





## **European Rural Networks' Steering Group**

## Overview of the activities of the networks

#RNSteeringGroup

4<sup>th</sup> Meeting Brussels – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016



#### **General and specific objectives of EU Rural Networks**

#### **Enhance** participation

Improve the policy quality

Increase awareness

- A. Stakeholders' involvement in rural development
- B. Dialogue between farmers and research community
- Inclusion of all stakeholders in the knowledge exchange process

- **Exchange of** expertise and good practice
- Improve the quality Ε. of RDPs
  - Support the evaluation of RDPs



Informing the broader public on the benefits of rural development policy

## Putting Assembly / Steering Group priority themes into practice

#### HOW?

- 1. Simplification
- 2. Pillar 1- Pillar 2 linkages
- 3. Multifund approaches
- 4. Starting up NRNs
- 5. Evaluating network activities

#### WHAT?

- 1. Advisory services-knowledge transfer-innovation
- 2. Short supply chain-Local foodurban/rural-small farms
- 3. Demographic change + social inclusion
- 4. Green economy, Jobs + growth
- 5. Climate change

RDP analysis, good practices...

Capacity building & peer exchange

Smart and competitive agriculture and rural areas

Promoting the transition to a green economy

Fiches/Guidance documents

Workshops/ Seminars

**Focus Groups** 

**Thematic Groups** 

**Communications** 

Etc...



#### Work streams 2016

#### **CAPACITY BUILDING AND PEER EXCHANGE**

- Managing Authorities
- NRNs and NSUs
- Local Action Groups
- Operational Groups
- Agricultural Researchers and Advisors
- Evaluators

#### **THEMATIC WORK**

- Smart and competitive agriculture and rural areas
- Promoting the transition to a green economy
- Evaluation—related themes (e.g. LEADER/CLLD; HNV, ex-post, AIR2017)





#### **CROSS-CUTTING ACTIVITIES**

- RDP analysis
- Good practices
- Communications
- Guidance documents (Evaluation)



#### **Main EIP-AGRI activities 2016**

#### **Operational Groups:**

- Workshop on first experiences
- Toolkit on EIP website

#### NRNs:

- Workshop "Networking for innovation"
- Participation in regular NRN meetings

Support for national/regional events

Seminar "Data driven Smart & competitive business models"

Workshop "Cities and Food" **FG 19 Nutrients** recycling

**FG 20 Forest biomass** mobilisation

**FG 21 Robust animals** 

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**FG 22 Agroforestry** 

**FG 23 Perennial crops** diseases

> Workshop "sustainability indicators"

Workshop "multiple forest value chains"

Capacity building

#### Main ENRD activities (supported by CP)

#### **RDPs**

- RDP Conference
- 2 WS on EFSI
- WS on Selection Criteria + M.16
- RDP Analysis

#### NRNs:

- 3 NRN meetings
- 2 WS on self assesment + innovation (with EIP)

Capacity building

#### Leader

- 2 SG Meetings
- 4 WS on SCO, Umbrellas, Social Inclusion. Cooperation..

competitive

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Smart

3 meetings of Thematic Group

Seminar
Rural Review
Project case studies
Programme case
studies
Fact sheets

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RDP Analysis, Good Practices, Web based tools, Publications

## Capacity building

## Main ENRD activities supported by the Evaluation Helpdesk

## YEARLY CAPACITY BUILDING

- 28 Workshops in Member States
- Transnational workshops

## GOOD PRACTICE WORKSHOPS

- Evaluation of HNV farmland
- Ex post evaluation, etc.

## TRAINING FOR EC DESK OFFICERS

- Training on Expost evaluation
- Q&A sessions

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#### **GUIDANCE**

- "Assessing RDP results"
- "Evaluation of NRN 2014-2020"
- "Evaluation of Leader/CLLD"
- "Evaluation of Innovation"

### TECHNICAL SUPPORT

- Assessment of implement. of Evaluation Plans
- Evaluationrelated queries
- Annual Stakeholder Survey

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#### EVALUATION-RELATED EVENTS

- 3 Meetings of the Expert Group on Monitoring and Evaluating the CAP
- NRN Meetings
- Other events

### DISSEMINATION & INFORMATION

- RuralEvaluation
   NEWS
- Evaluation
   Helpdesk website
- Factsheets on Good Practices in evaluation





