



European Rural Networks' Assembly

Agenda

3rd Meeting, 1 December 2016

Centre Albert Borschette (room 0A)

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Context and objectives of the meeting

The Rural Networks' Assembly is the main governance body of the ENRD and the EIP-Agri network. A strategic framework for the networks has been put in place and 2016 has effectively been the second full year of the networks' activities in the 2014-2020 programming period.

The objectives of the 3rd meeting of the Assembly are to:

- Take stock of the EU rural network activities in the context of their strategic framework.
- Discuss and make proposals for the 2017 priority activities of the European Rural Networks reflecting on the outcomes of Cork 2.0
- Take forward digitisation with rural stakeholders.

Outline agenda

Timing	Agenda item
Chair: Aldo Longo, Director, General Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Development	
08.30 – 09.30	<i>Registration</i>
09.30 – 10.00	<p>Welcome and introduction</p> <p>Keynote message by Phil Hogan, Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development</p>
10.00 – 11.00	<p>Assessment of Rural Network Activities</p> <p><i>Report back and assessment by Steering Group members - past activities: what worked and what should be improved?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of activities from stakeholders' perspective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Managing Authorities ○ National Rural Networks ○ European Organisations, Agricultural Research Organisations and Agricultural Advisory Service Providers • The Strategic Framework and assessment of network activities
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30 – 13.00	<p>Developing new activities based on the Cork 2.0 Declaration</p> <p>Presentation of current and planned network activities, and linkages with the Cork 2.0 Declaration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cork 2.0 and Rural Network Activities planned so far • Taking Cork 2.0 forward. Proposals from the Steering Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Managing Authorities ○ National Rural Networks ○ European Organisations, Agricultural Research Organisations and Agricultural Advisory Service Providers <p>Questions and discussion about how Assembly members can be involved and contribute to the different kinds of activities</p>
13.00 – 14.30	<i>Lunch break</i>

14.30 – 15.30	<p>Digitisation – setting the scene</p> <p><i>Context, objectives and upcoming work on Digitisation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past and ongoing initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commission ○ EU rural networks
15.30 – 16.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.00 – 17.00	<p>Digitisation – the role for rural stakeholders</p> <p>4 parallel workshops by stakeholder group focusing on issues and opportunities</p>
17.00 – 17.15	<p>Reporting back to Plenary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report by workshop
17.15 – 17.30	<p>Next steps & Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up-coming events and activities • Closing remarks