



Special Edition NRN Meeting The role of NRNs in supporting LEADER/CLLD

Programme

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EU Pavilion, Expo Milan





Background

The Special Edition National Rural Network (NRN) Meeting is part of a two-day event (24-25 September 2015) organised by the ENRD Contact Point and DG AGRI within the framework of Expo Milano 2015.

The overall objective of the events is to improve LEADER/CLLD implementation, with specific focus on strengthening NRNs' capacity to provide support and guidance to LEADER/CLLD stakeholders and to boost transnational and inter-territorial cooperation.

Objectives of the NRN Meeting

One of the main tasks of NRNs is 'to provide training and support for LAGs and, in particular, technical assistance for inter-territorial and transnational cooperation'.

The main objective of the NRN meeting is to strengthen the capacity of Network Support Units (NSUs) & NRNs to provide support and guidance to LEADER/CLLD stakeholders through mutual learning and exchange of relevant experience among Managing Authorities (MAs), NRNs and LAGs. More specifically, the meeting aims to:

- Improve NSUs' understanding of available tools and practices for providing support to LAGs and other LEADER/CLLD stakeholders;
- Improve NSUs' understanding of the support needs of both MAs and LAGs;
- Improve MAs' and LAGs' understanding of the potential of networks to improve LEADER delivery and the capacity of LAGs.



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- 10:00 **Registration (in the NH Fiera Milano Hotel)**
- 10:45 - 12:30 **Transfer to Expo Milano - Visit of the EU Pavilion**
- 12:30 - 13:30 **Welcome lunch**
- 13:30 - 13:50 **Introduction**
- Welcome by DG AGRI**
Aldo LONGO (Director DG AGRI)
- What to expect?**
Structure & content of the meeting
Edina OCSKO (ENRD Contact Point)
- The role of NRNs in providing training and networking for Local Action Groups**
Paul SOTO (ENRD Contact Point)
- 13:50 - 15:30 **NRN support to improve LEADER delivery**
- Main issues & challenges in LEADER delivery**
Joanna GIERULSKA (Ministry of Agriculture & Rural Development, Poland)
- Improving the coordination of funds: Multi-funded approaches in the French Regions**
Nathalie PROUHEZE (National Rural Network, France)
- Improving LEADER delivery through coordination between delivery stakeholders**
Jan Drazsky FLORIAN (National LAG Network of the Czech Republic)
- Improving the implementation of transnational and inter-territorial cooperation**
Alistair PRIOR (Scottish Government)
- Panel members:**
Joanna GIERULSKA, Barbara LOFERER-LAINER, Hans-Olof STALGREN, David WILFORD & Speakers
- 15:30 - 16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00 - 17:30

The role of NRNs in capacity-building and training for LAGs

Introduction: Results of the NRN Survey on supporting LAGs through capacity building

Edina OCSKO (ENRD CP)

Continuous improvement of Finnish LEADER work

Juha-Matti MARKKOLA (Finnish NRN)

Thematic support to LAGs – The case of social inclusion

Hans-Olof STALGREN (Swedish NRN)

‘Across the country’ - Supporting Roma inclusion from a local perspective

Csaba BOHA (Zala County Roma Association, Hungary)

17:30 - 18:30

Closing of the event & future work of the ENRD

Main conclusions and future actions

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Future work of the ENRD with NRNs – Presentation and discussion about future ENRD activities

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Closing remarks

18:30 - 19:30

Cocktail & networking dinner

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