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Green Economy for jobs and growth: issues and opportunities

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Key issues and needs/opportunities

- Many 'green economy' projects/initiatives already implemented/proposed – but not necessarily branded as such
 - Capture and demonstrate the contribution of RDPs to the green economy more clearly (e.g. development of suitable indicators)
 - Sharing of good practice examples
 - Information / guidance needed on:
 - How actions in rural areas can contribute to the GE;
 - The economic benefits and
 - The role of RD policy within the context of broader policy initiatives (e.g. circular economy, renewable energy etc) and other funding mechanisms (e.g. Structural Funds)
 - Project selection criteria could be used to prioritise GE projects
 - GE considerations could be taken into account more within Local Development Strategies
 - Development of 'place-based' networks – to encourage synergies between businesses and environment
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Possible actions

- Sharing practical examples of GE projects showing:
 - the breadth of what is feasible;
 - What made them successful;
 - Linkages with other funding sources and policy initiatives
- Encourage the setting up of 'place-based' networks
- Capacity building amongst advisers and beneficiaries on how different rural sectors can contribute to the GE
- Revise eligibility criteria for RDP projects to prioritise GE projects
- Encourage LAGs to take account of GE within their local development strategies

Other issues?

Other actions required?

Good examples from your experience?