



European Network for
Rural Development

Update on the activities of the ENRD Contact Point

10th Rural Networks' Steering Group

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Multi-annual framework for ENRD CP activities

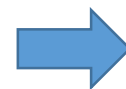
Capacity building and peer exchange

1. More effective and simpler programme implementation
2. Strengthening NRNs and NSUs
3. Simpler and more effective CLLD



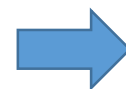
Thematic work

4. Smart and competitive rural areas
5. Supporting the transition to the green economy in rural areas
6. Promoting social inclusion in rural areas and complementary thematic priorities



Cross-cutting activities

RDP Analysis
Good practices
Communication
Network Coordination



P1 - Support to more effective and simpler programme implementation

Up to four events targeted at MAs and PAs – Topics primarily related to the new delivery model

- Seminar on Key Steps for CAP Strategic Planning 23/10/2018
- Risk Management (end 2018 or early 2019 TBC)
- Improving farm performance (Feb 2019 TBC)
- **Tentative title/topic under consideration:** Future CAP Strategic plan / New delivery model (TBC)

New topics of time-bound importance to MAs and PA's and from the EC's perspective may be identified during the course of the year, and events organised accordingly

Three EU-wide NRN meetings

Estonia Sept 2018, Ireland Feb 2019, Romania May/June 2019 (TBC)

networX – Rural Networking Event (11-12 April 2019)

Networking
for Policy

Building a
network

Networks as
ecosystems

LEADER/CLLD

NRNs in
action

Stakeholder
involvement



Working more closely with Agricultural, Environmental, Territorial, and Social organisations



Peer-to-peer exchanges & Multi-speed clusters



Added value of Networking & Good Practice competition with NRNs

NRN toolkit / CNS /
NRN Profiles / EU-
wide screening of
NRN activities (TBC)

Engagement strengthened
through two NRN Events

1. Workshop on Good Practices /
Project examples 08/11/18
2. TBC

Focus on Improving and Demonstrating the
Achievements of LEADER

More engagement with **all the delivery chain actors** = smarter outcomes

LEADER related events

- 'LEADER: Acting Locally in a Changing World'
15-17 Oct 2018 Austria
- LEADER / CLLD Subgroup meeting, (31/01/2019)
- Possible further event (Spring 2019, Topic TBC)

LAG DB / Partner Search Tool / Web resources / Support to non-ENRD events

P4 – Thematic Group on Smart Villages

Building on the last 3 years of Thematic Groups on Smart and competitive rural areas and bring together both the economic and service aspects of Smart Villages.

PROOFING POLICY INSTRUMENTS

how existing policy instruments and funds (both EAFRD and others) can be used in a more integrated way for Smart Villages, including those relevant for digital innovation.

PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS (EXCHANGE OF PRACTICES)

between those MS and regions that are relatively advanced in developing Smart Villages and others that are interested in doing so.

Up to 4 TG meetings / various policy briefs and case studies. Further development of the web portal

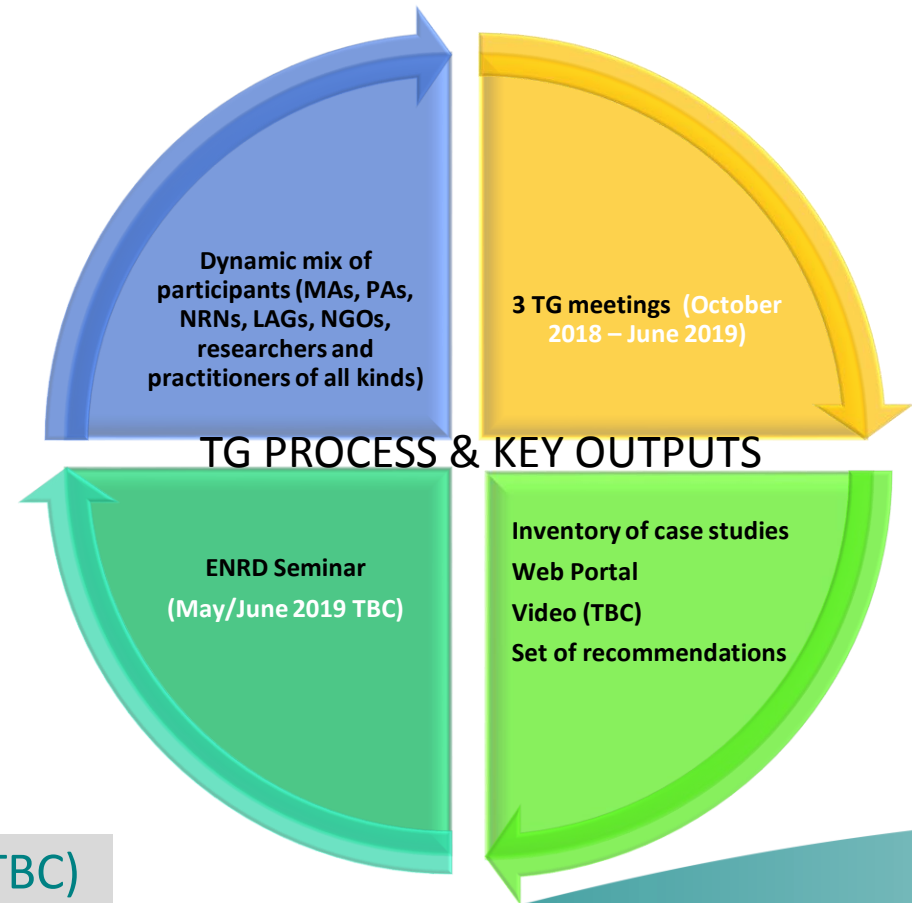
P5 – Thematic Group ‘Mainstreaming the bio-economy’ + Biodiversity workshop

Building on the last 3 years of Thematic Groups on the Green economy and **exploring the latest developments in the bio-economy** and the contribution of bio-based business models to the sustainable economic development of rural areas.

Recommendations on how the **design of RD interventions** could be improved to encourage and support the **growth of a sustainable bio-economy in rural areas.**



Workshop on **Biodiversity** (January 2019 TBC)



P6 – Social inclusion and complementary thematic activities

Generational renewal and making rural areas attractive for young people

- Analyses of access to land, finance and knowledge
- Exploring the practical ways that MS are making rural areas more attractive for young people

Complementary thematic activities

Focus on Depopulation

- Depending on needs identified and resources, further topics can be considered

Two ENRD events
Spring 2019 (TBC)

ENRD Communications

Website

The Most Important Communications Channel

- continuously updated and enhanced -

Social media & communication methods

- Further develop social media channels
- More audio/video material
- **Improve timeliness** - short extracts from forthcoming publications and other communications

And not forgetting ENRD Publications...

12 Monthly Newsletters / 2 Rural Connections / 2 EU Rural Reviews (first on Networking) / 2 Project brochures (first on Youth)

