

# ENRD Workshop on Rural Networks Self-assessment

19 October 2015, Brussels

Location : ENRD Contact Point, Rue de la Loi, 38, 1040 Bruxelles

## Agenda

### Objectives of the workshop

- To develop a common understanding on the purpose and role the **Rural Networks Assembly and Steering Group** in ensuring appropriate ongoing monitoring and assessment of the activities of the ENRD and EIP network.
- To **confirm the necessary elements** to inform a robust and achievable assessment of the activities of the ENRD and EIP network.
- To work jointly with **NSUs in designing NRN self-assessment frameworks, with specific focus on** methods and indicators for results
- To plan future **joint work of networks on NRN self-assessment** and possible links with NRN evaluation

| Timing<br>⌚                                                                                                              | Agenda item<br>📄                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| <b>Ensuring appropriate monitoring and assessment of ENRD and EIP activities – the Assembly and Steering Group roles</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 9.30 – 9.50                                                                                                              | <b>Introduction:</b> Overview of the whole day and the purpose & structure of the morning session                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 9.50 – 11.00                                                                                                             | <b>How to ensure effective Assembly and Steering Group involvement in monitoring and assessment- purpose and definition</b><br><i>Developing a common understanding of the role and involvement of the Assembly and Steering Group in monitoring and assessing the activities of the ENRD and EIP network (Overview &amp; discussion)</i> |
| 11.00 – 11.20                                                                                                            | <i>Coffee</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 11.20 – 12.45                                                                                                            | <b>Providing the evidence for monitoring and assessing ENRD and EIP network activities</b><br><i>Working session to develop an understanding of the evidence needed to assess network activities(Examples &amp; discussion)</i>                                                                                                           |
| 12.45 – 13.00                                                                                                            | <b>Conclusions and next steps:</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

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|                                                                                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to progress the Assembly and Steering Group involvement in ensuring appropriate monitoring and assessment of the EU Networks activities?</li> <li>• What should be presented/developed during Steering Group session and Assembly meeting?.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 13.00 – 14.00                                                                                      | <i>Buffet lunch</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 14.00 – 17.00                                                                                      | <b>NRN Self-assessment</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 14.00 – 14.10                                                                                      | <b>Introduction:</b> Purpose & structure of the afternoon session                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 14.10 – 14.40                                                                                      | <p><b>NRNs’ perspectives on the purpose of self-assessment</b><br/> <i>The role of self-assessment in continuous improvement of activities &amp; demonstrating the added value of networking:</i><br/> <i>The Swedish approach (Maria Gustafsson, Swedish Rural Network)</i><br/> <i>The Scottish approach (Jody Fleck, Scottish Rural Network)</i><br/> <i>Discussion</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 14.40 – 16.20                                                                                      | <p><b>Discussion: From outputs towards results</b><br/> <i>Working groups about practical quantitative and qualitative methods to assess outcomes/results of networking activities:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Discussion I: How can we assess whether meetings &amp; workshops contribute to network objectives?</i></li> <li>• <i>Discussion II: How can we assess whether communication tools contribute to network activities? / How can we assess whether thematic exchanges contribute to network activities?</i></li> <li>• <i>Feedback from working groups &amp; conclusions</i></li> </ul> |
| 16.20 -16.35                                                                                       | <i>Coffee</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 16.35 – 17.00                                                                                      | <p><b>Conclusions &amp; next steps:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How we proceed from here? - Possible joint actions on self-assessment (including collecting &amp; accumulating common network statistics)</li> <li>• Planned activities of the Evaluation Helpdesk on NRN evaluation</li> <li>• Further activities of NRNs, ENRD CP and Evaluation Helpdesk</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |