**European Rural Networks'
Assembly**

Priorities and activities of the
ENRD Contact Point

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General and specific objectives of EU Rural Networks (NEW)

	Enhance participation	**Improve the policy quality**	**Increase awareness**
General Objectives			

Specific Objectives

Enhance participation

A. **Stakeholders' involvement** in rural development

B. Dialogue between farmers and research community

C. Inclusion of all stakeholders in the knowledge exchange process

Improve the policy quality

D. **Exchange of expertise and good practice**

E. **Improve the quality of RDPs**

F. Support the evaluation of RDPs

Increase awareness

G. **Informing the broader public on the benefits of rural development policy**

Putting SG priority themes into practice

1. **Simplification**

2. **Advisory services-knowledge transfer-innovation**

3. **Local food- short supply chain- urban-rural, small farms**

4. **Pillar 1- Pillar 2 linkages**

5. **Demographic change + social inclusion**

6. **Multifund approaches**

7. **Green economy, Jobs + growth**

8. **Starting up NRNs**

9. **Evaluating network activities**

10. **Climate change**

Subgroups

Thematic Groups

Focus groups

Events

Five CP Priorities

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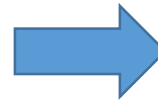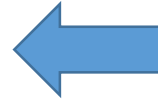# ENRD CP 5 Priorities

Capacity building and peer exchange

1. More effective and simpler **programme implementation**

2. Strengthening **NRNs and NSUs**

3. Simpler and more effective **CLLD**

Thematic work

4. **Smart and competitive** rural areas

5. Promoting the transition to a **green economy** in rural areas

Cross-cutting activities

- RDP analysis
- Good practices

- Communication
- Coordination with other networks + self assessment

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1. More effective and simpler programme implementation

- **RDP analysis + screening**
- **Good programming practices**
- Conference "Unlocking the potential of the RDPs"
- **3-4 Workshops?**
- Tools – FAQs, guides
- Web based exchange platforms
- Publications

Objectives
- **RDP quality**
- Stakeholder involvement

Targets
- **Managing Authorities**,
- Paying Agencies
- Desk Officers
- Beneficiaries

2. Strengthening NRNs and NSUs

- **3 Workshops**
  - Self Assessment
  - Operational Groups
  - **?**
- **3 NRN Meetings**
  - Leader/CLLD
  - **? ?**
- Good practices *in networking*
- NRN Toolkit
- NRN mapping + fiches
- Website exchange platforms
- Publications

Objectives
- **Stakeholder involvement** for
- RDP quality

Targets

- **NSUs/NRNs**
- MAs
- LAGs

3. Simpler and more effective CLLD

- **3 Workshops**
  - Simplified costs
  - Social inclusion – migrants?
  - Cooperation
- **2 Subgroup meetings**
  - Broader cooperation - Milan
  - ?
- Leader toolkit
- Cooperation landscape
- LAG data base and partner search
- FAQs

Objectives
- **RDP quality** via
- **Stakeholder involvement**

Targets

- **MAs**
- **NSUs/NRNs for**
- **LAGs**

4. Smart and competitive rural areas

- **3 Thematic Group Meetings Seminar**
- **EU Rural Review**
- **Report**

- RDP analysis and screening
- Good practices and case studies

- **Recommendations and tools for Advisors, Leader, MAs, NRNs**
- Website exchange platforms

Objectives

- **RDP quality via**
- **Stakeholder involvement**
- Broader **communication**

Targets

- **RD stakeholders**

4. Smart and competitive rural areas: refining the topics

Smart Villages
- Connecting rural services and communities
- Creating smart villages and destinations

Smart Supply Chains
- Adapting producer capabilities to market opportunities
- Improving market access and added value

Smart Agriculture
- Sharing knowledge – networks & advisory services
- Using shared technology, machinery and big data

Strategic and integrated use of funding

ICT & Rural Broadband

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5. Promoting the transition to a green economy

- **3-4 Thematic Group Meetings**
- **Seminar**
- **EU Rural Review**
- **Report**

- Specific RDP analysis and screening
- Good practices and case studies

- **Recommendations and tools for Advisors, Leader, MA, NRN....**

- Website exchange platforms

Objectives

- **RDP quality via**
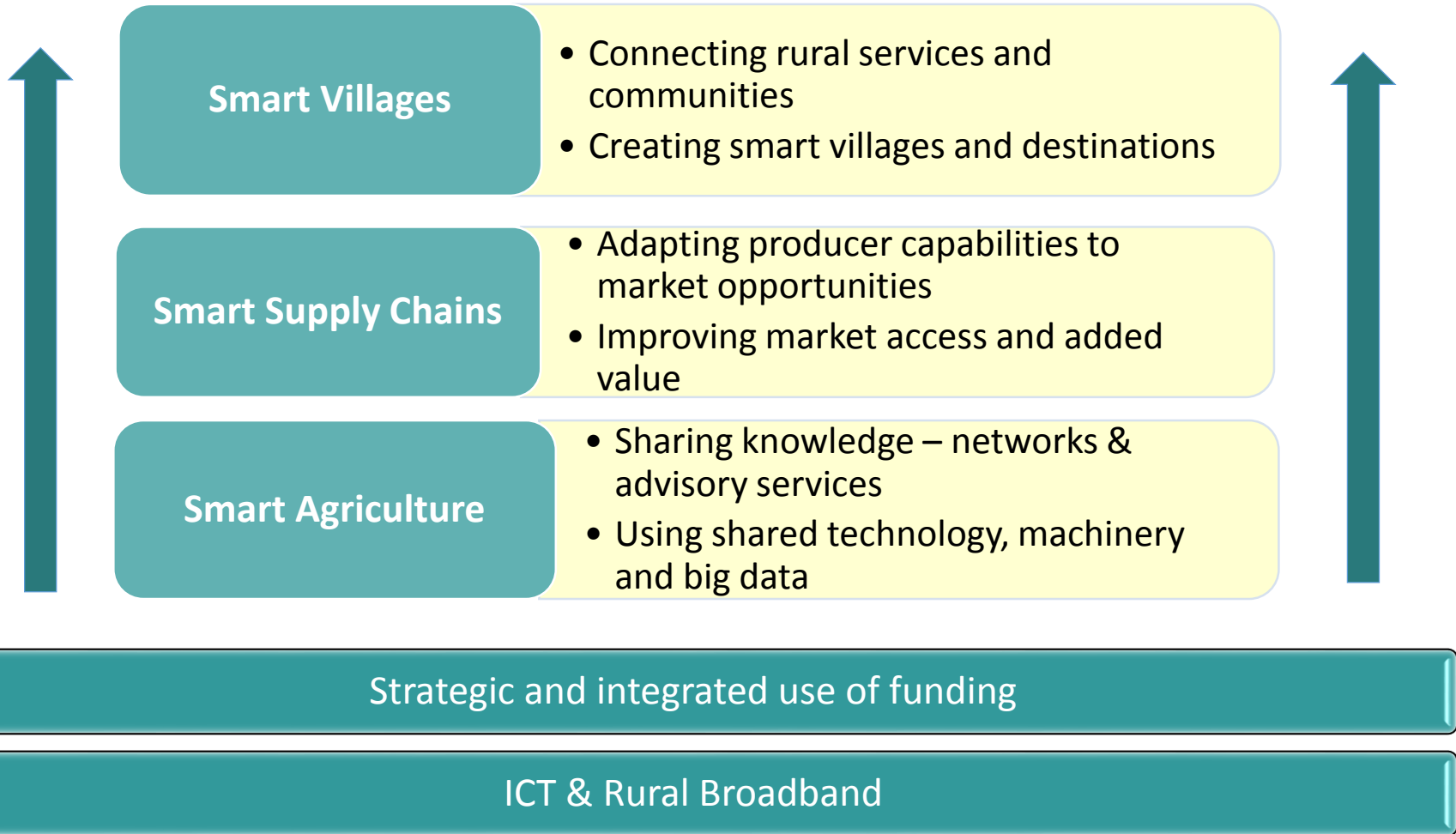- **Stakeholder involvement**
- Broader **communication**

Targets

- **RD stakeholders**

5. Promoting the transition to a green economy: themes and activities

Activities for support

Green technologies

Energy efficiency – supply chain

Green public procurement

Green infrastructure

And many others?

Transition to Green Economy

Low carbon

Energy Resource Efficiency

Biodiversity

Sustainable jobs

Water efficiency

Green Tourism

Provisional Roadmap

		September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July
Capacity Building												
P1	RDPs					1st WS RDP Implem. ---------- RDP Conference 24/11/2015	2nd WS RDP Implem.		3rd WS on RDP Implem.		4th WS RDP Implem.	
P2	NRNs	NRN Meeting Special Edition 24/09/2015 Milan	NRN WS1 19/10/2015 -------------- NRN WS2 27-28/10/2015 Tallinn				NRN Meeting TBC		NRN WS3 TBC	NRN Meeting 11-12/05/2016 The Netherlands		
P3	Capacity Building in CLLD	Conference Strengthening CLLD through cooperation 25/09/2015 Milan				1st CLLD WS 19/01/2016	LEADER/ CLLD sub-group meeting 16/02/2016	2nd CLLD WS 17/03/2016			3rd CLLD WS	
Integrated Work Themes												
P4	Smart and Competitive Rural Areas			1st TG 18/11/2015		2nd TG 28/01/2016		3rd TG	1st ENRD Seminar	4th TG		
P5	Green Economy				1st TG 16/12/2015		2nd TG	3rd TG		2nd ENRD Seminar	4th TG	
	Assembly and Steering Group		RN SG meeting 20/10/2015	RN Assembly 26/11/2015			RN SG meeting 04/03/2016				RN SG meeting 16/11/2016	