

## Agenda

### ‘Unlocking the Potential of the RDPs’

Renaissance Brussels Hotel, rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Brussels

Monday 01.02.2016

Timing 🕒	Agenda item 📅
08:30-09:00	<b>Coffee and registration</b>
09:00-09:10	<b>Welcome by Jerzy Plewa, Director-General, DG AGRI</b>
09.10-10.30	<p><b>Main lessons and messages from the new RDPs</b></p> <p>Chair <b>Mihail Dumitru</b>, Deputy Director General, DG AGRI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Overview of the RDPs: <b>Guido Castellano</b> DG AGRI</li> <li>○ European Structural and Investment Funds. Investing in Jobs and Growth: <b>Moray Gilland</b> DG REGIO</li> <li>○ Findings from the ex-ante synthesis <b>Wolfgang Pfefferkorn</b> Ex-ante evaluator, Kantor Management Consultants</li> <li>○ Comments and questions from the floor</li> </ul>
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00-12.00	<p><b>Perspectives from the Managing Authorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Jan Gerrit Deelen</b>, Managing Authority, The Netherlands</li> <li>○ <b>Franz-Josef Strauss</b>, Rhineland-Palatine, Germany</li> <li>○ <b>Gilles Martin</b>, Managing Authority, Rhone-Alpes, France</li> <li>○ Comments and questions from the floor</li> </ul>
12.00-12.15	<p><b>Introduction to the afternoon workshops</b></p> <p><b>Zelie Peppiette</b>, DG AGRI</p>

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12:15-13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30- 16:00	<b>Opportunities for improving RDP implementation</b> Two rounds of working groups
13.30-14.30	<b>Round one workshops: the process of preparing the RDPs</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What worked best in targeting rural development operations towards identified needs? How far are identified needs reflected in focus areas and the performance framework?</li> <li>2. What were the main bottlenecks in programme design and programme presentation? What is the scope for simplification?</li> </ol>
14.30-15.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.00-16.00	<b>Round two workshops: the implementation of the RDPs</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. What is the scope for further unlocking unused potential and what needs to be done to achieve this?</li> <li>4. How can we improve the development and sharing of good practice on programming and reporting on results (role of networks, guidance documents, etc.)?</li> </ol>
16:00-17:00	<b>Results of the working groups</b>
17:00-17:15	Conclusions and next steps: <b>Mihail Dumitru</b> , Deputy Director General, DG AGRI