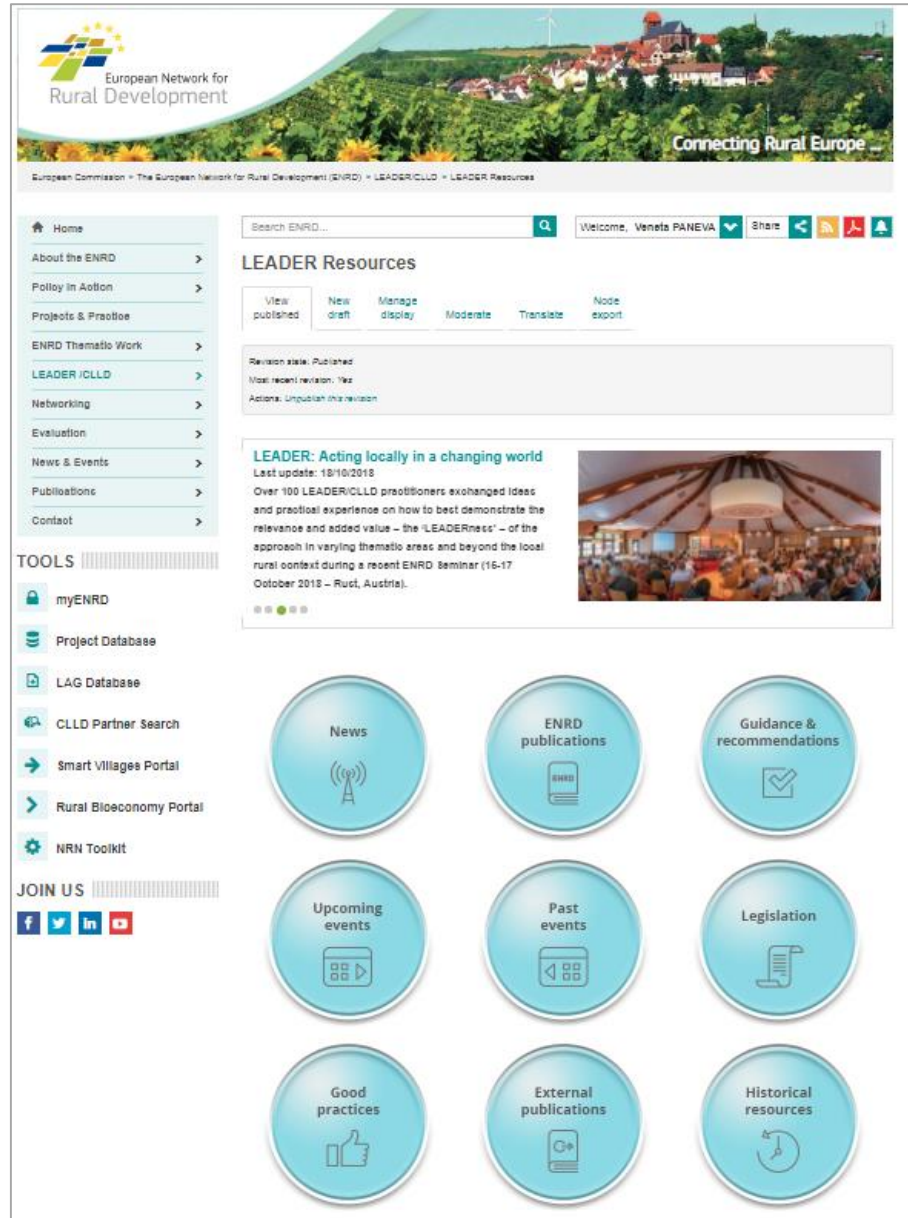
# Activities

- **Focus: Looking ahead more**
  - Improving implementation but more focus on achievement
  - Demonstrating this and communicating it better
  - Building on analysis and feedback
  - Strengthen links to networking / NRNs
- **Survey analysis – including Member State**
- **Website updates –new structure and links, archive, innovation page, survey page + new material?**
- **LAG database and Partnersearch – phase 2**
- **Country examples – to be completed!**
- **Examples for NetworX and RIA**
- **Simplification Practitioner Led Working Group**
- **Smart Villages Thematic Group**



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The screenshot shows the LEADER Resources website interface. At the top, there is a banner with the ENRD logo and the text "Connecting Rural Europe". Below the banner is a navigation menu with options like Home, About the ENRD, Policy in Action, Projects & Practice, ENRD Thematic Work, LEADER/CLLD, Networking, Evaluation, News & Events, Publications, and Contact. A search bar is located at the top right, and a user profile for "Veneta PANEVA" is visible. The main content area features a "LEADER Resources" section with a revision status of "Published" and a list of actions. Below this is a featured article titled "LEADER: Acting locally in a changing world" with a last update of 18/10/2018. The article text states: "Over 100 LEADER/CLLD practitioners exchanged ideas and practical experience on how to best demonstrate the relevance and added value – the 'LEADERness' – of the approach in varying thematic areas and beyond the local rural context during a recent ENRD Seminar (16-17 October 2018 – Ruct, Austria)." An image of a seminar is shown to the right of the text. At the bottom of the page, there is a grid of nine circular icons representing different resource categories: News, ENRD publications, Guidance & recommendations, Upcoming events, Past events, Legislation, Good practices, External publications, and Historical resources.

# Events

- Rust Seminar; LEADER: Acting Locally in a changing world
- Prague NRN working with LAGs session
- Smart Villages seminar session on LEADER
- LINC 2018 Rauma
- ELARD Evora
- Member State / NRN missions e.g. France, Denmark, Poland, Ireland.
  
- Simplification PWG
- Smart Villages TG and network
- NetworX
- LINC 2019 Estonia
- Q4 Workshop



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# The LEADER Simplification PWG

- **Launched in October 2018**, with 17 MA, 9 (R)NSU, and 1 PA representatives (from DE, DK, ES, FI, HU, IE, IT, LT, LV, NL, RO, SI, SK, UK)
- **Main objective:** to identify and develop practical initiatives, methods and recommendations applicable now
  - for improving the effectiveness of LEADER delivery
  - and reducing administrative and other burdens for all stakeholders in the LEADER delivery chain
- **Key themes relate to**
  - Application of SCO (for LAG operation and projects)
  - The role of NRNs in simplification of LEADER delivery
  - Reducing ‚gold-plating’ and integrated approaches to simplification along the whole LEADER delivery chain
  - Simplification linked to TNC;
  - Simplification in the multi-funding context
  - Challenges and opportunities for the future
  - Simplification in the context of the Omnibus regulation

## Activities so far & issues discussed

- 2 video meetings & regular presence ensured online (ENRD CP)
- ,new topic - `Other LEADER issues` – for broader discussion
- 1 `face to face` meeting (30 January 2019)
- More engagement needed from PWG members
- Issues discussed: SCOs, `gold-plating` and public procurement rules, evaluating the LEADER management system in relation to delivering LEADER, planning LEADER for the next programming period

## Next steps

- **Focus** on 5 key themes to identify `best practices` in addressing
  - SCOs – EU MS applications,
  - “Beyond 2020” (animation, indicators at MS level, LAGs` payment function, minimising `gold-plating`,
  - `gold-plating` at MS level in this period,
  - simplification at local level and communicating it to beneficiaries,
  - possibilities re` using the new form of financing in LEADER (amended Art 67(1) (e) of the CPR)
- **Schedule:** Online discussions continue / video meeting (March) /at least one more PWG meeting until May 2019
- **More MA, NRN, PA involvement needed**