



Inspirational messages & testimonials



Networking for Policy:

"Future networks should have the capacity to reach out and reduce the distance between Brussels and on the ground, between policies and implementation, between places that work well and less well. We need to do deep networking!"



Building a Network:

“It was all about coming together and finding a common solution.”



Networking for LEADER:

“There is not a single solution but a combination of on and off-line, direct and indirect contacts. Celebrate your success!”



Stakeholder Engagement:

“Engaging with people is more important than ever in our modern, fast-paced world. Use all types of communication – new and old; be relevant; avoid silos and engage the unusual suspects.”



Networking for Evaluation:

“We need to know how the networks are doing their evaluations. And to share good examples and how they are looking at outcomes. Let’s learn from EvaluationWORKS!”



Networking for Innovation:

“The same level of knowledge should be maintained to ensure we continue to work on innovation and AKIS”



“I took a lot of inspiring impressions and fresh ideas from the event with me in my region. Thank you for this great exchange and all the possibilities to get connected with such interesting people and colleagues around Europe. I think this is how we get in touch with what Europe actually is – an amazing network of creative and positive people! That gives power for the everyday work in our region!

Furthermore, I would like to congratulate you and your team for providing us a fantastic atmosphere and exciting contents responding to regional development!”

Felix Fößleitner,
LAG Kalkalpen, Austria



“At the Market Place we had about 30 in-depth conversations between participants and our network members at home via WhatsApp, Skype for Business and FaceTime. It was really fruitful.”

Hans-Olof Stålgren,
Swedish National Rural Network



“I just wanted to say a big Thank You to you and all the ENRD team for an excellent networkX event in Brussels. It was a brilliant opportunity to network with other NRNs, the marketplace was hopping and the Rural Inspiration Awards were wonderful.”

Johnny Sheehan,
Irish National Rural Network



“It was a real pleasure for us to take part in this event, present our projects in the Marketplace and contribute to the sessions and keynote addresses. We had the opportunity to exchange knowledge and information with a large number of experts, making the experience truly enriching.

We greatly appreciate the outcomes and believe that the two days highlighted the strong commitment of the rural actors and promoted effective networking.

Efficient implementation of the rural development programmes is a key priority for us, and the role of rural actors and the networks in achieving this is essential. Rural networks in particular could play an even greater part in the future by empowering rural communities and supporting capacity building. We therefore believe it to be of crucial importance that all the stakeholders involved in these networks have the opportunity to meet, discuss and strengthen their cooperation.”

Joint letter by CEPF, Copa-Cogeca, ELO, Fur Europe, UECEBV



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