



**European Rural Networks'  
Steering Group**

**Capacity building to support the  
implementation of the RDPs**

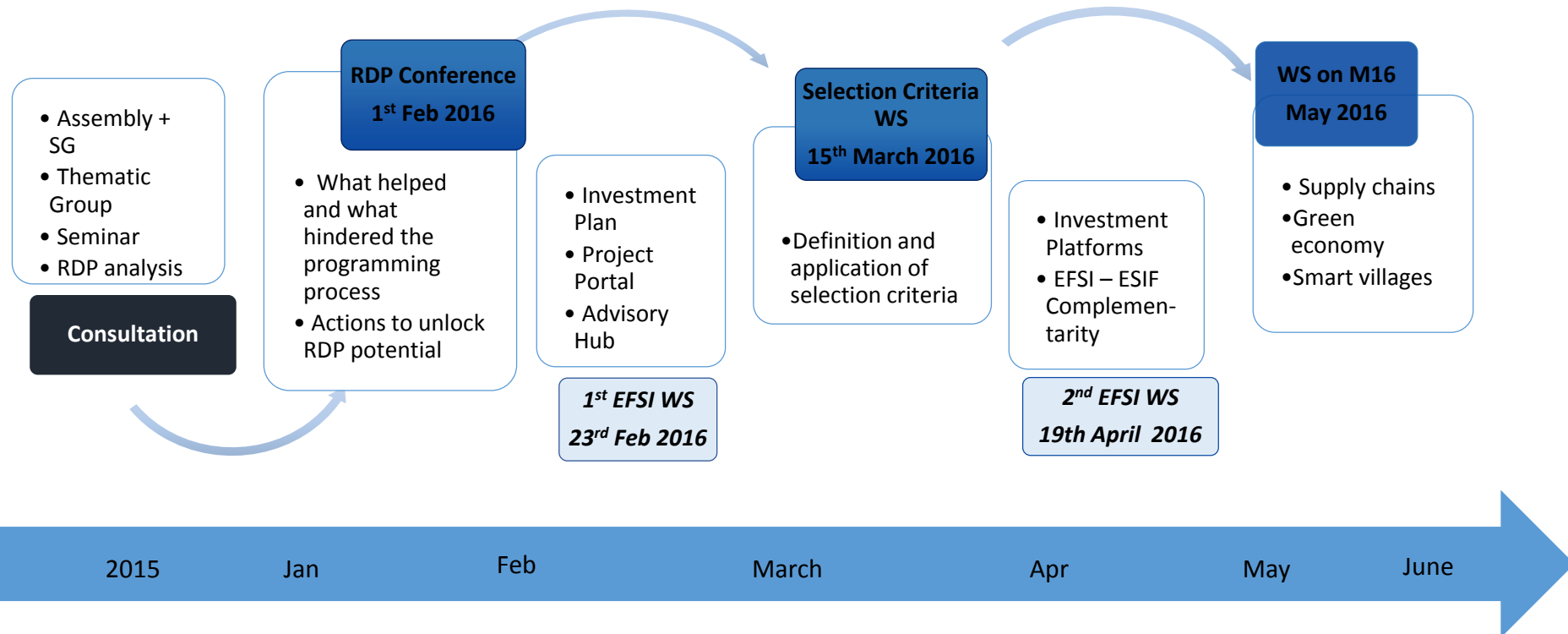
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# Capacity building and peer exchange to support better RDP implementation





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## Conference Highlights “Unlocking the Potential of RDPs” 1 February 2016, Brussels (Belgium)

- 150 representatives of National and Regional MA's, NRNs
- Reflect on the programming process of 118 RDPs – what helped and what hindered strategic programming
- Identify key tools for unlocking potential of RDPs + ensuring effective implementation

### Results

- The main tools (and areas for improvement) are there
- Big potential through improved joint working at all levels
- Recognition of role of networks in supporting the process



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## ACTIONS TO UNLOCK RDP POTENTIAL

### Simplification

- Avoid gold-plating at all levels
- Simplified Cost Options (SCOs)
- Clarify State Aid rules

### Flexibility

- In the implementation of certain measures (SCOs, Financial Instruments, selection criteria)
- More RDP modifications per year

### Working together

- MA discussion forum
- Working with auditors
- Subsidiarity and shared responsibility
- Use Rural Networks

### Use of specific tools

- Financial Instruments
- Cooperation measure
- SCOs
- Better use of selection criteria

### Capacity Building

- Training and workshops
- Peer learning
- Exchange of good practice

### Effective outreach

- Better explain support to (potential) beneficiaries
- Stronger involvement of stakeholders & networks

### Guidance

- More and more timely 'official' guidance documents
- Other guidance tools

### Enhanced procedures

- Pre-audit to reduce uncertainty
- Uniform rules for the ESIF

### Strategic planning

- Synergies between both Pillars of the CAP
- Learn from evaluation
- Focus on goals and results not just compliance

### CLLD

- Using the potential of CLLD for more integrated policies
- More use of multi-funding