



## 1<sup>st</sup> NRN Meeting (2014-2020)

### Working towards the common network objectives

<b>Date and location</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> (pm) & 6 <sup>th</sup> (am) November 2014 - Brussels Renaissance Brussels Hotel, Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels
<b>Rationale</b>	<p>The 1st NRN Meeting (2014-2020) will be primarily targeted at Network Support Unit (NSU) representatives. Subsequent meetings are expected to involve also selected National Rural Network (NRN) stakeholders/stakeholder groups (rather than only NSUs or MAs) based on the 'topic' of the meetings.</p> <p>The main rationale behind the meeting is that the <b>ENRD and NRNs</b> work towards a <b>common set of objectives</b> during the 2014-2020 programming period, namely <i>increasing the involvement of rural stakeholders, improving the quality of rural development programmes, and informing the broader public and potential beneficiaries about rural development programmes</i>. In order to efficiently reach this common set of objectives it is essential that the ENRD and NRNs (and as a first layer of cooperation ENRD Contact Point (CP) and NSUs) support each other through joint working.</p>
<b>Overall aim &amp; specific objectives</b>	<p>The overall aim of the meeting is to develop a <b>shared understanding and initiate the process of cooperation between the ENRD CP and NSUs</b>. More specifically, the meeting aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• introduce participants to the 2014-2020 Rural Networks' (ENRD and EIP) organisation and strategic framework and to the 2014-2020 ENRD Contact Point.</li><li>• explore how the Contact Point, NSUs and NRN members can interact in a mutually supportive manner to achieve common networking objectives using shared tools, approaches and methods.</li></ul>
<b>Programme</b>	<p>The first part of the agenda (Day 1) leads through the governance structure of EU Rural Networks (ENRD and EIP-AGRI-network), the strategic approach and key activities of the ENRD Contact Point. The second part of the agenda (Day 2) allows for <b>exchange among participants</b> building on past experience of NRNs and the ENRD, using an interactive/participative <b>methodology</b>.</p>

## Agenda

### Programme of Day 1

November 5<sup>th</sup>

Timing	Agenda Item
13.30 – 14.00	Registration
14.00 – 14.10	Welcome by DG AGRI by <i>Markus Holzer</i> , DG AGRI Welcome by <i>Paul Soto</i> , Team Leader of ENRD Contact Point (CP)
14.10 – 14.40	<i>Who are we?</i> - Participative icebreaking activity
14.40 – 14.55	<i>'Rural Networks 2014-2020: organisation and strategic framework'</i> by <i>Antonella Zona</i> , DG AGRI
14.55 – 15.10	<i>'Introduction to the strategy and objectives of the 2014-2020 ENRD Contact Point'</i> by <i>Paul Soto</i> , ENRD CP
15.10 – 15.30	Q&A and structured discussion
15.30 – 16.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16.00 – 16.20	<i>'Cooperation among networks: Planned activities and tools of the ENRD to support the work of NSUs and NRNs &amp; cooperation with other Networks'</i> by <i>Mike Gregory</i> , ENRD CP
16.20 – 16.40	Q&A and structured discussion
16.40 – 16.50	Briefing & Introduction to the working groups of the following day
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19.00 – 22.00	<i>Networking dinner</i>

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### Programme of Day 2

November 6<sup>th</sup>

Timing	Agenda Item
8.30 – 9.00	<i>Arrival &amp; coffee</i>
9.00 – 9.15	Introduction to the Day ( <i>Plenary room</i> )
9.15 – 10.45	<i>Working together: How do we achieve common network objectives?</i> - Participative working groups:  A. Increasing the involvement of rural stakeholders B. Improving the quality of RDPs C. Communicating about RDPs
10.45 – 11.10	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.10 – 11.40	Plenary: Summary of main findings of the working group outcomes
11.40 – 11.50	Next steps: Upcoming networking activities and events (ENRD & NRN)
11.50 – 12.30	Marketplace: Exploring ENRD-NRN joint working
12.30 – 12.45	Closing remarks
12.45 – 13.45	<i>Buffet Lunch &amp; End of meeting</i>