

LEADER Thematic Lab Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Agenda

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Background

The LEADER Thematic Lab on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation will involve 30 LEADER stakeholders in exploring the role of LEADER and LEADER local action groups in initiating, planning, facilitating and supporting climate action in local rural territories in the EU in the current and future programming periods.

Objectives

The thematic lab aims to identify implementation issues and challenges, success factors and solutions from the current programming period, and the support and information needs, lessons and considerations for the next programming period. During the thematic lab, the focus will be on identifying the elements of an enabling LEADER framework for informing and supporting LAGs' work with climate action, identifying success factors and lessons learnt in this programming period and how these could be applied in the context of the future CAP Strategic Plans.

Timing	Agenda item
08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 10:30	Opening plenary – setting the scene
	Welcome, "zooming in", introduction to the day (ENRD CP)
	Climate challenges and local rural territories (ECOLISE)
	Key considerations from the Commission perspective (DG AGRI)
	Good practices and lessons learnt through LEADER:
	- Developing an eco-village in Sweden (Robert Hall, Suderbyn Eco-village)
	- Energy, Forests, Climate Change – developing a networking approach in Catalonia
	(Elisabet Clota, Association Leader Ripollès Ges Bisaura)





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	 Reducing CO2 by 40% / by 2030 through a local climate plan (Marc Wauthelet, GAL Pays de Condruses, Belgium) Green/bioeconomy and sustainability in Wales, UK (Ruth Lovell, PLANED, UK)
10:30 - 11:00	Q&A Coffee
11:00 - 12:00	Thematic Lab discussion – Round 1 Moderated group discussion based on current good practices and specific LEADER applications to climate action in local rural areas. Identification of key issues and success factors for LEADER / LAG support to climate action. - Introduction to the group discussion - Practitioner experiences (LAG presenters, other participants sharing their experience) - Identifying current issues and essential success factors for LEADER / LAG support to climate action. Discussion.
	- Summing up
12:00 - 13:15	Lunch
13:15 - 15:00	 Thematic Lab discussion – Round 2 Success factors for the next programming period Introduction to the group discussions Success factors in a LEADER delivery framework that is favourable to LEADER/LAG support to climate action and how these can be 'transferred' into the CAP Strategic Plans/LEADER delivery systems, and actions at the level of the LAGs and networks Summing up
15:00 - 15:30	Coffee
15:30 - 16:30	 Closing plenary Summaries and reflections on the group work Discussion (including communication of LEADER / LAG work with climate action / initiatives - key questions: "What are the key messages?" "How can these be communicated?" "By whom?" "Who are the main target groups?") Next steps - follow-up to the Thematic Lab. Other LEADER activities. Upcoming Thematic Labs.

