

ENRD Thematic Group | #Rural2040

Webinar

Building a “Long Term Vision for Rural Areas”

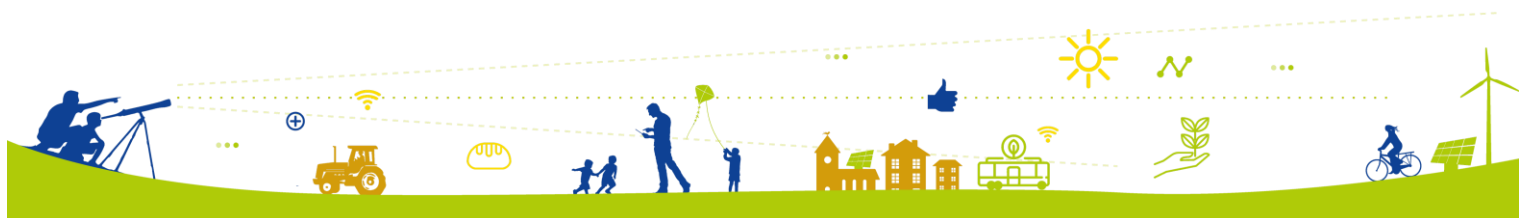
Agenda

22 & 23 September 2020

This is the first of four planned meetings of the ENRD Thematic Group (TG) which will contribute to developing the “EU Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas” announced by the President of the European Commission. The Vision should “enable rural communities to make the most of their potential and support them in facing up to their own unique set of issues, from demographic change to connectivity, the risk of poverty and limited access to services”. It should be developed “in close consultation with people living in rural areas, as well as local and regional authorities”. The process is expected to lead to the publication of a Commission Communication before summer 2021.

Aims of the meeting

- To work on the first phase of a Foresight Exercise that will inform the EU Communication on a Long-Term Vision for Rural Areas (LTVRA);
- To inform TG members about all the activities and steps that are planned for developing the Vision;
- To share information about the existing state of knowledge on the future of rural areas and what has been learned so far and should be taken into account in the Vision;
- To discuss and consider how to support stakeholder engagement in the development of the Vision in different parts of Europe.



Timing	22 September 2020 Agenda Items
09.45 - 10.00	Welcome participants and agenda of the day (ENRD) Aims and agenda for the meeting
10.00 - 10.15	Icebreaker Getting to know each other
10.15 - 10.30	Introduction to the Long Term Vision for Rural Areas (LTVRA) , Maria Gafo, DG AGRI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Context and main components for building the LTVRA. - Role of the Thematic Group. - Q&A.
10.30 - 11.30	Building the LTVRA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lessons from OECD countries. <i>What needs to be taken into account in a rural Vision?</i> José Enrique Garcilazo, OECD. - <i>What are the main messages for the Vision from H2020 projects?</i> Alexia Rouby, DG AGRI. - Q&A, open discussion.
11.30 - 11.45	Break
11.45 - 12.00	Introduction to Foresight session and exercise (DG JRC)
12.00 - 12.45	Group work: Rural Actor journeys
12.45 - 13.45	Lunch
13.45 - 13.55	Introduction to drivers of change
13.55 - 14.45	Group work: Identifying drivers of change



Timing	23 September 2020 Agenda Items
09.30 - 09.45	Welcome and intro to session
09.45 - 10.40	Presentation, discussion and agreement on identified and consolidated drivers of change
10.40 - 11.15	Prioritisation of drivers of change
11.15 - 11.30	Break
11.30 - 12.10	The scenario logic and first reflections on the scenarios
12.10 - 12.40	Group work: Building the scenarios
12.40 - 12.45	End Foresight session – next steps
12.45 - 13.45	Lunch
13.45 - 15.00	How to engage stakeholders in contributing to the LTVRA (ENRD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is happening in the Member States? Summary of a survey of National Rural Networks (NRNs), Veronika Korcekova, ENRD CP. - Example from the Finnish NRN, Juha-Matti Markkola, Finnish NRN. - Examples of the support that could be provided from an EU level. Zelig Peppiette, DG AGRI. - Group discussions.
15.00 - 15.30	Next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report back. - Progressing dialogue in the Member States. - Preparing for the next steps in the Foresight Analysis.

