

ENRD Workshop

LEADER Innovation Practitioner Led Working Group

30 November 2017

Rue de la Loi 38, Brussels 1040

Draft Agenda

Background

This workshop will involve LEADER practitioners including LAGs, Managing Authorities and National Rural Networks. The session will focus on findings emerging from the work of the LEADER Innovation Practitioner-Led Working Group (PWG) to date which has highlighted the tension that exists between the association of innovation with perceived risk on the one hand and the aspiration of finding new opportunities and new solutions through innovation on the other.

Informed by practically focused inputs and examples and through exploring these divergent perspectives this workshop aims to explore and establish links or bridges between the 'risk averse' and 'opportunity seeking' attitudes to LEADER innovation. The workshop will also examine the possible reasons for and ways of overcoming this dilemma and how improving the common understanding of relevant EU-level requirements as they relate to LEADER can help achieve that.

The workshop will also discuss the next steps and themes for further PWG work on LEADER Innovation.

Time	Session
9.00	Registration of participants
9.30	Welcome and introductory remarks by DG AGRI and the ENRD Contact Point (CP) Purpose and structure of the day, ENRD CP LEADER Innovation – PWG work to date, setting the scene and introducing the workshop theme, ‘Balancing risk and opportunity’. ENRD CP
9.45	LEADER Innovation and the regulatory requirements: what are the key considerations for LAGs, Paying Agencies (PAs) and Managing Authorities (MAs), what is specified in the EU regulations and requirements? DG AGRI
10.30	Parallel Topic Workshops Round 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perceived risks of LEADER Innovation – Workshop Group ‘A’: discussing why LEADER innovation is perceived to be ‘risky’ by some LAGs, MAs and PAs, whether this is the reality, what this is based on and how justified is this? • Perceived opportunities of LEADER Innovation – Workshop Group ‘B’: discussing why LEADER innovation is perceived to represent an opportunity by some LAGs, MA, whether this is the reality, what this is based on and how justified is this?
11.30	<i>Coffee</i>
12.00	Parallel Topic Workshops Round 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perceived risks of LEADER Innovation – Workshop Group ‘B’: Feedback from round 1 followed by continuation of the discussion. • Perceived opportunities of LEADER Innovation – Workshop Group A’: Feedback from round 1 followed by continuation of the discussion.
13.00	<i>Lunch</i>
14.00	Parallel Workshops Round 3 – Bridging risk and opportunity: working through the findings of the previous discussions to identify, explore and develop possible and realistic solutions to achieving the opportunities and addressing risks.
15.15	<i>Coffee</i>
15.45	Reporting Back: Bringing it all together: how have the participants perceptions changed, what are the lessons they have learned and their next steps? What are the next steps for the Innovation Practitioner LED Working Group?
16.45	<i>End of event</i>