

## 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Thematic Group on Smart and Competitive Rural Areas

18 November 2015

### Agenda

**Location:** ENRD Contact Point Office, Rue de la Loi 38 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room), B-1040, Brussels

**Following the meeting on-line:** It will be possible to follow and contribute to the meeting on-line. Further technical information will be provided.

#### Main objectives of the meeting:

- ✓ To bring together various representatives of stakeholder organisations, national rural networks and others interested in working on the topic of 'smart and competitive rural areas'.
- ✓ To identify areas where networking can improve development and delivery of support in developing competitiveness and connectivity.
- ✓ To discuss, focus and prioritise the main themes and identify relevant examples



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Time	Agenda item
8.30 – 9.00	Arrival of participants – connecting 'online participants'
9.00 – 9.30	<b>Introduction to the day</b> – Presentation on the objective of the ENRD thematic work package and thematic group on 'Smart and Competitive Rural Areas' & expected outcomes  <b>Session 1:</b> Interactive session / presentations: What are the key needs and challenges and how to make the best use of the rural development programmes and other tools available (including local, national and EU tools)
9:30 – 10:15	1. Smart agriculture: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What are the key needs and challenges?</li> <li>○ short introduction on advisory services</li> <li>○ RDP Budget Analysis</li> <li>○ What activities do we develop?</li> </ul>
10:15 – 11:00	2. Smart supply chains <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What are the key needs and challenges?</li> <li>○ short introduction on cooperation</li> <li>○ RDP Budget Analysis</li> <li>○ What activities do we develop?</li> </ul>
11:00 – 11:20	Coffee break

11:20 – 12:05

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### 3. Smart villages

- What are the key needs and challenges?
-  short introduction on digital services and rural broadband
-  RDP Budget Analysis
- What activities do we develop?

12:05 – 12:20

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Summary of main points

12.20 – 13.20

*Sandwich lunch*

13:20 – 13:50

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**Presentation of market analysis and opportunities** *including outcomes from EIP Focus Groups and other relevant projects*

13.50 – 14.50

**Session 2: Interactive Session: Where can rural networks deliver and add value?** - focus for future activity

- Reflection on morning session outcomes with practical examples of where networking can contribute to developing and delivering the appropriate tools
- Discussion on ‘What are the tools and activities that can help rural stakeholders make the most of the opportunities within RDPs’

14.50 – 15.15

Conclusions & next steps: What should we prioritise and *how* within the Thematic Group?