

European Rural Networks´ - Steering Group

„Civil Dialogue on Rural Development“

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Civil Dialogue Group (CDG) on Rural Development



- Civil Dialogue Groups – Specific for the DG Agri
- Interest of the Commission: Getting advise from the Stakeholders
- Interest of the CDG Members: Giving advise to the Commission
- **Civil Dialogue Group on Rural Development** (29 European Organizations with 72 Members) – Short introduction
- Strategic Agenda with **three priorities**: Implementation of the Rural Development Policy (Strategic objectives, Partnership agreements, Simplification), Future Policy on Rural Development (Lessons learnt for the future), Collaboration and Coordination with the Rural Networks and other expert groups (other CDG, DG Regio Structural dialogue group)
- Close Relationship between the CDG on RD and Rural Networks

Current Working fields of the CDG on RD

- State of play on the new rural development programs (first overview on adoption, funding, priorities, targets and measures). Position: Adoption process takes to much time, lessons learnt: often more support in developing programs is needed; also better understanding between Commission and Regions; demand for compliance with the principle of partnership (Code of Conduct) and demand for more transparency (for example measure fiches, explanatory notes, guidelines)
- First discussion on necessary Simplification and on Consistence of all programmes
- Special instruments: EIP, LEADER and CLLD
Position: More best practice, more exchange and keep it simple!
- Financial Instruments (FI) in rural development programs and Investment Plan for Europe. Position: FI important, but no a replacement for grants; projects in rural regions have to be part on the Investment Plan for Europe; COSME a useful additional FI for SME particularly for farmers

Thank you for your Attention!



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