



European Network for  
Rural Development

# Envisaged activities of the ENRD Contact Point for July 2018-July 2019

## 9<sup>th</sup> Rural Networks' Steering Group

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# Multi-annual framework for ENRD CP activities

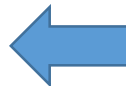
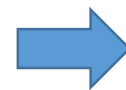
## Capacity building and peer exchange

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



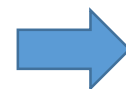
## Thematic work

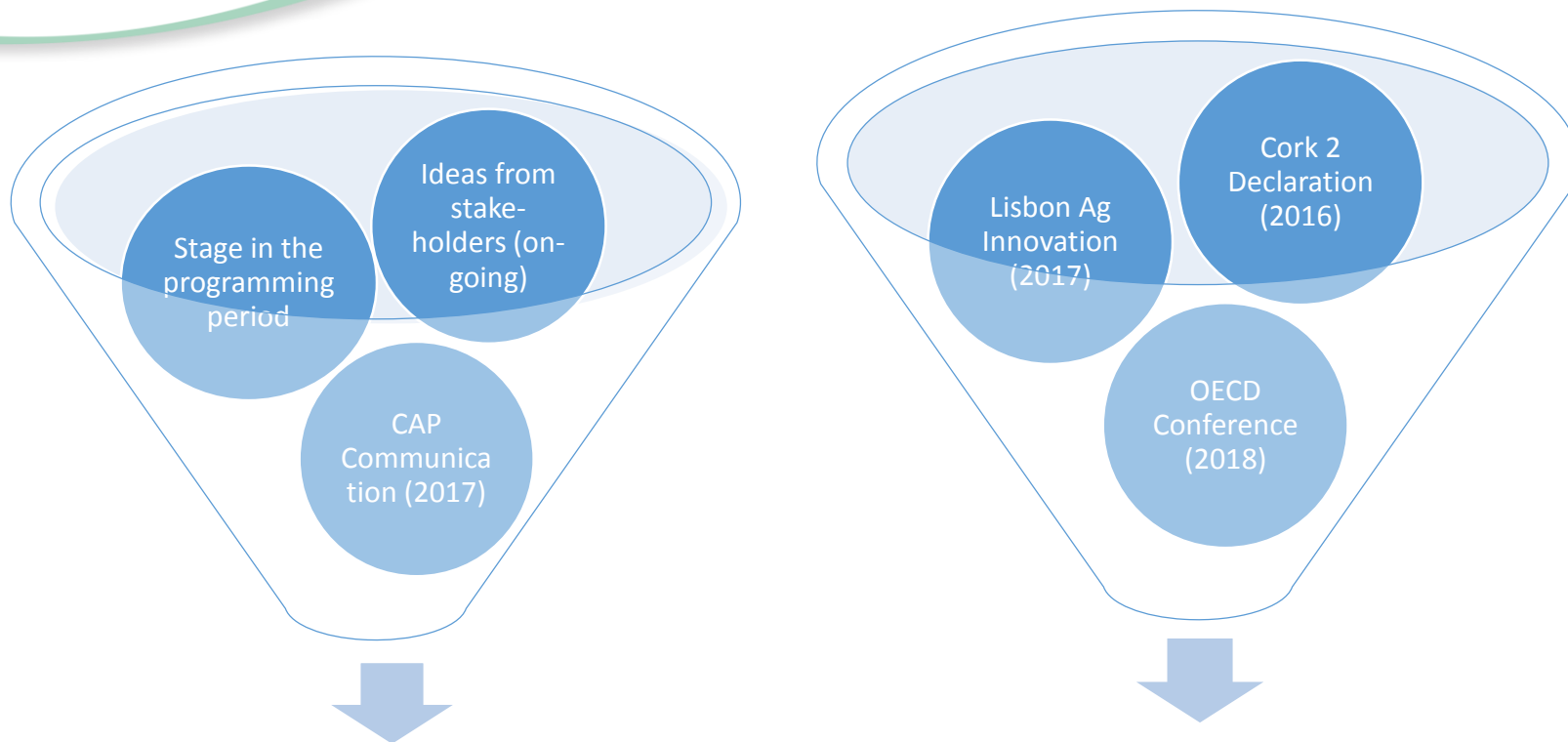
4. Smart and competitive rural areas
5. Supporting the transition to the green economy in rural areas
6. Promoting social inclusion in rural areas and complementary thematic priorities



## Cross-cutting activities

RDP Analysis  
Good practices  
Communication  
Network Coordination





## Specific Priorities for 2018-2019



**All the CP's proposed activities for  
July 2018 to July 2019  
are currently PROVISIONAL**

Steering Group input is therefore  
**ESPECIALLY VALUED**

## **P1** - Support to more effective and simpler programme implementation

Up to four events targeted at MAs and PAs – Topics currently under consideration include:

- Risk management (Oct 2018 TBC)
- New entrants, farm exchanges and demonstration activities (Nov 2018 TBC)
- Effective farm restructuring and modernization (Feb 2019 TBC)
- Future CAP Strategic plan / New delivery model (Spring 2019 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**



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Three EU-wide NRN meetings  
(Estonia Sept 2018, Feb 2019, May/June 2019)

### **NETWORKING CONFERENCE** (spring 2019) *A celebration of the first decade of EU Rural Networking*

Best  
Networking  
Practices

Improving  
delivery

Stakeholder  
involvement

LEADER/CLLD

The future rural  
networking  
environment





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



Peer-to-peer exchanges & Multi-speed clusters



Added value of Networking & possible Good Practice competition with NRNs

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

Engagement strengthened through two NRN Events

Focus on Improving and Demonstrating the  
**Achievements of LEADER**

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

LEADER related events

- LEADER in action - Delivering results (Oct 2018 Austria, TBC)
- LEADER / CLLD Subgroup meeting, (Feb 2019 TBC)
- Further event (Spring 2019, Topic TBC)

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



## **P4 – Proposed continuation of Thematic Group on Smart Villages**

**Build 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 towards digital innovation.

### **PRACTICAL RECOMMENDATIONS (EXCHANGE OF PRACTICES)**

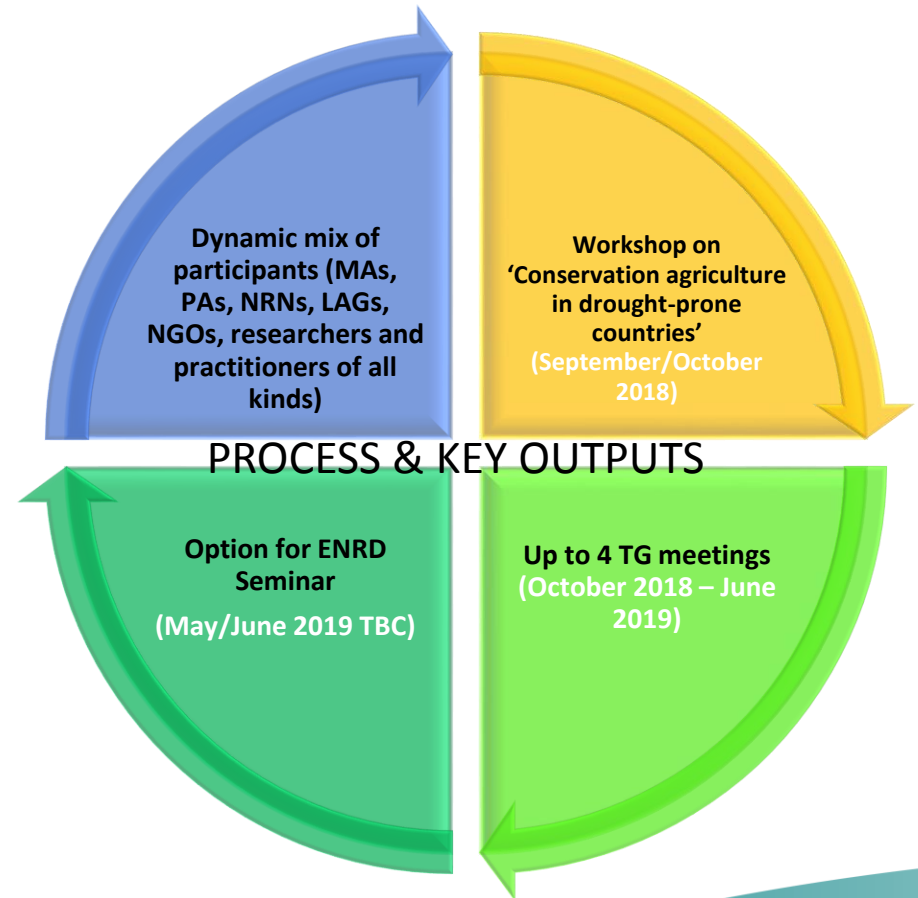
between those MS and regions that are relatively advanced in developing Smart Villages and others that are interested in doing so.

Up to 4 TG meetings / Option for ENRD Seminar  
(May/June 2019 TBC)

## P5 – (Proposed Thematic Group 'Mainstreaming the bio-economy')

Build on the last 3 years of Thematic Groups on the Green economy and **explore 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 and to encourage and support the **growth of a sustainable bio-economy in rural areas**.



## **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
- Youth proofing rural policies

Two ENRD events (TBC)

- Autumn 2018 and Spring 2019

### **Complementary thematic activities**

**-Depending on needs  
identified, topics could  
include-**

- small farms
- Integration (migrants and refugees, other groups)
- social economy

# 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)

