

ENRD Thematic Group | LEADER

Making the seven LEADER principles work in practice for all LAGs under the CAP Strategic Plans

1st Thematic Group meeting | 10 March 2022

Agenda

The current transition period is a time when Member States continue with the implementation of LEADER under the 2014-2022 programming period rules. At the same time, Member States are finalising their CAP Strategic Plans, and starting to design national implementing rules, procedures, and guidance for the selection of LAGs and the selection and implementation of local development strategies.

Lessons learnt from LEADER work carried out during recent years of the 2014-2022 programming period by the ENRD Contact Point indicate that the full application of the seven key principles of LEADER by all LAGs remains challenging (and challenged) whereas it is in fact the main source of LEADER's added value.

The LEADER Thematic Group 'Making the seven LEADER principles work in practice for all LAGs under the CAP Strategic Plans' (LEADER Thematic Group) is based around **each of the seven LEADER principles** as defined in legislation (Art 31.2. of Regulation (EU) 1060/2021).

This is the first meeting of the Thematic Group (TG), which is organised with the ambition to facilitate discussion and exchanges between the TG members for a common understanding of the seven LEADER principles, about the factors 'blocking' and 'conducive' to this and relevant Member State experiences related to the practical implementation of the seven LEADER principles.

Aims of the meeting

- To achieve a common and clear understanding of each of the seven LEADER principles,
- To discuss what qualifies as 'non-implementation' of the seven LEADER principles, and what are the key factors affecting ('blocking' and conducive to) the application of the seven LEADER principles in practice,
- To share and discuss relevant Member State experiences in relation supporting the full application of the seven LEADER principles,
- To agree on the working method of the Thematic Group and key steps of the work leading up to the 2nd TG meeting and completion of recommendations.



Timing 🕒	10 March 2022 Agenda Items
08.45 – 09.30	Registration
09.30 – 11.10	Introduction to the Thematic Group <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming remarks and the importance of the seven LEADER principles in LEADER implementation (Iwona Lisztwan, DG AGRI) • Introduction to the Thematic Group (Peter Toth, ENRD Contact Point) • Ice-breaker – sharing of experiences in small groups • Discussion
11.10 – 11.25	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.25 – 12.40	Member State perspectives on the practical implementation of LEADER principles (Austria, Czechia, Belgium, Italy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christa Rockenbauer Peirl, Managing Authority – Stefan Niedermoser, LEADER Forum, Austria • Iva Přichystalová, Paying Agency, Czechia • Wouter Peeters, Managing Authority, Belgium-Flanders • Raffaella Di Napoli, National Rural Network, Italy Discussion Introduction to working groups
12.40 – 13.30	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30 – 15.25	Parallel group sessions: The practical implementation of the seven LEADER principles for all LAGs under the CAP Strategic Plans
15.25 – 15.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.45 – 16.30	Bringing it all together – summary and next steps. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflections on group work outcomes • Discussion • Next steps for the Thematic Group

