

Workshop

“EFSI: Achieving complementarity with the EAFRD and setting up investment platforms”

AGENDA

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- Brussels, L42 -

Background and objectives

The European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) offers interesting opportunities for investment in rural areas and for boosting competitiveness, growth and jobs in the agri-business and forestry sectors. Building upon a recent ENRD workshop on the EFSI, which provided a general overview of all the core elements and tools of the ‘Investment Plan for Europe’, this workshop will explore in detail:

- **setting up investment platforms** supported under the EFSI, and
- complementarities between **the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)** and the EFSI.

The workshop aims to enable potential project promoters, investors, EAFRD Managing Authorities, promotional banks and other financial intermediaries to make full use of the EFSI. It will focus on how to make use of investment platforms to bundle small-size projects and how to combine it with EAFRD resources. It will provide practical answers to stakeholders’ questions and concerns. Finally, the event will provide opportunities for establishing links between project partners and key experts in EFSI implementation.

Indicative timing 🕒	Agenda item 📅
9.30 -10.00	Registration & Coffee
10.00 – 10.15	Welcome EU Commission, DG AGRI
10.15 – 10.40	EFSI – EAFRD Complementarity – a chance for increasing effectiveness and efficiency EU Commission, DG AGRI
10.40 – 11.00	Investment platforms – a flexible instrumental vehicle for pooling resources EU Commission, DG ECFIN
11.00 – 11.20	EFSI – state of play and the role of promotional banks as driver for its implementation European Investment Bank (EIB)
11.20 – 11.35	Coffee Break
11.35 – 12.15	Podium discussion – Addressing bottlenecks by stakeholder groups With representatives of Managing Authorities, sectoral organizations, financial institutes represent the EIB, DG ECFIN, DG REGIO
12.15 – 12.30	Q & A Session
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 14.30	Designing and setting up investment platforms in practice Examination of examples in the following fields: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Precision farming – R&D and the machinery sector, Prof. Dr.-Ing. Peter Pickel, John Deere GmbH - Broadband, DG ECFIN - Investment platforms – Good practices, EIB
14.30 – 15.15	Group work on investment platforms – Round 1: Set-up, actors and resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can investment platforms be set up? - What are possible areas, sectors, sponsors and managing bodies? <i>with contributions by representatives of the EIB and EU Commission</i>
15.15 – 15.30	Coffee Break
15.30 – 16.15	Group work on investment platforms – Round 2: Establishing interlinks between EFSI and EAFRD <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can RDPs provide contribute to setting up investment platforms? - What are main difficulties and opportunities? <i>with contributions by representatives of the EIB and EU Commission</i>
16.15 – 16.45	Q & A
16.45 – 17.00	Conclusions & Outlook EU Commission, DG AGRI