European Rural Networks'
Steering Group

Agenda

3rd Meeting, 20 October 2015

Charlemagne Building, Jenkins Room

Rue de la Loi, 170

1040 Brussels

Objectives of the meeting

The Rural Networks' Steering Group has met twice in 2015 and has discussed and made proposals for dealing with series of priority topics emerging from the Rural Networks' (RN) Assembly. These ideas have been further refined in the two Assembly Sub groups for LEADER/CLLD and Innovation and have been translated into a set of specific activities by the ENRD Contact Point, Evaluation Helpdesk and the EIP-AGRI Service Point.

This third meeting of the Steering Group is designed to achieve the following objectives:

- To take stock of the activities of the networks up to now and to encourage active involvement in forthcoming activities;

- To debate and make proposals for ensuring RN governance structures are effective in responding to the needs of the different stakeholders involved;

- To prepare the way for the RN Assembly, including the structured involvement of RN stakeholders and the tabling of proposals for the priority activities of the RNs in 2016.

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Timing	Agenda item
Chair: Rob Peters, Head of Unit 'Research and Innovation,' DG AGRI	
09.00-09.30	Registration
09.30-09.45	Introduction, DG AGRI.

09.45-10.30	**Opportunities for involvement in the work of the Rural Networks**
	
	• ENRD and EIP-AGRI Network priorities
	    ○ ENRD Contact Point
	    ○ Evaluation Helpdesk
	    ○ EIP-AGRI Service Point
	• CLLD/Cooperation. Report of the Milan Conference
	These brief reports will describe activities to date and highlight the way in which forthcoming activities build on the past discussions of the SG, the immediate opportunities for working together and how Assembly Members can be involved in the future.

10.30-11.00	Coffee
11.00-12.30	**Activating RN governance in practice** *Panel discussion and discussion in groups with representatives of the different stakeholder groups in the SG. (Stakeholder representatives will be chosen and briefed in advance. Other participants should also come prepared for the discussion.)* *The initial panel discussion will be based around a series of short interventions and questions which aim to find out: what different stakeholder groups are doing in the priority areas raised earlier, their main concerns and needs, how EU networking can help them.* *The discussion in groups will consider these questions in more depth including <u>what SG members are prepared to do to take this further</u>.* *This should help to identify participants who can lead and contribute to workshops in the forthcoming Assembly.*
12.30-14.00	Lunch

14.00-15.15	**First ideas for the Assembly and priority issues for 2016** • Outline agenda - opening up view on Commission priorities and willingness to take up new initiatives from the other SG members • Role of SG members to contribute to working groups and discussions in the Assembly • Practical arrangements for preparation of the Assembly • Possible adaptations to SG memberships
15.15-16.00	**How to show that we deliver?** • Progressing the intervention logic, monitoring and assessment of EU Rural Networks
16.00-16.30	**Next steps & Closing** • Coordination with other groups (EC Parliament Intergroup) • Up-coming events • Closing remarks