

Introduction to the
**ENRD Thematic Group on
'Mainstreaming the Bioeconomy'**

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WHAT, WHO, WHEN

- ✓ A *new* **Thematic Group on Bioeconomy** >> under the ENRD overarching priority of *Greening the rural economy*
- ✓ **~150 members representing 25 EU Member States + 3 third countries (FYROM, MD, NO)** (including NRSs and RDPs' Managing Authorities and Paying Agencies, European organisations, farmers' associations, researchers and private sector representatives)
- ✓ **From July 2018 to June 2019**

...and WHY

- ✓ **Regained momentum** → Revision of the *EU Bioeconomy Strategy* (2017) and *Future CAP proposals*
- ✓ Response to **growing stakeholders' interest** in the topic
- ✓ Increasing **opportunities that bio-based business models have to offer to the development of rural areas** as a consequence of scientific progress, technological evolution, improved knowledge and better awareness

OBJECTIVE(s) & FOCUS

✓ To encourage the development of sustainable bioeconomy **value chains** in rural areas in order to promote employment, economic growth, and social inclusion, while preserving eco-systems



✓ To identify opportunities to further support the development of the bioeconomy through the EU funded *Rural Development Programmes*



HOW / ACTIVITIES



Background research, analytical work on sub-themes identified by TG members



Inventory of good practices



3 main TG meetings

(Oct 2018, Jan and Apr 2019)



2 Twitter chats

(Nov 2018, Feb 2019)



2 video-conferences

(Dec 2018, Mar 2019)



Web portal



Video

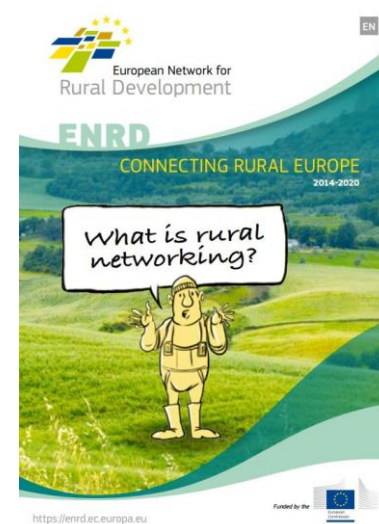
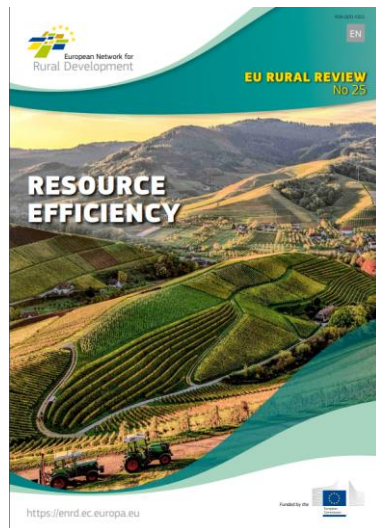


Seminar
(June 2019)

MAIN OUTCOMES

- ✓ Set of recommendations
- ✓ Inventory of case studies
- ✓ Contribution to ENRD Publications (Rural Review & Projects Brochure)
- ✓ Bioeconomy web portal
- ✓ Video

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