

**European Rural Networks'  
Assembly**

**RDP Conference 2015/16  
Survey among registered participants**

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# Scope of the survey

Overarching topic of the conference:

## *“Unlocking the Potential of the RDPs”*

### Main questions:

- Briefly describe what you see as the three most important **opportunities for improving RDP implementation** in your country or region.
- Briefly describe the **activities of the European Rural Networks** which you believe could help to make the most of these opportunities.



# Composition of participants

## 2 Main groups of participants

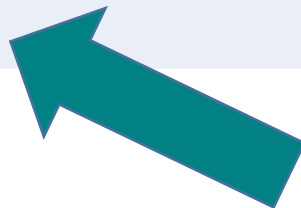
- a) **National and regional Managing Authorities and NRNs** (in some cases replaced by e.g. PA or Perm. Representation)
- b) **Representatives of EU organisations, primarily members of DG Agri (such as desk officers),** but also e.g. members of the ENRD CP

Number of participants: 41 (27 from the member states/ regions)



## Fields of action identified as relevant\*

by actors at EU level	by actors at national/regional level
Reduction of measures/ sub-measures and activities in RDPs	SCOs
Financial management in the course of RDP implementation	Measure 16/ Cooperation
Guidance on Financial instruments	Increase in flexibility, e.g. with regard to the modification of RDPs
Measure 16/ Cooperation	Simplification of procedures, e.g. in the field of evaluation
SCOs	Selection criteria
Enhancing RDPs' contribution to triggering innovation and improving the environment	LEADER/ CLLD (sometimes special focus on TNC)



*Only little focus on objectives/ priorities*

\* summary/ selection of examples

# Opportunities identified\*

by actors at EU level	by actors at national/regional level
Strengthening relations between MAs and EU organizations	Awareness raising and information provision on the content of the RDPs, but also on the relevance of financial commitments
Reduction of measures/ sub-measures and activities in RDPs	Design and application of selection criteria
Exchange of experience between MAs and the different administrative layers	Exchange of experience between MAs and the different administrative layers
COM should be involved as “observer” over the whole programming process	Facilitate RDP modification - increase of the number of allowed modification per a
	Involving NRNs over the whole funding period
	“State Aid Transparency Initiative”
	FIs
	One common EC guideline for implementation of TNC projects - CLLD/Leader

\* summary/ selection of examples

# Further findings on RN activities

- **The opinions on the elaboration of guidance documents vary strongly**
- **Workshops as tool were deemed particular relevant**
  - for LAGs (especially on TNC)
  - in relation to EIP Operational Groups
- **Good practices appear to be a tool relevant across all surveyed stakeholder groups**
- **Good practices are particularly wished in the following fields**
  - Innovation; added value; knowledge transfer and exchange (*EU*)
  - Ways of controlling costs of investments (*EU*)
  - Support to Operational Groups (*EU*)
  - Implementation of Measure 16 (*national/regional*)
  - Public procurement (*national/regional*)
  - Application of Simplified Cost Options (*national/regional*)



# Thank you for your attention!



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