

EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT

SUMMARY WORKING PLAN FOR YEAR 6

2013-2014

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The 6th year of ENRD operation will bridge the end of the current 2007-2013 programming period and the start of the new 2014-2020 period. At the EU level, details of the regulatory framework are now being finalised and associated guidance elaborated. At MS level, the new RDPs are being prepared. At this stage in the programming cycle, the ENRD, as an experienced network, will have two horizontal priorities for the coming year:

- Capitalisation and future proofing of the current ENRD knowledge bank;
- Supporting actions for the new programming – and networking – period.

Both these priorities will be reflected in each of the three main strands of ENRD activities. Namely:

- (1) Knowledge development / analysis;
- (2) Knowledge sharing / communication;
- (3) Exchange and cooperation / networking.

In the field of knowledge development and analysis (1): support/guidance for the preparation of the next generation of rural development programmes will continue. ‘Stocktaking’ of the current body of experience will be undertaken and used to provide insights on relevant topics for programme implementation, not only design. The following themes and methods are envisaged:

- Rural youth thematic initiative (completion of analytical work, dissemination and possible event);
- Knowledge transfer and Innovation (Dissemination of the Focus Group work and feed into the EIP network);
- Regularly updated content to support 2014-2020 programming and implementation (targeted workshops, enhancement of ENRD website content, and improved stakeholder exchange platform);
- Targeted expansion and enhanced promotion of the RDP projects database and Monitoring Indicators information base;
- Possible initiatives aimed at candidate and pre-candidate countries (participation in targeted ENRD events, possible dedicated workshop).

In the field of knowledge sharing / communication (2), as more information becomes available, the priorities will be on closing the ‘information gap’, through continuing to increase access to, and the active sharing of, information for rural development actors/administrations. Notably through:

- Possible further expansion of languages for the core pages of the ENRD website;
- Extended and more open use of Open ENRD (fora, links to social media...);
- Expansion of communication tools gateway (and support to the RD communication practitioners network and possible event);
- Further expansion of use of videos/short clips (to explain projects, initiatives and approaches to complement on-going capacity building/training needs in MSs).

In the field of exchange and cooperation / networking (3), the priorities will be on consolidating and enhancing the various ‘tool-kits’ and strengthening the opportunities for stakeholder exchange in the context of the on-going preparations for the 2014-2020 period;

- Consolidation and enhancement of the LEADER toolkit (in particular the self-assessment of LAGs and stakeholder exchange initiatives);
- Consolidation and enhancement of the NRN toolkit (success stories, common statistics and indicators);
- NSU / NRN Capacity building focussing on targeted peer-to-peer support and exchanges, primarily addressing the emerging challenges of the next programming period;
- One new ‘Regional’ cluster on CLLD, increasingly focussing on implementation;
- Transnational and inter-regional cooperation (comparative review of measure 421/TNC project evaluations).

Cross-cutting and **bringing together** all of the above as it relates to the programming period 2014-2020, through building on the Year 5 enhancements of the ENRD Website:

- Developing a 2014-2020 Programming Gateway (content comprising all relevant ENRD materials, and including RD policy priorities, CLLD, networking, website tools to improve exchange capabilities).

ENRD planning of Year 6 main meetings 2013-2014 (indicative¹)

2013	Committee / seminars / NRNs meetings / workshops
Q3 (ENRD Q1/Yr6)	
12-13 September 2013 (tbc)	19 th NRN meeting (Poland)
26 September 2013 (tbc)	Importance of networking workshop (DG AGRI participants)
Q4 (ENRD Q2/Yr6)	
Late October (tbc)	ENRD Event on youth (tbc)
11 November 2013 (tbc)	ENRD Leader subcommittee
12 November 2013 (tbc)	LSC workshop "Financing of Local Development Strategies" (tbc)
26-27-28 November	Networks meeting, Bourgogne, France (possibly 20 th NRN meeting on 28th tbc)
9-10 December 2013	EU Funds Communication Event 2013
11 December 2013 (tbc)	ENRD Coordination committee, Brussels
12 December 2013 (tbc)	Seminar "Towards a Successful Implementation of the new Programming Period"
2014	Committee / seminars / NRNs meetings / workshops
Q1 (ENRD Q3/Yr6)	
March 2014 (tbc)	ENRD communications event
March 2014 (tbd)	ENRD Workshop
Q2 (ENRD Q4/Yr6)	
June 2014 (tbd)	ENRD Final 2007-2013 event

¹ Up-to-date as of 15/07/2013.