

Linkages between NRNs' activities and the 10 policy orientations set out in the Cork 2:0 Declaration

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The Declaration that resulted from the Cork 2.0 European Conference on Rural Development (September 2016) sets out 10 policy orientations that should guide "an innovative, integrated and inclusive rural and agricultural policy in the EU". This document explores how some National Rural Networks' (NRNs) current activities and ideas for the future relate to and build on the Cork 2.0 policy orientations.

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EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS

IDEAS FOR THE FUTURE

General communication & follow-up to the Cork 2.0 Declaration



- ✓ Raising awareness of the Cork 2.0 Declaration among rural stakeholders (Czech Republic)
- ✓ National rural conference/parliament (Slovakia)
- ✓ Translation of the Cork 2.0 Declaration and promotion on website and via a newsletter (Portugal)
- ✓ Promoting and dissemination of the Cork 2.0 Declaration via network's communication tools (BE-Wallonia)
- ✓ Presentation of the Cork 2.0 policy orientations to policy officers within the Rural Development Directorate (Spain)

- A video on Cork 2.0 to enhance promotion and dissemination
- Discussions on the Cork 2.0 policy orientations to be included in the national position presented at the European Rural Parliament 2017 (Czech Republic)
- Awareness-raising activities to promote the Cork 2.0 outcomes to rural development stakeholders (UK-England)
- Aligned priorities with the Cork 2.0 Declaration (UK-England)
- Work with European Rural Networks' Assembly to incorporate the Declaration into regional policies (BE-Wallonia)

1. Promoting Rural Prosperity



- ✓ Dedicated campaign and thematic working group on 'entrepreneurship' (Finland)

- NRN involvement in policy developments to support a 'rural proofing' of the broader policy landscape (UK – Scotland)
- A thematic working group on the LEADER approach - (Poland)
- NRNs' support for the development of new agricultural policy (UK – Scotland)

2. Strengthening rural value chains



- ✓ 'Foodtank' project on public procurement of local food (Sweden)
- ✓ Support to local food networks through awareness-raising events and information materials (Estonia)
- ✓ Awareness-raising actions targeted at rural development stakeholders (Cyprus)

- A workshop on Forestry involving the main farmers' and foresters' associations (Portugal)

3. Investing in rural viability and vitality



- ✓ National LEADER conference, including a dedicated workshop on Cork 2.0 (Poland)
- ✓ Support to social inclusion of asylum seekers and migrants in rural areas (Sweden)
- ✓ Support to exchange and networking on the topic of rural tourism (Sweden)
- ✓ 'Young entrepreneurs innovation camp' (Finland)

- A topic in a thematic working group on 'Competitiveness in rural areas' (Poland)
- Information campaigns and actions targeted at young people (e.g. projects brochure, campaign "Come back to live and work in a rural area") (Estonia)
- A conference targeted at young farmers (Czech Republic)
- Publicity campaigns highlighting rural identity and opportunities in rural areas
- Actions targeted at young farmers (Slovakia)

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4. Preserving the rural environment



- ✓ Awareness-raising actions and information materials (e.g. newsletter) (Cyprus)
- ✓ Awareness-raising events and information materials on land management (Romania)

- A European network for farm advisors (including environmental advisors)

5. Managing natural resources



- ✓ A brochure on 'Environmentally friendly agriculture' (Estonia)

- Actions to demonstrate the value of forestry connected to farms (Sweden)
- A thematic working group on the topic of 'natural resources management' (Romania)
- Actions to support the bioeconomy & forestry (Finland)
- Activities on carbon farming- carbon to soil

6. Encouraging climate action

- ✓ A seminar on forestry (France)
- ✓ Thematic working group on the topic of 'environment and climate' (Finland)

- Implement a thematic group on innovation in agriculture and in rural areas (Poland)

7. Boosting knowledge and innovation



- ✓ A thematic working group on innovation (Finland & Portugal)
- ✓ Communication actions (e.g. webinars "Scientist meets farmer" and seminar on broadband and ICT in rural areas) (Estonia)
- ✓ A support service on innovation providing advice, and peer to peer exchange in the aim of aligning research agendas to rural needs (UK-Scotland)
- ✓ A strategic communication plan (Cyprus)

- Organize an "Agri innovation summit" (Portugal)

8. Enhancing rural governance



- ✓ Presentation of the Cork 2.0 Declaration at the French NRN meeting of 24-25 November (France)
- ✓ Information events targeted at LAGs on legislation, implementation, exchange of good practices, collection of FAQs (Estonia)
- ✓ A thematic working group on LEADER/CLLD (Portugal)
- ✓ National Rural Parliament 2017 (Finland)

- Workshops and seminars on CLLD (Czech Republic & Slovakia)
- Joint work with the Scottish Rural Parliament - support process to next European Rural Parliament (UK-Scotland)
- LeaderFEST Fair in June 2017 (Czech Republic & Slovakia)
- A thematic working group on 'improving administrative capacities in rural areas' (Romania)
- Meetings with the members of the European Rural Networks' Assembly to discuss Cork 2.0

9. Advancing policy delivery and simplification



- ✓ National Rural Policy Committee as a member of the NRN to enhance cooperation (FI)

- Workshop targeted at policy officers within the Managing Authority to present and discuss Cork 2.0 (Portugal)
- Actions supported to enhance simplification and trust (Sweden)
- Workshop on balancing compliance with proportionality (relevant for PAs and MAs)

10. Improving Performance and accountability

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