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# Aims and structure of the event “Resource Efficient Rural Economy”

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# Aim of the event (1)

## Objectives

Within the scope of the Italian Rural Network and its regional branch in Emilia-Romagna and ENRD Thematic Group, the specific objectives of the meeting are:

- **Create a working network** at different level (European, National, Regional level);
- **Share and discuss** potential success factors and overcoming barriers to RDP implementation:
  - The role of Institutions: Promoting resource efficiency: current and future challenges for policy and decision-makers;
  - The role of Research and Innovation: Promoting resource efficiency: current and future challenges for researchers and experts of rural development;

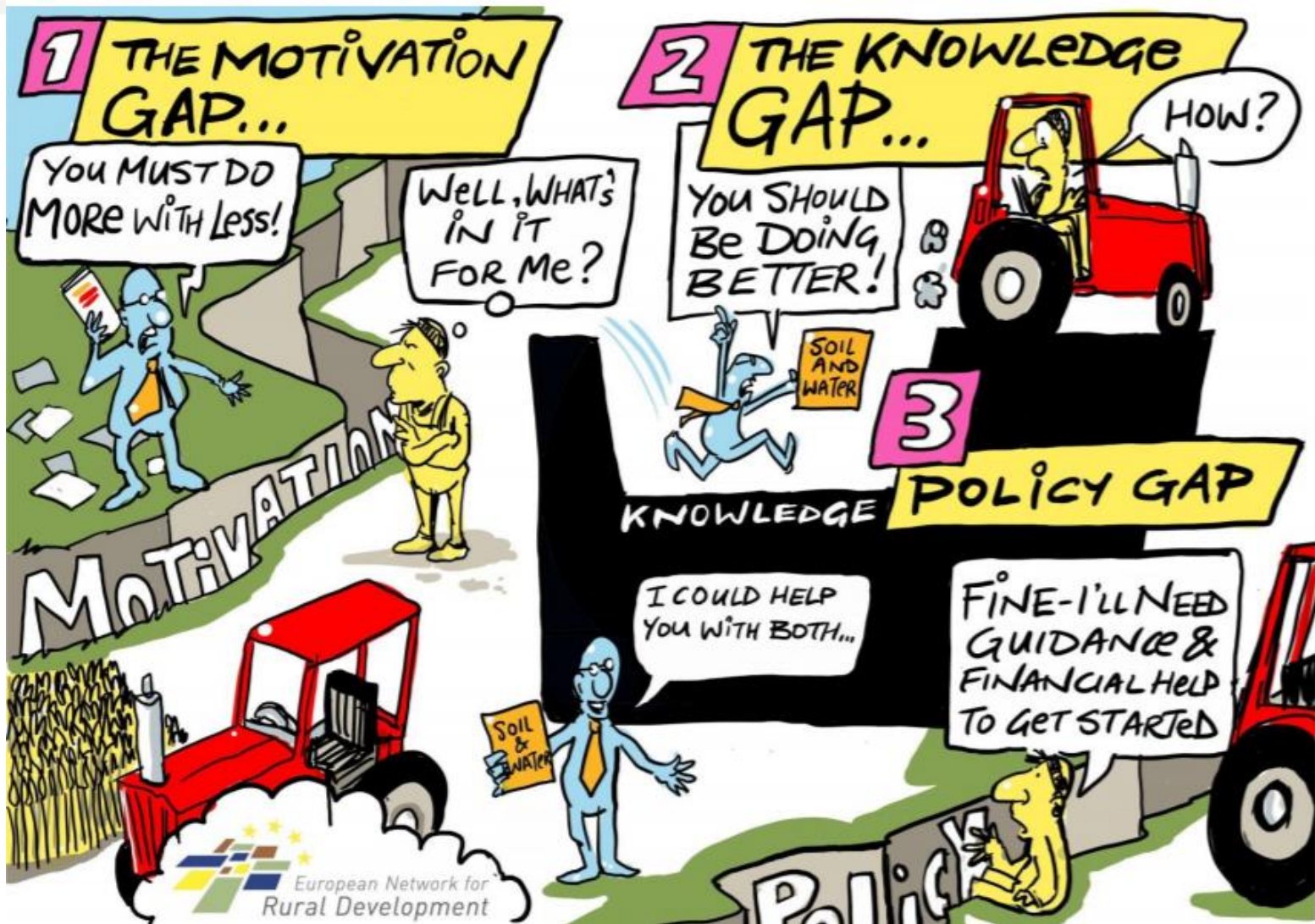
## Aim of the event (2)

### Objectives

Within the scope of the Italian Rural Network and its regional branch in Emilia-Romagna and ENRD Thematic Group, the specific objectives of the meeting are:

**Case studies** on selected RDPs and good practice examples:

- Improve the quality of rural development programmes (RDPs);
- **Increase the involvement of stakeholders** in the implementation of rural development;
- **Test and discuss emerging conclusions on cross-cutting policy, knowledge and motivation gaps** from selected RDPs and good practice examples.



# Themes and aspects of the TG

## More 'technical' themes:

- Improving soil and water quality through efficient land and nutrient management
- Improving water use efficiency
- Carbon conservation and sequestration

## Cross-cutting aspects:

- Communicating the economic benefits
- Knowledge transfer / access to information/ networks
- Digitisation: promoting technological development and the use technology







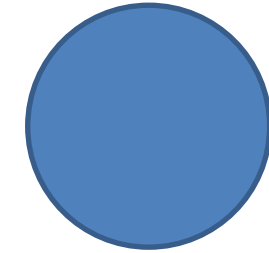
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**Resource Efficiency**

**2° TG**  
Improve the quality  
of RDPs

**1° TG**  
Defining specific  
sub-themes

**3° TG**  
Increase stakeholders  
involvement



**4° TG**  
Jointly meeting between  
ENRD, NRN, E-R branch

'Resource Efficiency' is the current sub-theme of ENRD thematic work on 'Greening the Rural Economy'. The Resource Efficiency Thematic Group (TG) will be working on this topic from September 2016 to July 2017. The focus of the TG is on identifying ways to improve the resource-efficient use of soils and water through the national and regional Rural Development Programmes (RDPs).

The 1<sup>st</sup> TG meeting identified three key topics to be covered within the sub-theme:

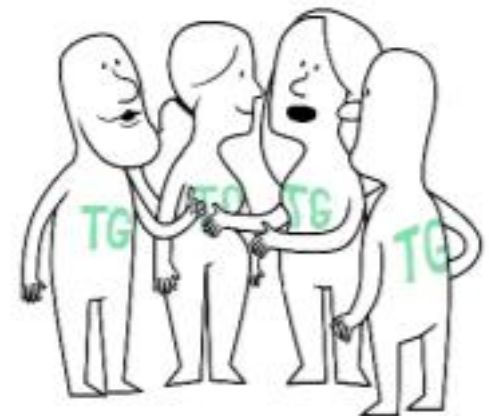
- ▶ Water use efficiency;
- ▶ Soil and nutrient management;
- ▶ Soil conservation and carbon sequestration.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> TG meeting explored the extent to which a motivation gap, a policy gap or an implementation gap was the main obstacle to the development of the various areas of activity related to the resource-efficient economy. This work helped define the main areas of interest for conducting a screening and analysis of the RDPs and identifying good practice examples in the field.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> TG meeting discussed emerging findings in relation to the contribution of the Rural Development Programmes (RDPs) to resource efficiency objectives, and considered the format of the final TG outputs. The TG focused on scoping commonalities and different approaches to the motivation, policy and implementation gaps emerging from case studies.

# Who are the participants?

Representatives of European, national, regional and local stakeholder organisations, environmental organisations, research institutes, LEADER Local Action Groups, National Rural Networks, Managing Authorities, Farmer's delegation, Reclamation Consortium - advisory services, Technical assistance - Environmental association and the European Commission.





## Concluding session and next steps

The implementation of resource efficiency of soils and water in Europe, (*policy, knowledge and motivation gaps across the RDP case studies regions*)



# Study visit in Emilia-Romagna Region – Day 2



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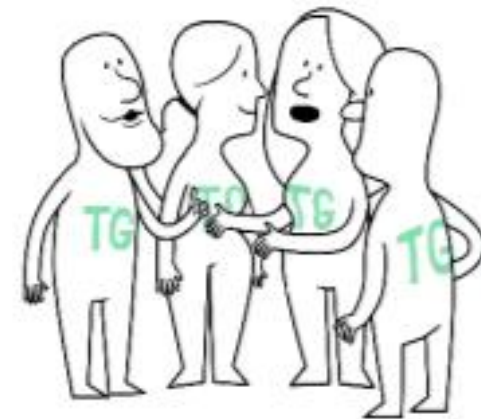
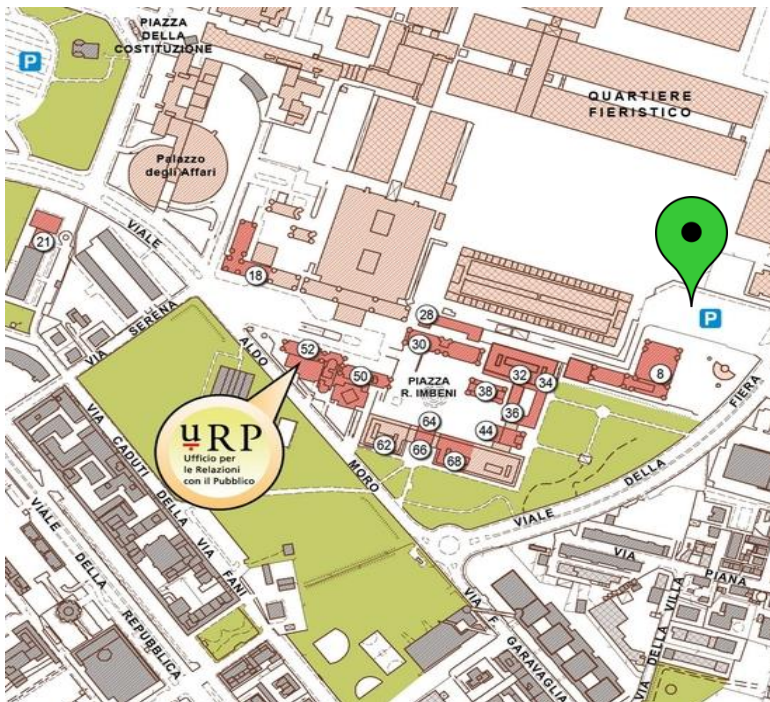
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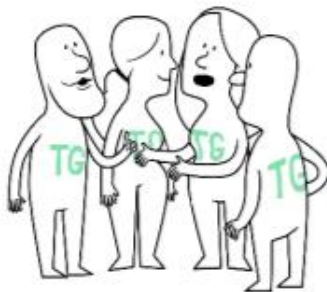
**Rendez-vous** for all participants at the Regione Emilia Romagna, Via della Fiera 8, 40127 – Bologna at 8.15



Comfortable clothes and shoes for the field visit is suggested, and umbrella and wind jacket

# Study visit (Morning session - Soil)

## San Martino in Rio

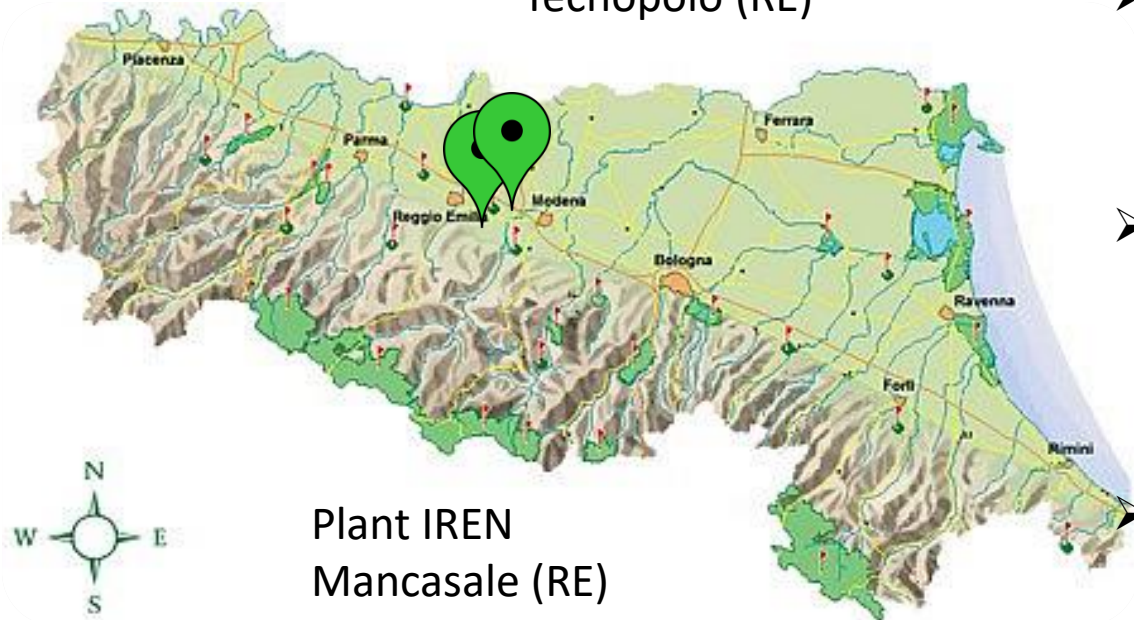


- **Presentation and visit about the farm and its activities:** *Fabrizio and Ornello Ruozzi*
- **Biological indicators of soil quality – The Emilia-Romagna project as example of application at regional scale:** *Cristina Menta, University of Parma*
- **The role and activities of the EIP on Soil Management in Emilia-Romagna (RDP Measure 16.1.01):** *Carla Scotti, I.TER and Umberto Beltrami, Bibbiano La Culla consortium*

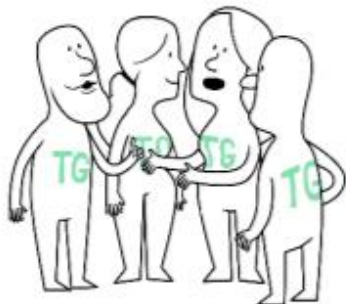


# Study visit (Afternoon session - water)

Tecnopolo (RE)



Plant IREN  
Mancasale (RE)



- **Presentation of the LIFE project ReQpro:** *Paolo Mantovi (CRPA) in charge of LIFE project ReQpro*
- **Presentation on the management of water for irrigation within the region:** *Aronne Ruffini Central Emilia Reclamation consortium;*
- **The role and activities of the EIP on water Management in Emilia-Romagna (RDP Measure 16.1.01):** *Adriano Battilani CER-ANBI*
- **Tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (IREN)**

# Thanks for your attention!!!



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