

# ENRD, NRN and Rural Proofing

Update from the Innovation Camp



# Cork 2.0 Declaration

“systematically review other macro and sectorial policies through a rural lens, considering potential and actual impacts and implications on rural jobs and growth and development prospects, social well-being, and the environmental quality of rural areas and communities”





# The Innovative team at the Innovation Camp

NSU from:

- Finland
- England
- Estonia
- Hungary
- Germany
- Sweden



The European Agricultural Fund  
for Rural Development:  
Europe investing in rural areas



The Swedish  
Rural Network <sup>2020</sup>

# Rural networks can play a role

*“Rural proofing is a wider concept than just official consultations and checklists. NRN’s stakeholder involvement activities could be seen as part of the process.”* **Ave Bremse**, Estonian NRN

*“The role of the NRN in rural proofing is to show the human stories behind the quantitative evidence, to get the passion raised, so that people can understand the real impact of the policy on rural communities.”* **James Elliott**, UK England NRN

*“The NRN brings stakeholders together in a neutral space to identify the various pieces of the jigsaw, until the full picture becomes visible to all.”* **Maria Gustafson**, Swedish NRN



# Additional steps to take

- continue the discussion with the support of the ENRD CP enlarging the group to other NSUs,
- fill the knowledge gap on the state of play of the implementation of rural proofing in Europe,
- create an event to draw attention at European level on the importance of rural proofing.

# State of play

- Draft Working plan
- Background document for discussion (in process): Factsheet NRNs perspective and experience on Rural Proofing (EE, FI, SE, UK)
- Contribution to the Rural Connections (Autumn 2017) ENRD Magazine (*Achieved*)
- Discussions during this meeting
- Invitation to **on line Discussion meetings**

# Proposed objectives

- To identify and fill-in knowledge gaps on the importance of rural proofing and what it can achieve
- To increase awareness among NRNs on what rural proofing is and exchange experience about it
- To identify if and how the NRNs are able to and should play a role supporting rural proofing processes
- To drive recommendations for national and EU policy-makers

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