

ENRD Thematic Group | Rural Proofing

Webinar

1st TG meeting:

Putting rural proofing into practice

Agenda

27 January 2022

Rural proofing is a mechanism that can help boost rural revitalisation by ensuring all relevant policies are aligned with rural needs and realities. It is also one of the transversal elements outlined in the [Long Term Vision for Rural Areas](#). In the vision it is indicated that the EU will take steps to integrate a rural proofing mechanism as part of the Better Regulation Agenda, notably to assess the anticipated impact of major EU legislative initiatives on rural areas. The vision also calls for Member States to consider implementing the rural proofing principle at the national, regional and local level.

This is the first meeting of the ENRD Thematic Group (TG) on Rural Proofing, which is launched with the ambition to support the design and implementation of rural proofing mechanisms within Member States at different administrative levels (national, regional and local). The meeting sets the scene on rural proofing and provides a space for sharing knowledge and experience on what should be considered when designing rural proofing mechanisms and applying them in practice.

Aims of the meeting

- To provide an overview of existing experience on rural proofing in different countries, with a particular attention to success factors and challenges;
- To start discussing how to design effective rural proofing mechanisms taking into account specific contexts and different administrative levels; and
- To exchange on the further work of the Thematic Group, including activities in-between meetings.



Timing 🕒	27 January 2022 Agenda Items
09.30 - 10.15	<p>Introduction to the Thematic Group. Agenda of the day and ice breaker.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rural Proofing in the Long Term Vision for Rural Areas, Alexia Rouby, DG AGRI/European Commission
10.15 - 11.15	<p>Setting the scene on rural proofing. Key lessons from relevant work on rural proofing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Analytical overview of rural proofing approaches and lessons learned, Jane Atterton, Rural Policy Centre, SRUC - Rural policy design & rural proofing, Betty-Ann Bryce, OECD - Conclusions of the G100 Rural Proofing initiative from Spain, Serafin Pazos-Vidal, COSLA <p>Q&A</p>
11.15 - 11.30	<p>Break</p>
11.30 – 13.00	<p>Learning from existing experiences. Presenting case studies on rural proofing with a focus on success factors and challenges.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Antonia Husberg and Sanna Sihvola, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland - Sally Shortall, Waterford Institute of Technology, Ireland <p>Q&A</p> <p>Discussion in breakout groups</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Aare Kasemets and Taavi Kurvits, Ministry of Rural Affairs, Estonia - Evelina Selander, Swedish Agency for Economic and Regional Growth, Sweden - Thomas Krämer, Federal Ministry for Food and Agriculture and Cordula Woeste, Federal Ministry of the Interior, Germany
13.00 – 14.00	<p>Lunch</p>
14.00 - 14.30	<p>Reporting back from group discussion</p>
14.30 – 15.15	<p>Designing rural proofing</p> <p>Panel discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eleftherios Stavropoulos, DG REGIO/European Commission - Jela Tvrdonova, National LAG Network, Slovakia



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Samuel Feret, Mediterranean Agronomic Institute of Montpellier, France- Veronika Resch-O'Hogain, Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Regions and Tourism, Austria <p>Open plenary debate</p>
15.15 - 16.00	Next steps for the TG

