

ENRD SEMINAR

Opportunities and future perspectives for Resource Efficiency in Rural Areas

13 JUNE 2017

Albert Borschette Conference Centre, Brussels

Background

A one-day ENRD seminar to look at the practical opportunities for promoting Resource Efficiency 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 seminar aims to build on the activities and findings of the ENRD Thematic Group on Resource Efficient Rural Economy to discuss the key factors enabling the effective pursuit of the resource efficient use and management of water and soils through RDPs and the implications for rural development policy design and delivery to 2020 and beyond.

Objectives

The objectives of the seminar are to:

- Highlight the value of the resource efficiency agenda with respect to rural economies and its relationship with EU policy priorities;
- Identify the role that rural development policy can play in harnessing the opportunities for promoting resource efficiency in rural areas, with a focus on water and soils;
- Present and discuss the findings, lessons learned and good practice examples from the ENRD Thematic Group on Resource Efficient Rural Economy and explore their applicability at European level;
- Consider the short and longer terms implications for rural development policy development, design and implementation.

AGENDA - Tuesday 13th June 2017

08.30 – 09.30 **Registration of participants**

09.30 – 09.45 **Welcome and introductory remarks** - Mario Milouchev, Director, DG AGRI

09.45 – 10.30 **Framing the opportunities for Resource Efficiency in Rural Areas**

- *Resource Efficient Rural Areas - International and EU Policy Context* - Kaley Hart, ENRD Contact Point – IEEP
- *The role of RDPs in promoting resource efficiency* - Krzysztof Sulima, DG AGRI
- *Resource Efficient Rural Areas: Support programmed through RDPs across the EU* – Silvia Nanni, ENRD Contact Point – IEEP

Q&A

- *Introduction to the Workshops* – Paul Soto, ENRD Contact Point
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10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee break*

11.00 – 12.15 **Parallel workshops: How to achieve sustainable soil and water use in rural areas – Testing the findings and emerging lessons learned from the ENRD Thematic Group on Resource Efficient Rural Economy**

Workshop 1: Exploring the benefits for farmers of enhancing action on the sustainable use of water and soil resources

- *Presentation on the voluntary guidelines for sustainable soil management* - Josiane Masson, DG ENV
- *Exploring the benefits of increased resource efficiency for farmers – Examples from Finland's RDP* - Kari Koppelmäki, University of Finland, Finland
- *Exploring the benefits of increased resource efficiency for farmers – The Ruoizzi Farm-Fabrizio Ruoizzi, Ruoizzi Farm, Italy & Silvia Nanni, ENRD Contact Point – IEEP*

Workshop 2: Exploring the varying factors for achieving effective and coherent policy design and implementation of RDPs in relation to resource efficiency

- *Combination of measures - examples from Sweden* - Emma Svensson, Swedish Board of Agriculture, Sweden
 - *Social and economic role of agri-environment payments* - Kovacs Krasznai Eszter, University of Cambridge & Kaloczkai Agnes, Centre for Ecological Research, Hungary
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Workshop 3: Exploring the role of knowledge exchange in improving outcomes and ways in which this can be enhanced through RDPs

- *Exploring the role of knowledge exchange in Finland - Eija Hagelberg, Baltic Sea Action Group, Finland*
- *The evolving role of the private sector in fostering resource-efficient agricultural knowledge and innovation systems - Koen Van Keer, Yara, Belgium*

12.15 – 12.45 **Feedback from workshops and discussion in plenary**

12.45 – 14.15 *Lunch*

14.15 – 14.45 **Future perspectives for the design and implementation of rural development policy**

- *Priorities of work in resource efficiency, link with rural development programmes - Caroline Pottier, DG ENV*
- *Technological developments for water resource efficiency - Tim Hess, Cranfield university, United Kingdom*
- *Joint DG AGRI and DG ENV task force on promoting sustainable water management – Claudia Muresan, DG AGRI*

Q&A

- *Introduction to the afternoon Workshops – Paul Soto, ENRD Contact Point*

14.45 – 16.00 **Parallel workshops**

Workshop 4: Planning tools and their use at different scales covering both water and soils

- *RBMP as the main water planning tools: Optimising links between RBMPs & RDPs - Claire McCamphill, DG ENV*
- *Data driven soil sampling protocol towards a harmonized soil database - Pál Goda, Discovery R&D Center, Hungary*
- *Resource efficiency in the RDP in Italy – Emilia-Romagna Case study – Danilo Marandola, CREA, Italy*

Workshop 5: Knowledge and technology exchange: practical examples of RDP supported knowledge & technology exchange

- *Operational Group Controlled Traffic Farming - Greet Ghekiere, Inagro Belgium*
- *Robbe's Little Garden – Robert Jordas, Robbes Little Garden Ltd, Finland*

Workshop 6: Developing results based approaches

- *Developing Result-based Approaches – Experience from England - Stephen Chaplin, Natural England, United Kingdom*
- *Result based payments for resource efficiency? – Clunie Keenleyside, ENRD Contact Point - IEEP*

16:00 – 16:30

Coffee break

16.30 – 17.15

Final Plenary and Concluding Remarks

- Feedback from workshops and discussion
 - Drawing together key messages from the day and final remarks – Mario Milouchev, Director, DG AGRI
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