



## ENRD CP activities since 2nd Rural Networks Assembly meeting (26/11/2015)

In addition to the activities listed below, the ENRD Contact Point produces a number of outputs that are continuously uploaded on the website. These include 100 good practices per year; summaries of RDP Priorities and Focus Areas; analyses of key RDP Measures; factsheets and FAQs on important rural development topics; NRN tools etc.

16/12/2015

### **1st Thematic Group Meeting 'Promoting the transition to a green economy' - Brussels, Belgium**

The first meeting of the TG aimed to define the 'Green Economy' and why it matters and to identify practical examples and analysis of what RDPs can and do support.

**Main output:** Meeting Report

19/01/2016

### **ENRD Workshop on Simplified Cost Options in LEADER/CLLD - Brussels, Belgium**

The workshop enabled exchange on possibilities for applying SCOs in LEADER/CLLD with a special focus on preparatory support and running costs and animation.

**Main outputs:** Meeting Report + ENRD Guidance on SCOs in LEADER.

01/02/2016

### **European Conference 'Unlocking the Potential of the RDPs' - Brussels, Belgium**

The conference reflected on the lessons learned from the RDP programming phase; where the greatest areas of potential for the RDPs are; and specific actions allowing to fully realise this potential.

**Main outputs:** Conference Highlights & Full conference Report.

15/02/2016

### **ENRD Workshop on 'Umbrella Projects in LEADER/CLLD' - Brussels, Belgium**

The workshop enabled an exchange between Managing Authorities and European Commission representatives on the opportunities and challenges of umbrella projects under LEADER/CLLD.

**Main outputs:** Meeting Report and Working document on practicalities of implementing umbrella projects

16/02/2016

### **LEADER/CLLD Sub-group- Brussels, Belgium**

The third meeting of the LEADER/CLLD Sub-group discussed the state of play of programming and implementation of LEADER and LEADER cooperation activities, as well as recent activities and initiatives on improving delivery.

**Main outputs:** Meeting Report (EN, FR, DE)

23/02/2016

### **ENRD Workshop on 'Financing opportunities for projects - the Investment Plan for Europe' - Brussels, Belgium**

The workshop presented and discussed the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), the European Investment Advisory Hub (EIAH) and the European Investment Project Portal (EIPP).

**Main outputs:** EFSI-AGRI-NEWS (event highlights, practical information and FAQs) and FAQs on EFSI, EIAH, EIPP.



24/02/2016

**2nd Meeting of Thematic Group (TG) on ['Smart and Competitive Rural Areas'](#) - Brussels, Belgium**

The second meeting of the TG discussed the topics of 'Added Value and Entrepreneurship' and 'Accessing New Markets' with a particular focus on public procurement of food and drink.

**Main output:** Meeting Report

29/02/2016

**[4th NRNs' Meeting](#) - Bled, Slovenia**

The fourth NRNs' meeting aimed to support Network Support Units (NSUs) in developing network activities such as thematic work; events; collection of good practices; and digital communications.

**Main output:** Meeting Report

04/03/2016

**[Rural Networks' Steering Group](#) - Brussels, Belgium**

The fourth meeting of the Rural Networks' Steering Group (SG) strengthened members' involvement in EU Rural Networks' activities and fine-tuned their priorities for 2016.

**Main outputs:** Meeting Report (EN, FR, DE)

15/03/2016

**ENRD Workshop on ["Selection criteria: towards a more performant RD policy"](#) - Brussels, Belgium**

The workshop focused on the definition, use, and communication of selection criteria which is crucial for a result-oriented and effective implementation of Rural Development Programmes (RDPs).

**Main output:** FAQs

17/03/2016

**ENRD Workshop on [LEADER/CLLD and networking in support of social inclusion](#) - Brussels, Belgium**

The workshop presented opportunities under the RDPs for supporting social inclusion in rural areas and discussed approaches, tools and practices (especially LEADER/CLLD and rural networking) to achieve this objective.

**Main output:** Factsheets on social inclusion in rural areas.

03/2016

**[Publication of the EU Rural Review 21 - Rural Responses to Challenges in Europe](#)**

This issue highlights the relevance of EU Rural Development policy to wider societal challenges and the practical opportunities to deliver the greatest positive impact on the ground.

06/04/2016

**[2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Meetings of Thematic Group on "Promoting the Transition to the Green Economy"](#) - Rotterdam, The Netherlands**

17/05/2016

The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Thematic Group consisted of an exchange of practical examples within the 'Green Economy' and a field visit to two relevant businesses. The 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting focused on how practical examples addressing the Green Economy can be incorporated into the Rural Development Programmes (RDPs).

**Main outputs:** factsheets, project + programme case studies (forthcoming), EAFRD Projects Brochure, EU Rural Review.



19/04/2016

**ENRD Workshop on [EFSI-EAFRD complementarity and investment platforms](#) - Brussels, Belgium**

The event explored practical steps to setting up investment platforms and concrete opportunities for linking the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) to the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI).

**Main outputs:** EFSI-AGRI-NEWS (events highlights, practical infor, FAQs) + FAQs on EFSI, Investment platforms and EFSI-EAFRD complementarities.

04/2016

**[Publication of the ENRD Magazine “Rural Connections” - Spring 2016](#)**

The Spring Edition features ENRD news and updates, as well as stakeholders’ perspectives on climate change, creative rural regeneration, rural entrepreneurship, among others. The thematic focus is on LEADER Cooperation, with reports and interviews on inter-regional, inter-Fund and third country cooperation examples.

11/05/2016

**[5th NRN’s Meeting](#) - Amsterdam, The Netherlands**

12/05/2016

The 5th NRNs’ meeting, linked to the Amsterdam Rural Forum, explored how the networks can improve their stakeholder involvement practices through efficient communication, as well as how networking can improve urban-rural and ‘agri-cultural’ linkages.

**Main output:** Meeting report.

27/05/2016

**ENRD Seminar on [Smart and Competitive Supply Chains](#) - Brussels, Belgium**

The event reflected on the thematic work of the ENRD Contact Point over the past year by exploring opportunities for smart and competitive supply chains under the Rural Development Programmes.

**Main outputs:** Factsheets + event report.

05/2016

**[Publication of the EARFD Projects Brochure on Smart and Competitive Rural Areas](#)**

This edition presents examples of methods and approaches that have been used across Europe to deliver results on the topics of rural broadband, digital access to market, farm modernisation, market development, rural diversification and sustainable communities.

01/06/2016

**ENRD workshop on [Measure 16 ‘Cooperation’](#) - Brussels, Belgium**

The workshop discussed the challenges currently faced by programme authorities in the implementation of Measure 16 and explored the wide range of cooperation opportunities the Measure offers.

**Main output:** Meeting report.

14/06/2016

**ENRD workshop on [LEADER Cooperation](#) - Brussels, Belgium**

The workshop looked at Managing Authorities’ and National Rural Networks’ initiatives enhancing cooperation by improving coordination and complementarity between RDPs; harmonising processes rules and tools; and working with other Funds and stakeholder groups.



16/06/2016

### [Rural Network's Steering Group – 5<sup>th</sup> meeting](#) - Brussels, Belgium

The fifth meeting of the Rural Networks' Steering Group (SG) discussed future activities of the networks to ensure their relevance for SG member organisations. It further identified key questions on networks' self-assessment.

01/07/2016

### [ENRD Seminar on 'Promoting the Transition to the Green Economy'](#) - Brussels, Belgium

The Seminar saw an exchange of experiences, examples, and new proposals for ensuring the RDPs support rural stakeholders to benefit fully from all the opportunities that the Green Economy can bring.

**Main output:** Meeting report.

15/07/2016

### [Publication of the ENRD monthly newsletter – July edition](#)

Please see the July edition at the following link: <http://bit.ly/2dxN1UL>. Available in French and German language.

15/07/2016

### [Publication of the EU Rural Review 22 'Smart and Competitive Food and Drink Supply Chains'](#)

This issue focusses on opportunities for “improving competitiveness of primary producers by better integrating them into the agri-food chain” – one of the Focus Areas of EU Rural Development policy. It provides an overview of the various means for adding value in food and drink supply chains.

30/08/2016

### [Publication of the EAFRD Projects Brochure 'Migrant and Refugee Integration'](#)

This edition explores how people in rural areas have used EAFRD support to respond to the challenges and opportunities presented by the recent influx of migrants and refugees into the EU.

30/08/2016

### [Publication of the ENRD monthly newsletter – August edition](#)

Please see the August edition at the following link: <http://bit.ly/2cWV7ae> Available in French and German language.

02/09/2016

### [Publication of the ENRD Presentation Booklet in 23 languages](#)

The booklet explains how networking activities through the ENRD can enable the best possible outcomes in the context of the EU's Rural Development policy. It is available for online download in 23 European languages.

20/09/2016

### [Publication of the ENRD Special Edition newsletter – Cork edition](#)

Please see the Special edition of our newsletter on the European Rural development Conference in Cork: <http://bit.ly/2dEsJXX>

29/09/2016

### [Publication of the ENRD monthly newsletter – September edition](#)

Please see the September edition at the following link: <http://bit.ly/2a3qq23> Available in French and German language.



13/10/2016

**1st Meeting of Thematic Group on 'Smart and Competitive Rural Businesses'**  
Brussels, Belgium

The 1st meeting of the Thematic Group (TG) primarily focused on identifying specific sub-themes that TG members will aim to work on, including practical challenges and opportunities offered by the Rural Development Programmes (RDPs).

**Main output:** Meeting report (Forthcoming).

18/10/2016

**ENRD Workshop on 'Areas Facing Natural or Other Specific Constraints' (ANCs)**  
Brussels, Belgium

This ENRD workshop focused on the designation of 'Areas facing natural or other specific constraints' (ANCs) by programme authorities.

**Main output:** Meeting report (Forthcoming).

25/10/2016

**Rural Networks' Steering Group – 6<sup>th</sup> meeting** - Brussels, BE

The sixth meeting of the Rural Networks' Steering Group (SG) looked at networks' activities to ensure their relevance for SG member organisations in light of the Cork 2.0 Conference and Declaration.

**Main output:** Meeting report (Forthcoming) (EN,DE,FR).

26/10/2016

**1st Meeting of Thematic Group on 'Resource-Efficient Rural Economy'** - Brussels, Belgium

The 1st meeting of the Thematic Group (TG) focused on identifying specific sub-themes linked to 'water and soil' that TG members will aim to work on, including practical challenges and opportunities offered by the Rural Development Programmes (RDPs).

**Main output:** Meeting report (Forthcoming).

27/10/2016

**Publication of the ENRD monthly newsletter – October edition**

To receive the ENRD newsletter, please subscribe to the following link: <http://bit.ly/2dPWt3B>

11/2016

**Publication of Rural Connections – Autumn 2016 edition**

The magazine contains a thematic section on the Cork 2.0 European Conference on Rural Development and the resulting Declaration, as well as ENRD news and updates and a range of stakeholder's perspectives on rural development topics.

08/11/2016

09/11/2016

**6th NRNs' Meeting** Senec, Slovakia

The 6th NRNs' meeting discussed network governance considering the structure and role of the NRNs. It further looked at links with stakeholders and how innovation is fostered within and between EU Member States.

**Main output:** Meeting report (Forthcoming).

22/11/2016

**Publication of the ENRD monthly newsletter – November edition**

To receive the ENRD newsletter, please subscribe to the following link: <http://bit.ly/2dPWt3B>



30/11/2016

### **2nd Meeting of Thematic Group on ‘[Smart and Competitive Rural Businesses](#)’**

Brussels, Belgium

The meeting supported exchange, identified examples and opportunities offered by the RDPs with regard to the working themes identified by the group: new trends and ‘wild ideas’ for rural businesses, smart business support and digitisation.

**Main output:** Meeting report (Forthcoming).

01/12/2016

### **[Rural Networks' Assembly](#)** - Brussels, Belgium

The sixth meeting of the Rural Networks’ Assembly will look at activities of the networks to ensure their relevance for SG member organisations in the light of the Cork 2.0 Conference and Declaration.

**Main output:** Meeting report (Forthcoming).

06/12/2016  
08/12/2016

### **[Achieving Results the CLLD Way: Putting the Method to Work](#)** - Båstad, Sweden

The event will focus on how to make the best possible use of the Community-Led Local Development (CLLD) method supported under Rural Development (EAFRD), Fisheries (EMFF), Regional Development (ERDF) and Social (ESF) Funds.

**Main output:** Meeting report (Forthcoming).

7/12/2016

### **ENRD Workshop on [Agri-environment Climate Measures](#)** - Brussels, Belgium

The workshop will discuss the design and implementation of result-oriented Agri-environment-climate Measures (AECM); collective approaches to AECM; and support for input reduction.

**Main output:** Meeting report (Forthcoming).

14/12/2016

### **2nd TG meeting on ‘[Resource-Efficient Rural Economy](#)’** - Brussels, Belgium

The meeting will support exchange, identify examples and opportunities offered by the RDPs with regard to the working themes identified by the group: specific resource efficiency themes (e.g. water use efficiency, carbon sequestration, soil and water quality) and cross-cutting themes (e.g. better communicating the benefits of resource-efficient activities to farmers).

**Main output:** Meeting report (Forthcoming).

20/12/2016

### **Planned publication of the ENRD monthly newsletter – December edition**

To receive the ENRD newsletter, please subscribe to the following link: <http://bit.ly/2dPWt3B>

12/2016

### **Planned publication of EU Rural Review 23**

The topic of this edition will be ‘Greening the Rural Economies’.





## ENRD Evaluation activities since the 2nd Rural Networks Assembly meeting (26/11/2015)

03/12/2015

### [Sounding Board of the Thematic Working Group Evaluation of National Rural Networks](#)- Vienna, Austria

Sounding Board members and authors of the guidelines discuss the first draft of the guidelines.

**Main output:** Minutes of the sounding board

04/12/2015

### [EvaluationWORKS! 2015](#) - Cyprus

Helpdesk capacity building event on the CMES. **Main output:** Report

14/12/2015

### [EvaluationWORKS! 2015](#) – Riga, Latvia

Helpdesk capacity building event on the evaluation of LEADER/CLLD. **Main output:** Report

13/01/2015

### [EvaluationWORKS! 2015](#) – Luxemburg

Helpdesk capacity building event on the evaluation of LEADER/CLLD. **Main output:** Report

19/01/2015

### [EvaluationWORKS! 2015](#) - Greece

Helpdesk capacity building event on the CMES. **Main output:** Report

03/02/2015

### [EvaluationWORKS! 2015](#) – IE + UK

Helpdesk capacity building event on the CMES. **Main output:** Report

15/02/2015

### [EvaluationWORKS! 2015](#) – Rome, Italy

Helpdesk capacity building event on the CMES. **Main output:** Report

16/02/2015

### [EvaluationWORKS! 2015](#) – Netherlands

Helpdesk capacity building event on the evaluation of LEADER/CLLD. **Main output:** Report

18/02/2015

### [EvaluationWORKS! 2015](#) – Estonia

Follow up to Helpdesk capacity building event on the CMES. **Main output:** Report



29/02/2015  
30/02/2015

#### [4<sup>th</sup> European Meeting of the NRNs, 2014-2020: Improving RDP Implementation Through Networking](#) – Bled, Slovenia

The Helpdesk introduces evaluation of NRNs to National Rural Networks 2014-2020 and conducts a group exercise to further reflect on the purpose of evaluation, the involved actors and their responsibilities. **Main output:** Report input

15/03/2016  
16/03/2016

#### [Kick-off of the 3rd Thematic Working Group on the Evaluation of LEADER/CLLD](#) - Brussels, Belgium

The primary objective of the 3rd Thematic Working Group is to produce Guidelines, which will serve to assist Managing Authorities and evaluators better understand and fulfill the requirements related to the evaluation of LEADER/CLLD. The kick off meeting included the Evaluation Helpdesk, drafting experts, peer reviewers and representatives of DG AGRI Unit E.4.

**Main output:** Minutes, outline of the Guidelines.

23/03/2016

#### [EvaluationWORKS! 2015 France](#) - Paris, France

This Helpdesk capacity building event was hosted by the French Ministry of Agriculture, Agro-Food and Forestry, and attended by over fifty participants comprising Managing Authorities, Paying Agencies, the Ministry and representatives of the European Commission. Topics included the Common Monitoring and Evaluation System, steps to answer evaluation questions in the enhanced AIR 2017, and the evaluation of LEADER/CLLD.

**Main output:** Capacity building report, a satisfactory survey from participants, and a report on French specific evaluation related queries.

01/04/2016

#### [Publication of the Evaluation NEWS No 3](#) - Brussels, Belgium

This issue focused on High Nature Value (HNV) farming, the synthesis of ex ante evaluations of RDPs 2014-2020, and sharing experiences related to the ex post evaluation 2007-2013.

**Main output:** Newsletter

15/05/2016

#### [Publication of Tri-lingual Website Sections with New Content and Features](#) - Brussels, Belgium

All sections of the website have been translated into English, French and German. New content has been added including additional sections on the Helpdesk's activities including, Thematic Working Groups, Good Practice Workshops, and Capacity Building, as well as the Legal Framework and updated publications pages.

24/05/2016

#### [9th Meeting of the Expert Group on Monitoring and Evaluating the CAP](#) - Brussels, Belgium

The Helpdesk presented the Guidelines "Assessment of RDP results: how to prepare for reporting on evaluation in 2017" including the draft SFC Template point 7 for the AIR 2017. Moreover, the work flow for the Thematic Working Group on the evaluation of LEADER/CLLD and the results of the 2015 Yearly Capacity Building events were discussed.

**Main output:** Minutes, presentations, draft SFC Template





03/06/2016

### [EvaluationWORKS! 2015 Germany](#) - Kassel, Germany

This Helpdesk capacity building event focused on both the creation of a system to answer common evaluation questions, focusing on the operations, data, and methods needed for the examination of complementary result indications which will serve to answer evaluation questions.

**Main output:** Report

07/06/2016

08/06/2016

### [Good Practice Workshop on High Nature Value \(HNV\) Farming](#) - Bonn, Germany

Organised by the Evaluation Helpdesk and The German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (Bundesamt für Naturschutz – BfN). This Good Practice Workshop brought together more than 50 relevant evaluation stakeholders in order to take stock of the approaches chosen by Member States to identify, monitor and assess HNV farming (extent and quality) in the period 2014-2020.

**Main output:** Report, presentations, web-section, factsheets on good practices

09/06/2016

### [2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thematic Working Group on the Evaluation of LEADER/CLLD](#) - Brussels, Belgium

The Thematic Working Group discussed and finalized the conceptual framework and the first draft of the Guidelines. The meeting included the Evaluation Helpdesk, drafting experts, peer reviewers and representatives of DG AGRI Unit E.4.

**Main output:** Minutes, draft guidelines

July 2016

### [Publication of Guidelines – “Evaluation of National Rural Networks 2014-2020”](#)

The Guidelines are a non-binding document, which serves to complement the legal requirements relating to NRN evaluations. The document is directed to MAs and evaluators and clarifies the common elements related to NRN evaluations and gives a wider set of recommendations on how to formulate and manage NRN evaluations.

**Main output:** Guidelines

04/07/2016

05/07/2016

### [Good Practice Workshop on Methods for assessing impacts of Rural Development Programmes 2007- 13: Practices and solutions for the ex post evaluation](#) - Palermo, Italy

Organised by the Evaluation Helpdesk and the Italian Rural Network. This good practice workshop covered different methodological approaches chosen to assess results and impacts of RDPs 2007-2013 and how to answer evaluation questions.

**Main output:** Report, presentations, web-section, factsheets on good practices



14/07/2016

**Workshop on “Planning the evaluation of National Rural Networks 2014-2020: Challenges, lessons, guidance” - United Kingdom**

The workshop on initiative of the UK NRNs discussed the Guidelines on the evaluation of NRNs as well as a case study from Finland in relation to the evaluation activities of NRNs for the programming period 2014-2020.

**Main output:** Report

August  
2016

**[Publication of the Evaluation NEWS No 4 - Brussels, Belgium](#)**

This issue focused on Evaluation of LEADER/CLLD, the 9th Expert Group on Monitoring and Evaluating the CAP and the second Good Practice Workshop on HNv: 7-8 June in Bonn, Germany

**Main output:** Newsletter

September  
2016

**[Publication of the Guidelines – “Assessment of RDP Results: How to Prepare for Reporting on Evaluation in 2017” - Brussels, Belgium](#)**

The Guidelines is a non-binding document, which serves to complement the legal requirements relating to the AIR submitted in 2017. The document leads stakeholders through the phases of planning, preparing, conducting and reporting on evaluation for the AIRs to be submitted in 2017.

**Main output:** Guidelines, Fiches for answering Common Evaluation Questions, SFC template for point 7 of the AIR submitted in 2017

September  
2016

**[Publication of the updated Working Document – “Evaluation-related Queries” - Brussels, Belgium](#)**

This working document compiles a selection of evaluation-related queries raised by the Member States in the period from January 2015 to September 2016.

**Main output:** Working Document

07/09/2016  
08/09/2016

**[3<sup>rd</sup> Geographic Experts Meeting - Brussels, Belgium](#)**

The Geographic Experts of the Evaluation Helpdesk met to develop the new training for the yearly capacity building event, EvaluationWORKS!, which will be conducted in the Member States in 2016/2017.

**Main output:** Capacity building material

13/09/2016  
14/09/2016

**[Nordic Baltic Rural Network Meeting: - Jelgava, Latvia](#)**

The Helpdesk presents the outline of the content of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thematic Working Group on the evaluation of LEADER/CLLD.

**Main output:** Report

13/09/2016

**[1<sup>st</sup> Sounding Board Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thematic Working Group on the Evaluation of LEADER/CLLD - Brussels, Belgium](#)**

The members of the Sounding Board met to provide feedback on the first draft of the Guidelines for the evaluation of LEADER/CLLD. The Sounding Board is composed of members of the Expert Group on Monitoring and Evaluating the CAP, the Rural Networks' Steering Group and the Sub-group on LEADER/CLLD, as well as representatives of the EC.

**Main output:** Minutes, draft guidelines



14/09/2016

**3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thematic Working Group on the Evaluation of LEADER/CLLD - Brussels, Belgium**

The Thematic Working Group discussed the 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the Guidelines and the comments raised during the Sounding Board, peer review and DG AGRI.

**Main output:** Minutes

20/10/2016  
27/10/2016

**Training on the ex post evaluation for DG AGRI Desk Officers – Brussels, Belgium**

The training aims to develop a common understanding among DG AGRI Desk Officers as regards the assessment of the ex post evaluation reports of RDPs 2007-2013.

**Main output:** Ex post assessment tool, training material

21/10/2016

**EvaluationWORKS! 2016 - Vienna, Austria**

This Helpdesk capacity building event will be focused on getting prepared for the evaluation to be reported in the Annual Implementation Report submitted in 2017

**Main output:** Report

27/10/2016

**EvaluationWORKS! 2016 - Belgium (Flanders) and Netherlands**

This joint Helpdesk capacity building event will be focused on getting prepared for the evaluation to be reported in the Annual Implementation Report submitted in 2017

**Main output:** Report

November  
2016

**Publication of the Evaluation NEWS No 5 - Brussels, Belgium**

This issue focused on data-management for evaluation, the assessment of the implementation of the evaluation plans and the annual implementation reports, result of the survey on HNV farming in RDPs 2014-2020, the new modules for the yearly capacity building EvaluationWORKS! 2016 and the third Good Practice Workshop on Methods for assessing impacts of RDPs 2007-13 (July 4-5, 2016 Palermo, Italy).

**Main output:** Newsletter

November  
2016

**Publication of Working Document “Assessment of the implementation of Evaluation Plans”**

The Working Document summarizes the screening of the evaluation plans of RDPs 2014-2020 and the annual implementation reports submitted in 2016.

**Main output:** Working Document

08/11/2016

**EvaluationWORKS! 2016 - Budapest, Hungary**

This Helpdesk capacity building event will be focused on getting prepared for the evaluation to be reported in the Annual Implementation Report submitted in 2017

**Main output:** Report



08/11/2016

### [EvaluationWORKS! 2016 - Zagreb, Croatia](#)

This Helpdesk capacity building event will be focused on getting prepared for the evaluation to be reported in the Annual Implementation Report submitted in 2017

**Main output:** Report

18/11/2016

### [10th Meeting of the Expert Group on Monitoring and Evaluating the CAP - Brussels, Belgium](#)

The Helpdesk will present on the Thematic Working Group 3 “Guidelines: Evaluation of LEADER/CLLD” and inform about the new Thematic Working Group 4 “Guidelines: Evaluation of Innovation”. **Main output:** Minutes, presentations, background material

23/11/2016

### [EvaluationWORKS! 2016 – Prague, Czech Republic](#)

This Helpdesk capacity building event will be focused on getting prepared for the evaluation to be reported in the Annual Implementation Report submitted in 2017.

**Main output:** Report

24/11/2016

### [EvaluationWORKS! 2016 – Copenhagen, Denmark](#)

This Helpdesk capacity building event will be focused on getting prepared for the evaluation to be reported in the Annual Implementation Report submitted in 2017

**Main output:** Report

29/11/2016

### [EvaluationWORKS! 2016 – Lisbon, Portugal](#)

This Helpdesk capacity building event will be focused on getting prepared for the evaluation to be reported in the Annual Implementation Report submitted in 2017

**Main output:** Report

29/11/2016

### [EvaluationWORKS! 2016 – Vilnius, Lithuania](#)

This Helpdesk capacity building event will be focused on getting prepared for the evaluation to be reported in the Annual Implementation Report submitted in 2017

**Main output:** Report

2/12/2016

### [EvaluationWORKS! 2016 – Valletta, Malta](#)

This Helpdesk capacity building event will be focused on getting prepared for the evaluation to be reported in the Annual Implementation Report submitted in 2017

**Main output:** Report

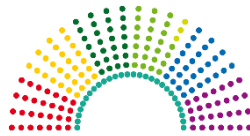
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06/12/2016

### [Good Practice Workshop on data-management for evidence based RDP evaluations - Bordeaux, France](#)

This Good Practice Workshop aims to provide a forum for the transfer of knowledge, discussion and exchange of useful practices on different Monitoring & Evaluation Systems. The main target audiences are Managing Authorities, Paying Agencies, LAGs, Data Providers, and RDP evaluators.

**Main output:** Report, presentations, web-section, factsheets on good practices



15/12/2016

**EvaluationWORKS! 2016 – Ljubljana, Slovenia**

This Helpdesk capacity building event will be focused on getting prepared for the evaluation to be reported in the Annual Implementation Report submitted in 2017

**Main output:** Report

16/12/2016

**EvaluationWORKS! 2016 – Paris, France**

This Helpdesk capacity building event will be focused on getting prepared for the evaluation to be reported in the Annual Implementation Report submitted in 2017

**Main output:** Report

16/12/2016

**EvaluationWORKS! 2016 – Helsinki, Finland**

This Helpdesk capacity building event will be focused on getting prepared for the evaluation to be reported in the Annual Implementation Report submitted in 2017

**Main output:** Report



## EIP-AGRI Network activities since the 2th Rural Networks Assembly meeting (26/11/2015)

03/12/2015

### **Seminar: Knowledge systems and interactive innovation – how to get all actors involved - Ireland**

On 3-4 December 2015, DG AGRI organised a two day seminar dedicated to promoting understanding of Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (AKIS) and to highlighting practical examples of the changes taking place in approaches to knowledge transfer, learning and innovation in the agricultural, forestry and rural development sectors.

**Main output:** Final report (forthcoming).

09/12/2016  
10/12/2016

### **EIP-AGRI Focus Group on “Benchmarking farm performance 1st meeting” - Spain**

The main issue being discussed in this FG is how farmers and businesses in the food value chain make use of benchmark indicators and assessment tools for decision making, for improving farm productivity and sustainability performance. The 1st meeting aimed to Make an inventory of existing farm assessment tools and benchmarking systems, including private ones and covering different types of farming, to describe and evaluate their characteristics and objectives and to map their use by farmers and others in different member states/organisations.

**Main output:** Final report and factsheet (both forthcoming).

02/02/2016  
03/02/2016

### **EIP-AGRI Focus Group on “Reducing emissions from cattle farming 1st meeting” – Copenhagen, Denmark**

The main issue being discussed in this FG is to Identify needs from practice and possible gaps in knowledge on particular issues concerning emissions from cattle which may be solved by further research. In addition, to propose potential innovative actions to stimulate the knowledge and use of management practices and strategies in reducing emissions from cattle and to multiply positive effects within the agricultural sector..

**Main output:** Starting Paper

18/02/2016

### **Innovation Sub-group – Brussels, Belgium**

**Main output:** Final Report

16/03/2016  
17/03/2016

### **2nd meeting of Focus Group 16 “Mixed Farming Systems: Livestock/Cash crops” - Bologna, Italy**

The main issue being discussed in this FG is how to develop livestock / cash crop interactions and promote their benefits as a sustainable alternative to farm or territorial specialisation. The 2nd meeting aimed to highlight further research in mixed farming systems and to discuss potential Operational Group ideas. A study visit was organised.

**Main output:** Final report and factsheet (both forthcoming).





03/2016

### [Final Report of the Focus Group on Ecological Focus Areas](#)

The report contains the main outcomes of the Focus Group.

20/04/2016

21/04/2016

### [Workshop on “Operational Groups: first experiences” – Veneto Region, Italy](#)

The aim of the workshop was to exchange ideas and learn from the first experiences of setting up OGs and the early stages of project implementation. A total of 91 participants (excluding AGRI and SP) heard about the practical experience of 6 OGs projects and different types of supporting actors.

**Main output:** Presentations and leaflet on OG represented in the workshop. Final report (forthcoming)

26/04/2016

27/04/2016

### [2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of Focus Group 17 on “Benchmarking of Farm Productivity and Sustainability Performance” – Bologna, Italy](#)

The main issue being discussed in this FG is how can farmers and advisers use benchmarking data and process to improve productivity and sustainability performance. The aim of the 2nd meeting was to highlight further research which is needed and to discuss potential Operational Group ideas that can serve as inspiration to innovation projects.

**Main output:** Final report and factsheet (both forthcoming).

04/2016

### [Final Report of the Focus Group on Profitability of permanent grassland](#)

The report contains the main outcomes of the Focus Group.

04/2016

### [Factsheet Profitability of Permanent Grassland](#)

The factsheet highlights the main outcomes of the Focus Group.

04/2016

### [Brochure Cooperating for genetic resources \(plus infographic\)](#)

The brochure provides examples of successful cooperation in the field of animal and plant genetic resources, hoping to inspire people to test new methods of cooperating and find ideas for potential Operational Groups or other innovative projects in the field of genetic resources.

04/2016

### [Factsheet Biosecurity at farm level: challenges for innovation](#)

The factsheet highlights relevant information from the EIP-AGRI workshop 'Biosecurity at farm level: challenges for innovation'.

30/05/2016

01/06/2016

### [1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Focus Group 19 on “Nutrients recycling” – Svartsjö, Sweden](#)

The main issue being discussed in this FG is how to improve the agronomic use of recycled nutrients (N and P) from livestock manure and other organic sources.

**Main output:** Starting paper.



05/2016

### [Final Report of the Focus Group New entrants into farming](#)

The report contains the main outcomes of the Focus Group.

05/2016

### [Factsheets New entrants into farming](#)

Several factsheets have been published based on the outcomes of the Focus Group, one generally highlighting its main outcomes (which has been translated into several languages), one dedicated to advisers, another to local authorities and one dedicated to models to enter agriculture.

05/2016

### [Brochure on Thematic Networks under Horizon 2020 \(plus infographic\)](#)

The brochure provides general information about Thematic Networks, their key features and a list of those that were funded under Horizon 2020 calls in 2014 and 2015.

21/06/2016

22/06/2016

### [1st meeting of EIP-AGRI Focus Group on 'Sustainable mobilisation of forest biomass'](#) - Tampere, Finland

The aim of this Focus Group is to discuss on how to improve the sustainable mobilisation of biomass from our forests in the EU. This meeting was organised with the support of the Finnish NRN.

22/06/2016

23/06/2016

### [EIP-AGRI seminar 'Data revolution: emerging new business models in the agri-food sector'](#) – Sofia, Bulgaria

The objectives of the seminar were: to identify and discuss existing and potential data driven business models in the agricultural sector, including the whole supply chain; to identify enabling conditions for these business models and strategies to support their development; to bring people together to further develop data driven business models. The seminar was organised in cooperation with the Institute for Agrostrategies and Innovations in Sofia.

07/2016

### **Four summaries of up-to-date studies, research reports and other data on agricultural innovation and “areas of innovative action” for EIP-AGRI’ (available soon)**

The topics of these summaries are: animal welfare indicators – apps; decision support on choosing cover crops; dealing with endoparasitic worms in laying hens; minimising injurious pecking in laying hens.

09/07/2016

### [Factsheet 'Fertiliser efficiency - Focus on horticulture in open field'](#)

This factsheet summarises the Focus Group’s final report, published in July 2016, contains a set of innovative fertilisation approaches, ideas for Operational Groups, needs from practice, recommendations for farmers and advisers and links to documented best practices.



12/07/2016

### **[Brochure 'Soil organic matter matters'](#)**

This brochure highlights methods to improve soil organic matter content on the farm. It offers solutions for common soil challenges and useful decision support tools that can help farmers decide which strategy is best for their soils. It also suggest some topics for potential Operational Group projects.

12/07/2016

### **[Newsletter on Agriculture & Innovation | edition 35 | July 2016](#)**

Available in English, French, Hungarian and Estonian languages.

08/2016

### **[Four summaries of up-to-date studies, research reports and other data on agricultural innovation and "areas of innovative action" for EIP-AGRI' \(available soon\)](#)**

The topics of these summaries are: preventing foot pad lesions in laying hens; transforming pig slurry into additional income; fighting powdery mildew in vineyards; a new way to control wireworm in potatoes.

09/08/2016

### **[Newsletter on Agriculture & Innovation | edition 36 | August 2016](#)**

Available in English, French, Hungarian and Estonian languages.

09/2016

### **[Four summaries of up-to-date studies, research reports and other data on agricultural innovation and "areas of innovative action" for EIP-AGRI' \(available soon\)](#)**

The topics of these summaries are: Identifying pain in sheep – to improve animal welfare; better berry cultivation; how to limit/avoid browning in asparagus; healthy animal food from food residues

06/09/2016

### **[Brochure 'Funding opportunities under Horizon 2020 - 2017 Calls'](#)**

This brochure helps readers find their way through the different calls for 2017, in respect to relevant opportunities for innovation in agriculture, in themes that are actively supported by the European Innovation Partnership 'Agricultural Productivity and Sustainability' (EIP-AGRI) network.

08/09/2016

### **[Factsheet and Infographic 'Water & Agriculture'](#)**

This factsheet summarises all the information from the EIP-AGRI Focus Group "Water & agriculture: adaptive strategies at farm level".

09/09/2016

### **[Final report of the Focus Group 'Water & agriculture: adaptive strategies at farm level'](#)**

This report presents the results of the EIP-AGRI Focus Group on 'Water and Agriculture: adaptive strategies at farm level', which was dedicated to the discuss on adaptation strategies at farm level that exist or can be developed to deal with water scarcity, particularly in the context of climate change.



12/09/2016

### [\*\*Agrinnovation magazine - Issue n° 3 - September 2016\*\*](#)

This third edition of 'Agrinnovation' magazine gives a round-up of EIP-AGRI events, news and inspirational stories from the past year.

12/09/2016

### [\*\*Final report of the Seminar 'Data revolution: emerging new data-driven business models in the agri-food sector'\*\*](#)

This report contains the main outcomes of the seminar which was dedicated to reflect on how Agricultural and rural development policy can support the data revolution for an enhanced productivity and sustainability in the wide agri-food chain.

13/09/2016

### [\*\*Newsletter on Agriculture & Innovation | edition 37 | September 2016\*\*](#)

Available in English, French and Hungarian languages.

21/09/2016

22/09/2016

### [\*\*EIP-AGRI Workshop 'Cities and Food – Connecting Consumers and Producers'\*\*](#) -

Krakow, Poland

The workshop aimed at building innovative food systems and supply chains which improve connecting producers with consumers. The approach was to look at it from the perspective of the farmer as well as from the perspective of the city. The workshop was organised in cooperation with representatives from the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFP) and the Polish Environmental Partnership Foundation.

22/09/2016

23/09/2016

### [\*\*2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of EIP-AGRI Focus Group on 'Reducing Emissions from Cattle Farming'\*\*](#) - Riga, Latvia

This focus group is looking at ways to reduce cattle livestock emissions in a cost effective way for farmers. This meeting was organised with the support of Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Centre.

10/2016

### **Planned four summaries of up-to-date studies, research reports and other data on agricultural innovation and "areas of innovative action" for EIP-AGRI**

The topics of these summaries are to be determined.

10/2016

### [\*\*Planned publication factsheet on forestry\*\*](#)

10/2016

### [\*\*Planned publication factsheet on the Workshop 'Operational Groups: first experiences'\*\*](#)

04/10/2016

05/10/2016

### [\*\*EIP-AGRI Workshop 'Networking and Communication'\*\*](#) – Budapest, Hungary

The workshop was dedicated to developing the role of the National Rural Networks (NRNs) and other dedicated networks supporting the EIP-AGRI, while sharing and learning from their growing practical experience. The workshop was organised with the support of the Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture.



10/10/2016

### [Final report of the Workshop 'Operational Groups: First experiences'](#)

The report gives a brief overview of the presentations and discussions that took place during the EIP-AGRI Workshop 'Operational Groups: First experiences'.

11/10/2016

### [Newsletter on Agriculture & Innovation | edition 38 | October 2016](#)

This newsletter is a special edition dedicated to Operational Groups, a follow up to the workshop "Operational Groups: First Experiences" that took place 20-21 April 2016.

11/10/2016

### [Brochure 'Operational Groups: Turning your idea into innovation - Update 2016'](#)

This is a renewed edition of the brochure dedicated to Operational Groups, focusing on the most relevant features in an Operational Group project while showcasing them via concrete cases.

11/10/2016

### [Video 'Operational Groups: First Experiences'](#)

The workshop 'Operational Groups: first experiences' took place in Legnaro, Italy, on 20-21 April 2016. Some Operational Group participants took the time to talk to us and tell us about their experiences – watch their stories here.

20/10/2016

### [6th Meeting of Innovation Sub-Group](#) – Brussels, Belgium

25/10/2016

### [1st meeting of EIP-AGRI Focus Group on 'Diseases and pests in viticulture'](#) –

26/10/2016

Porto, Portugal

This focus group will discuss on how to increase the resilience of grape vines to pests and diseases and support the productivity of the sector in sustainable ways. This meeting is being organised with the support of the Portuguese NRN and Sogrape Vinhos.

25/10/2016

### [Rural Networks' Steering Group](#) – Brussels, Belgium

The 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the European Networks Steering Group, will consider the actions for the Rural Assembly, and actions deriving from the Cork 2.0 European Conference on Rural Development.

11/2016

### [Planned publication Newsletter on Agriculture & Innovation | edition 39 | November 2016](#)

11/2016

### [Planned publication factsheet on Ecological Focus Areas](#)

11/2016

### [Planned publication factsheet on Water](#)

11/2016

### [Planned publication factsheet on the workshop "Cities & Food"](#)



11/2016

**Planned four summaries of up-to-date studies, research reports and other data on agricultural innovation and “areas of innovative action” for EIP-AGRI**

The topics of these summaries are to be determined.

10/11/2016  
11/11/2016

**[EIP-AGRI Workshop ‘New value chains from multifunctional forests’](#)** – Vienna, Austria

This workshop is dedicated to the promotion of new forest value chains and the aim is to present existing examples and explore concrete opportunities for developing innovative value chains of forest products and services which are currently under-used. This includes food products, non-food products, agroforestry and leisure and recreational uses. The workshop is organised with the support of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management.

15/11/2016  
16/11/2016

**[2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of EIP-AGRI Focus Group on ‘Nutrient recycling’](#)** – Leuven, Belgium

This focus group is dedicated to the main question: How to improve the agronomic use of recycled nutrients (N and P) from livestock manure and other organic sources? The second meeting is organised with the support of the Boerenbond.

23/11/2016  
24/11/2016

**[1<sup>st</sup> meeting of EIP-AGRI Focus Group on ‘Robust and resilient dairy production systems’](#)** – Zagreb, Croatia

This focus group is dedicated to the main question: How to create good conditions for dairy cattle husbandry in different production systems?

30/11/2016  
01/12/2016

**[1<sup>st</sup> meeting of EIP-AGRI Focus Group on ‘Agroforestry: introducing woody vegetation into specialised crop and livestock systems’](#)** – Melle, France

This focus group will discuss over the main question: How to develop agroforestry as a sustainable farming system which can boost agricultural productivity and profitability? This meeting is being organised with the support of the French Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry.

12/2016

**[Planned publication Newsletter on Agriculture & Innovation | edition 40 | December 2016](#)**

12/2016

**[Planned publication brochure on multi-actor projects](#)**

12/2016

**Planned four summaries of up-to-date studies, research reports and other data on agricultural innovation and “areas of innovative action” for EIP-AGRI**

The topics of these summaries are to be determined.

01/12/2016

**[Rural Networks' Assembly](#)** – Brussels, Belgium

The sixth meeting of the Rural Networks' Steering Group (SG) will look at activities of the networks to ensure their relevance for SG member organisations in the light of the Cork 2.0 Conference and its declaration.