21st NRN Meeting

Morning breakout session – World Cafe

(11.00 – 12.15)

Background material

Group 1: Food Supply Chains

A sustainable food system is essential if the EU is to achieve the climate, environmental and economic objectives of the Green Deal. The Farm to Fork Strategy supports the transition to a sustainable food system by putting the emphasis on new opportunities whilst also addressing the challenges of sustainable food systems. It is envisaged that the transition to a sustainable food system will be supported by the new CAP. Primary producers should be supported in this transition through initiatives to strengthen their position in the food supply chain and promote transparency and producer co-operation.
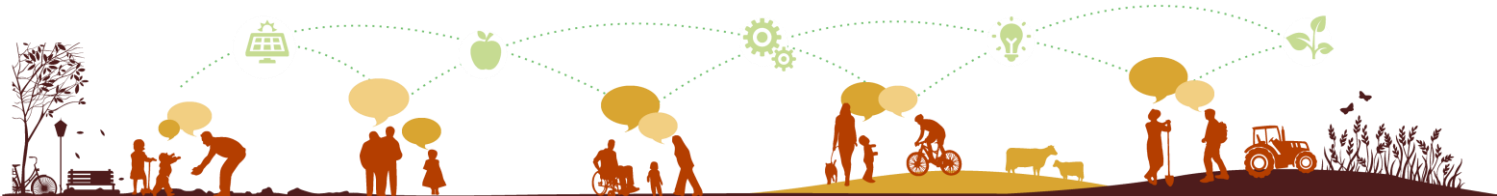
Questions for the discussion:

- **What are the key issues in relation to food supply chains that you have been working on or are envisaging for near future?**
- **What sort of topics in this area would you be interested in being covered through EU-level networking?**
- **Do you have any examples of good practice / success stories in your countries?**

Group 2: Environment and Climate

Enhanced environmental and climate action in the agriculture and forest sectors and rural areas is essential to meet the objectives of the EU Green Deal, the targets set out in the Farm to Fork and Biodiversity strategies and EU and national environmental and climate commitments and priorities and ultimately to secure long term food production.

The CAP is the main source of funding in this area and the new CAP Strategic Plan (CSP) regulation requires Member States to demonstrate increased environmental and climate

ambition in their forthcoming CSPs. This could provide a real opportunity to scale up environmental and climate action across the agriculture and forest sectors to meet EU and national targets and priorities.

Questions for the discussion:

- **What are the key issues in relation to environment and climate that you have been working on or are envisaging for near future?**
- **What sort of topics in this area would you be interested in being covered through EU-level networking?**
- **Do you have any examples of good practice / success stories in your countries?**

Group 3: Long Term Vision for Rural Areas

On 30 June 2021, the European Commission put forward the Vision for rural areas in 2040, identifying the challenges and concerns that they are facing, as well as highlighting some of the most promising opportunities that are available to these territories. Based on a foresight exercise and wide consultations with citizens as well as other actors in rural areas, the rural Vision proposes a number of features that will contribute to achieve the common ambition by 2040, including a Rural Pact and a EU Rural Action Plan, which aim to make rural Europe stronger, connected, resilient and prosperous. Rural networks played a key role in ensuring stakeholder involvement in the preparation of the Vision and are also expected to do so for its implementation.

Questions for the discussion:

- **What are the key issues in relation to the Vision that you have been working on or are envisaging for near future?**
- **What elements of the Vision would you be interested in being covered through EU-level networking?**
- **Do you have any examples of initiatives that translate the Vision in your country or of other activities related to the Vision at national/regional/local?**