

NRNs' Workshop

'Attractive and Inclusive Rural Areas'

Agenda

16 November 2017

Cyprus, Nicosia

Background & objectives

The Social Inclusion Workshop on Attractive and Inclusive Rural Areas is organised back-to-back with the 9th NRN meeting in Cyprus (15th November - see separate agenda). The main objectives of the Workshop are:

- To identify **innovative practices** to promote social inclusion in rural areas, with specific focus on the contribution of RDPs
- To **generate discussion and further exchanges among NRNs** on how to best support/improve RDP implementation on social inclusion
- To define further specific sub-themes of interest for work of the ENRD on social inclusion and demographic change

15 November 2017: Arrival of participants

Afternoon/evening: Arrival of all participants participating at the Social Inclusion Workshop. Participants can take part already in the final session of the NRN meeting 'Introduction to the theme of Rural Attractiveness and Social Inclusion' (Please have a look at the Agenda of the NRN meeting).

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Timing 🕒	Agenda item ⓘ
9.00 – 9.30	Registration of participants
Introduction to the meeting	
9.30 – 9.50	Introduction to the purpose and structure of the day, <i>Edina Ocsko (ENRD CP)</i>
9.50 – 10.30	Interventions by four experts on social inclusion themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addressing basic social needs, <i>Franz Wolfmayr (European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities)</i> • Creation of jobs & employment for social inclusion, <i>Maura Farrell (National University of Ireland, Galway & Irish National Rural Network)</i> • Integration of communities, <i>Ali Khan (Open Society Foundations)</i> • Social return on investment, <i>Chris Ranford (Cornwall Rural Community Charity)</i>
Session 1: What are the main social inclusion needs in rural areas?	
10.30 – 10.50	Introduction to session 1 & inspiring examples from LAG stakeholders (in plenary)
10.50 – 11.10	Coffee break (breaking into discussion groups)
11.10 – 12.00	Working in groups on 'Main social inclusion challenges and needs in rural areas'
12.00 – 12.30	Feedback from groups on the chosen challenge to work on
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
Session 2: What would you do to address the social challenge selected if you had any tools in your hand?	
13.30 – 13.50	Introduction to session 2 & inspiring examples from LAG stakeholders (in plenary)
13.50 – 14.50	Discussion (in groups): Thinking about out-of-the-box solutions
14.50 – 15.15	Coffee break
Session 3: What can you actually achieve & what are the missions for NRNs to help address the challenge?	
15.15 – 15.30	Introduction to session 3 & inspiring examples from stakeholders (in discussion groups)
15.30 – 16.30	Discussion: Developing an Action Plan 2021
Final plenary	
16.30 – 17.20	Feedback from groups on action plans & Reflection from experts
17.20 – 17.30	Closing remarks & next steps