



ENRD activities since 4th Steering Group meeting (04/03/2016)

15/03/2016

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

The workshop enabled exchange of experiences among Managing Authorities and Paying Agencies in designing targeted, transparent and easy to administer selection criteria, and effectively communicating them to (potential) beneficiaries.

Main output: FAQs (forthcoming)

17/03/2016

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

The workshop discussed LEADER/CLLD and rural networking approaches, tools and practices for enhancing social inclusion and integrating marginalised groups in rural areas.

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

[Meetings of Thematic Group on Promoting the Transition to the Green Economy](#)

07/04/2016

- Rotterdam, The Netherlands

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

17/05/2016

Main outputs: factsheets, project + programme case studies, 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: newsletter + FAQs. (forthcoming)

04/2016

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

The Spring Edition features NRNs’ work on how to ‘Unlock the potential of the RDPs’, as well as stakeholders’ perspectives on climate change, creative rural regeneration, rural entrepreneurship, among others. This edition is focusing on LEADER Cooperation, with reports and interviews on inter-regional, inter-Fund and third country cooperation examples.



11/05/2016

12/05/2016

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

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.

26/05/2016

[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 output: Factsheets + edition of EU Rural Review; already out: EAFRD Projects Brochure

05/2016

[Publication of the EAFRD 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 addressed questions related to the legal form of Cooperation among beneficiaries and the controls to be performed.

14/06/2016

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

The event drew on initiatives or pieces of work from Member States and regions which are more advanced on the topic and explored the potential for their wider relevance and application.

01/07/2016

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

Selected ENRD Evaluation activities since 4th Steering Group meeting (04/03/2016)

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: Timeline and outline document of the activities for the drafting of the Guidelines.



23/03/2016

[EvaluationWORKS! 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.

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: Presentations in relation to guidelines, draft SFC Template, evaluation of LEADER/CLLD, Yearly Capacity Building event.

03/06/2016

[EvaluationWORKS! 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: Capacity building report and satisfactory survey from participants (forthcoming).

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: Factsheets and good practice case studies on evaluation HNV farming (forthcoming).



09/06/2016

2nd Meeting of the 3rd 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: Timeline and draft Guidelines as well as preparation for the sounding board.

EIP-AGRI Network activities since 4th Steering Group meeting (04/03/2016)

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

2nd 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

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

01/06/2016

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.