

Workshop on

“Developing common activities among NRNs operating in Member States with regional RDPs”

Agenda

14th February 2018

Venue: CREA

via Po, 14. Rome.

Background

The Italian NRN is pleased to invite all the **Network Support Units (NSUs) operating in Member States with regional RDPs (Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom and Italy)** to a practical cooperation event aiming at developing future joint activities among the NRNs in 2018-2019.

The meeting, scheduled on the **14th of February** at the premises of **CREA (Council for Agricultural Research and Analysis of Agricultural Economics) in via Po 14 Rome**, is an occasion to capitalize the debate of the previous-day ENRD workshop (*“Improving rural policy delivery: the regional dimension”*) and it is a continuity of the first meeting of the cluster, held in Amsterdam, the 10th of May 2016 in the framework of the ENRD European Network.

The relevance of a closer cooperation within this cluster is justified by the fact that these 8 Member States represent a group of 96 RDPs over a total of 116 RDPs implemented in the EU (covering the 80% of the total) and have a comparable experience in managing EU rural development policies since the 90's at regional/national level.

NRNs, in the context of Member States with regionalised RDPs, have to face in most cases similar issues when dealing with national governance and policy monitoring, support for the implementation of multiple RDPs, relationship with a plurality of Managing Authorities and Paying Agencies, interregional cooperation among local stakeholders and exchange of a variety of experiences at national level.

The event would like to foster new ideas for common activities to be carried out on voluntary basis in 2018-2019 by the NRNs part of the cluster.

Objectives

The workshop aims at:

- Developing on voluntary basis future joint activities among the NRNs part of the cluster
- Exploring the added-value of bilateral/multilateral cooperation for answering specific needs emerging from local stakeholders or regional authorities
- Stimulate closer relations among the NSUs part of the cluster and mutual knowledge on the activities carried out at national level
- Sharing experience on implementing the NRN in a context with multiple RDPs at the Member State level
- Starting up bilateral/multilateral activities, from which also potentially attract other NRNs not initially part of the cluster.

Timing 🕒	Agenda item ⓘ
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Arrival and registration</i>
09:30 – 11:30	<p>Short presentations by the NRNs part of the cluster (<i>10 minutes each</i>) on the contents of their 2018/2019 Annual Plans of activities, highlighting possible issues where bilateral/multilateral cooperation with other NRNs could bring an added-value.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - By the NRNs part of the cluster (Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom and Italy)
11:30 – 11:45	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:45– 13:30	<p>“Round table” discussion on the proposed joint activities/possible areas of cooperation in 2018/2019 among the NRNs part of the cluster.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - World Cafe harvesting session moderated by the ENRD European Network
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Networking lunch</i>
14:30 – 15:00	Sum up and next steps.