

ENRD Thematic Group on 'Bioeconomy and Climate Action in rural areas'

Draft Agenda

3rd TG meeting – 19 February 2020

Rue de la Loi 38, 2nd floor, Brussels

The previous Thematic Group meetings discussed the opportunities for increased climate action in rural bioeconomy, and ways to incentivise rural actors to apply climate change mitigating practices. The third meeting will discuss how rural climate efforts can be proved and demonstrated, in order to be recognised by markets, authorities and the wider society.

Monitoring, verification and reporting on the environmental and climate sustainability of rural bioeconomy is necessary in order to build trust within value chains and to ensure public measures to compensate for climate outcomes are targeted correctly. Related tools and approaches should be simple, easy to use and relevant for the rural actors.

Building on examples from different parts of rural Europe, the meeting will discuss **possible ways of demonstrating rural activities' contribution to climate action and environmental sustainability**. These may include participatory certification schemes, shared sustainability criteria, or territorial climate labels, among other things.

The meeting is addressed at National Rural Networks, RDP Managing Authorities, Local Action Groups and any stakeholders involved in bioeconomy value chains or rural bioeconomy initiatives.



Main agenda items	
8.45 – 9.15	Registration
9.15 – 9.45	Opening and introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ENRD Contact Point
9.45 – 10.30	EU policy context for monitoring rural climate action and the bioeconomy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benoit Esmanne, DG AGRI, EC - Sarah Mubareka, JRC, EC - Q&A
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.40	Data needs and methods for rural actors and communities Stakeholder experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Volker Kromrey, Bodensee Stiftung, DE - Tom Henfrey, ECOLISE - Biljana Kulišić, Energy Institute Hrvoje Pozar, HR - Discussion
12.40 – 13.40	Networking lunch
13.40 – 14.50	Certification and labels for rural climate action Stakeholder experiences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Andrés Esteban, CARBOCERT, ES - Julia Grimault, I4CE, FR - Discussion
14.50 – 15.20	Coffee break
15.20 – 16.10	Lessons and insights for the future CAP Strategic Plans Views from different MS, discussion
16.10 - 16.30	Next steps, evaluation and closing of the meeting