**European Rural Networks'
Steering Group**

Preparation of the Rural Networks' Assembly

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**3rd Meeting
Brussels - 20 October 2015**

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2nd Meeting
26 November 2015

Objectives:

- To **take stock of the activities** of the networks up to now in the context of the strategic framework;

- To discuss and make **proposals for the priority activities** of the Rural Networks in 2016;

- To debate and make **proposals for ensuring the Rural Networks' governance structures are effective** in responding to the needs of the different stakeholders and to encourage active involvement of the RN Assembly members in future activities.

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Morning

- **Unlocking the potential of the RDPs**: Key messages from the RDP Conference on 24/11/15

- **Opportunities for improving RDP implementation** through the Rural Networks themes and activities

Afternoon

- **Activating Rural Networks to achieve results**: 4 parallel workshops on network themes

- **Priorities for 2016**: recommendations from the workshops

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Activating Rural Networks to achieve results: parallel workshops

The four workshops aim to obtain Assembly members' ideas on how to focus networks' work in a way that is most practical and effective for RDP implementation.

Workshop themes:

1. Key issues in **RDP implementation** and support to be provided by NRNs

2. Building **smart and competitive rural areas**

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

4. Supporting a simpler and more effective rolling out of **LEADER/CLLD**

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