

## Conference organisation

The expected number of participants is 60 – 80. Participation is free of charge, and a lunch buffet, coffee and after-conference drinks will be provided. Participants must bear the costs for accommodation and travel, and will receive further details and hotel information upon registration.

Date: Tuesday 15 June 2010

### Conference Venue:

Representation of the State of North Rhine–Westphalia to the European Union,  
Rue Montoyer 47, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

### Registration:

Please register online at [http://www.rudi-europe.net/rudi\\_conference.html](http://www.rudi-europe.net/rudi_conference.html) or send an e-mail to: [conference@rudi-europe.net](mailto:conference@rudi-europe.net)

## Preliminary schedule

10 h	• Welcome remarks	• DG Research, • Simone Schiller, RuDI
10.15 h	• The EU perspective of Rural Development after 2013: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• DG Agri</li><li>• DG Regio</li></ul>	• Invited speakers
10.45 h	• The RuDI project - Overview of the research project and its main findings	• RuDI team
	• Walk, see and reflect – Case study presentations	• Poster session during lunch
12.30 h	• Lunch	
14 h	• Insights into process effects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rural development policy – opportunities for change</li><li>• Improving policy evaluation – improving evaluation policy</li></ul>	• RuDI team facilitated discussion
16 h	• Concluding remarks	• OECD
16.30 h	• Post-conference informal exchange	



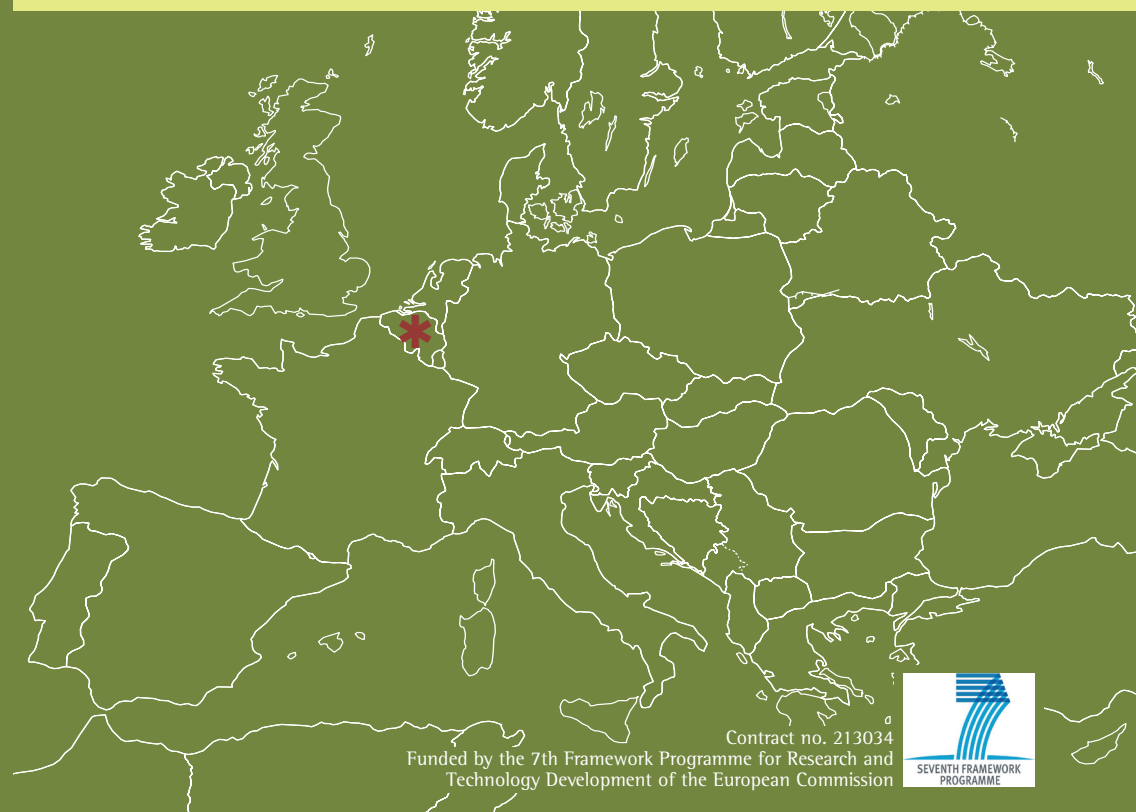
Assessing the Impacts of Rural Development Policies (incl. LEADER)



## RuDI Final Conference

# Beyond indicators: evaluating the processes of EU rural development policies

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## RUDI final conference

### Context

With the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD), the European Commission and Council are supporting a more strategic and objective-led approach to rural development policy. The research project 'Assessing the Impacts of Rural Development Policies (incl. LEADER)' (**RuDI**), carried out from 1 February 2008 to 31 October 2010, examines the formulation, implementation and impacts of European rural development policies across all member states in the 2007-13 programming period. The conference takes place at a time when the Commission is considering its proposals for the 2014-2020 framework period.

### Objectives of the conference

- Better understanding of the diversity of EU Rural Development Programmes, their priorities, and implementation.
- Insight into the process effects of Rural Development programming, implementation and evaluation.
- Discussion of possible improvements of policies that more effectively target the challenges of Rural Development in Europe.
- Exchange and networking between Rural Development stakeholders and the **RuDI** consortium to foster mutual learning and knowledge sharing for the development of better policies.

### Content of the conference

- Keynote speakers from DG Agriculture, DG Regio and OECD
- Presentation of the main findings and policy recommendations of the **RuDI** project
- Illustration by in-depth case studies of: Vertical and horizontal policy coordination issues; LEADER mainstreaming and evaluation; Sustaining marginal rural areas; New delivery systems for agri-environmental measures; Policy targeting and efficiency issues

- Comments from stakeholders from EU and national policy level, researchers, evaluators and other interested participants
- Discussion of the findings and recommendations with conference participants

### Target group

- Policy decision makers from European countries
- Key actors and researchers in rural development institutions
- Representatives of DG Agri, DG Regio, the European Network for Rural Development, and the European Evaluation Network for Rural Development

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