



# European Rural Networks' Steering Group

## Agenda

5th Meeting, 16 June 2016

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### Objectives of the meeting

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

- To report on key network activities since the last Steering Group.
- To discuss future activities and to ensure their relevance for SG member organisations.
- To identify the key questions that need to be answered for the self- assessment of the Rural Networks and the evidence required to support this
- To continue to reinforce the synergy and complementarity between activities carried out by the EU Rural Networks.
- To start preparations for the next Rural Networks Assembly.

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<b>Timing</b> 	<b>Agenda item</b> 
<i>Chair: Aldo Longo. DG AGRI</i>	
08:30 – 09:30	<b>Registration</b>
09:30 – 09:45	<b>Introduction</b> , DG AGRI. Reminder of the conclusions of the last Steering Group, overview of the agenda and aims for the day.
09:45 – 11:00	<b>Capacity-building activities of the Rural Networks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What has happened since the last SG?</li> <li>• What is planned for the future?</li> <li>• How to improve future activities</li> </ul> <p>Key messages and questions arising from the activities of the ENRD Contact Point and the EIP-Agri Service Point.</p>
<i>11:00 – 11:30</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Activities to support evaluation</b> <p>As above. Key messages and questions arising from the activities of the Evaluation Help Desk.</p>
12:00 – 13:00	<b>Building an effective self-assessment framework for the European Rural Networks</b> <p>Taking account the preliminary indicators and suggestions made at the last Steering Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which questions should be asked in order to assess the success of European Rural Networks?</li> <li>• What evidence is required to do this?</li> <li>• Next steps</li> </ul>

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13:00 – 14:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
14:30 – 16:00	<b>Reinforcing the thematic work of the Rural Networks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of past activities and key proposals for the future – European Commission</li> <li>• Presentation of main ideas behind the Cork Conference – European Commission</li> <li>• Small group and plenary discussions of proposals for future activities – Network Service Units.</li> <li>• Outcome of the EU rural networks' Subgroup on Innovation</li> </ul>
16:00-16:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16:30 – 17:15	<b>Preparation of the upcoming RN Assembly meeting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Priorities for the next Assembly meeting. How to report and who should do it?</li> </ul>
17:15 – 17:30	<b>Outlook</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities and up-coming events before the next meeting</li> <li>• Closing remarks</li> </ul>