



European Network for Rural Development
Coordination Committee
Workshop

“The future of rural networking”

17th September 2012

Centre Albert Borschette - Rue Froissart, 36 - 1040 Brussels - Room: OD

Context of the meeting

This ENRD workshop will aim to exchange on the future European networking for rural development, and to help prepare for the new generation of rural development programmes with regards to the rural networks.

In particular:

- it should help build a better understanding amongst key stakeholders involved in these networks of the new legal proposal¹;
- it should support the exchange of ideas and views on the expected scope of networking in relation to the future rural development policy scenario with a focus on the role and function of the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD), the Agricultural European Innovation Partnership (EIP) network, the European Evaluation Network for Rural Development (EENRD) and the National Rural Networks (NRNs) ;
- it should help identify the challenges for the future, practical solutions as well as implications of the proposed regulatory framework for all stakeholders, as well as the needs for guidance.

Foreseen participants

The foreseen participants are representatives of:

- National rural networks (ENRD Coordination committee);
- National authorities (ENRD Coordination committee);
- EU-organisations active in the field of rural development (ENRD Coordination committee / advisory group for rural development);
- The evaluation network (Evaluation expert committee);
- Agricultural research (SCAR);
- Agricultural Chambers;
- FARNET, URBACT.

¹ Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) for the 2014-2020 programming period, in particular Articles 52, 53, 54 and 55.

Draft Agenda

8:45 – 9:30 Registration – reimbursement formalities

9.30 – 10.45 Networking landscape for the 2014-2020 programming period

- Role and function of ENRD, EENRD, agricultural-EIP network and NRNs as outlined in the proposed regulatory framework, by DG AGRI
- Discussion on the types and roles of different stakeholders and actors in different networks

10.45-11.15 Coffee break

11.15- 12.30 Lessons learnt from the current period

- Presentation on "What has worked well and less well at EU level rural networking?"
- Questions / discussion
- Poster Session – "NRN Critical Issues" (6 posters by NRNs/MAs)
 - *Presentation of the current networking challenges on key operational issues, e.g. linked to structure, mandate, budget, representation, capacity and management and monitoring and evaluation.*
 - *Feedback from participants and sharing of experiences.*

12.30-14.00 Lunch Break

14.00- 17.15 Preparing for the future

- Which organisational structure at EU level?
 - *Presentation by DG AGRI*
 - *Discussion*
- Which organisation at National level and which coordination mechanisms between EU and National levels?
 - *Introductory remarks*
 - *Discussion*

16.00- 16.30 Coffee break

- 16.30-17.15
- What are the areas for which guidance is needed?
 - Discussion

17.15 -17.30 Next steps and closing