

Thematic Group on ‘Improving RDP implementation’ 3rd Meeting

DRAFT AGENDA

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38, rue de la Loi - 1040 Brussels (2nd floor meeting room)

Background:

The Thematic Group on ‘Improving RDP implementation’ has been focusing on two parallel work strands aiming at:

- Identifying and discussing horizontal implementing aspects, that provide the preconditions for a successful rolling out of Rural Development Programmes
- Refining issues and possible actions (from RDPs and Rural Networks) around a number of priority topics previously identified by the Rural Networks’ Assembly and Steering Group.

The findings of the work contributed to inform a ENRD seminar (11 June 2015), the outcomes of which will be taken into account by the TG for refining recommendations to rural development stakeholders about seizing the opportunities for a better implementation of 2014-2020 RDPs.

The work has also highlighted that there’s much scope for identifying and sharing ‘good practices’ to support findings and recommendations from the TG.

Please find preliminary findings and recommendations from the TG work in the two draft meeting reports.

Main objectives of the meeting:

- ✓ Conclude the round of discussions about **priority topics** for Rural Networks, assess gaps and identify concrete opportunities for the implementation of RDPs
- ✓ Reflect on the **outcomes of the ENRD seminar** and build conclusions and recommendations to be put forward by the final TG report
- ✓ **Exchange concrete experiences and practices** across EU MS to underpin the findings of the TG and inspire RDP stakeholders

Draft Agenda

PARTICIPANTS ARE INVITED TO SHARE EXAMPLES OF CONCRETE PRACTICES AHEAD OF THE MEETING THROUGH THE DEDICATED TEMPLATE

8.30 – 9.30 **Registration and coffee**

9.30– 9.50 **Session 1. Introduction to the day**

Recap of the TG work so far and introduction to the purposes of the meeting

9.50 – 11.20 **Session 2. Priority themes: concrete opportunities for Networks and RDPs**

Refining issues and possible opportunities around:

- *Green economy for jobs & growth*
- *Climate change*

Presentations from experts and discussion (*see thematic fiches attached*)

*What are the specific issues? What can be achieved through RDPs and NRNs?
What are the inspiring examples?*

11.00 – 11.20 *Coffee break*

11.20 – 12.20 **Session 2 (continued)**

Bringing together the findings about thematic priorities

Presentation of key findings and discussion

What are the information gaps? What actions should be prioritised? What are the inspiring/replicable examples?

12.20 - 13.30 *Lunch break*

13:30 – 15:30 **Session 3. Getting the priority right for the future work of Rural Networks**

Highlights on key conclusions from the TG work and the Seminar

Building recommendations and links with practical examples:

- *How to improve measure's take up and keep RDPs focused on outcomes (including through communications)?*
- *How to improve coordination mechanisms and ensure common understanding of rules?*
- *How to improve the capacity and the quality of RDP management without generating additional burdens?*

15:30 – 15:45 **Wrapping up and closing - next steps**
