

ENRD SEMINAR

“Changing our Mindsets - Seizing opportunities in the Green Economy”

AGENDA

Brussels, 1 July 2016

*Berlaymont Building
Brussels, Belgium*

Background and objectives

A one-day ENRD seminar to look at the practical opportunities for promoting the Green Economy through the Rural Development Programmes. The event is designed for all those involved in the implementation of the Rural Development Programmes from EU, national, regional and local levels.

The aim is to share experiences, provide examples and to generate concrete proposals for ensuring that the Rural Development Programmes support rural stakeholders to benefit fully from all the opportunities that a greener economy will bring.

Agenda:

8.30 – 9.30	Registration of participants
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9.30 – 9.45	Welcome and introductory remarks <i>Mauro Poinelli, DG AGRI</i>
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9.45 – 10.30	Plenary: Emerging policy opportunities for the Green Economy in rural areas <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The green economy agenda and its relevance to rural development policy, <i>David Baldock, Institute for European Environmental Policy</i>• Meeting the challenges facing the agricultural sector: what role can the green growth agenda play? <i>Dimitris Diakosavvas, OECD</i>
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10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
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11.00 – 12.30	Plenary: How to use the RDPs to build successful green economy projects <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Snapshots of inspirational green economy projects. Practical examples of how the RDPs can be used to create the conditions for such projects.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Baltic Sea Action Group (FI)- Examples of green economy in practice in Finland, <i>Eija Hagelberg</i>○ Green economy integrated in the Emilia-Romagna RDP, (IT), <i>Dr. Guido Violini</i>
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- The green economy in the EU: overview of success factors for both projects and programmes. *Dr. Ben Allen, IEEP*
 - Panel to explore how the RDPs can meet real needs on the ground.
 - *Robert Hall, Ecolise*
 - *Faustine Bas-Defossez EEB*
 - *Liisa Pietola, Copa Cogeca*
 - *Kevin Austin, Welsh MA*
 - *Christine Falter, DG Agri*
 - Introduction to the Afternoon Workshops, *David Lamb ENRD Contact Point*
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12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch*

14.00 – 15.30 **Parallel workshops: RDP tools for promoting the key drivers of the green economy**

- Workshop 1 - Climate change, the low carbon economy and renewable energy
 - Generating value from landscape management, *Annelies Waegeman, BE(FL)*
 - The IRRIFRAME study on water efficiency, *Maria Valentina Lasorella IT(E-R)*
 - Workshop 2 - Efficiency of resource use by land managers and other rural businesses
 - The Palopuro agro-ecological symbiosis, *Kari Koppelmäki, (FI)*
 - Supporting the green economy through the Welsh RDP, *Dr. Kevin Austin, UK (W)*
 - Workshop 3 - Innovation, cooperation and community led strategies
 - The ecovillage community led initiative in Sweden, *Robert Hall, Ecolise, (SE)*
 - Integrating renewable energy and waste management on a dairy farm in Romania, *Nancy Samargiu, (RO)*
 - Tomato Masters integrating tomato production, renewable energy and aquaculture, *Johan Vlaemynck, (BE)*
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15:30 – 15:45 **Break**

15.45 – 16.30 **Final Plenary and Next Steps**

- Feedback from workshops and discussion
 - Summary - *David Baldock (Institute for European Environmental Policy)*
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