



European Network Activities

ENRD Contact Point activities since the 7th Rural Networks' Steering Group (17/05/17) and new activities until December 2017

18/05/2017
19/05/2017

4th TG meeting on '[Smart and Competitive Rural Businesses](#)' - Helsinki, Finland

The 4th meeting of the Thematic Group (TG) discussed the final outputs from the TG work, reflected on lessons learned, and made proposals for the future ENRD thematic work.

31/05/2017

ENRD workshop on '[Approaches to Regional and Local Networking](#)' - Namur, Belgium

This workshop under the heading 'NRNs Going Local' explored how the NRNs approach regional and local networking to reach out to stakeholders more effectively. It built on previous ENRD activities related to regionalised networks.

01/06/2017

ENRD workshop on '[Improving LEADER Implementation through Practitioner-led Work](#)' - Brussels, Belgium

This ENRD workshop focused on the topics of TNC and LEADER Innovation and explored the use of the practitioner-led approach as a networking and capacity-building tool.

13/06/2017

ENRD seminar on '[Resource Efficiency in Rural Areas](#)' – Brussels, Belgium

This Seminar discussed practical opportunities and key factors for enabling resource-efficient use and management of water and soils through the Rural Development Programmes (RDPs)..

26/06/2017
28/06/2017

[8th NRNs' Meeting](#) – Jyväskylä, Finland

The 8th NRNs' meeting discussed new networking tools and methods to support the implementation of the Cork 2.0 Declaration in Rural Development Programme (RDP) delivery.

06/2017

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28/09/2017

ENRD workshop on Natura – Brussels, Belgium

This workshop explored how to make an effective use of support possibilities for Natura 2000 under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD).

23/10/2017

8th Rural Networks' Steering Group Meeting – Brussels, Belgium

The 8th meeting of the SG will focus on outcomes of the rural networks' self-assessment and consider the implications of these findings for the work of the networks.

24/10/2017

1st Meeting of TG on 'Sustainable Management of Water and Soils' – Brussels, Belgium

The 1st TG meeting will discuss the challenges and opportunities for supporting sustainable management of water and soils through RDPs, and help refine the useful specific sub-topics .

26/10/2017

1st Meeting of TG on 'Smart Villages' – Brussels, Belgium

The 1st TG meeting will provide an overview of information collected so far on integrated strategic approaches for supporting innovation in rural services, emerging projects and the role of Rural Development policy in supporting them – with a particular focus on RDP measures for basic services and LEADER/CLLD. The meeting will further define the next steps for the work of the TG.

10/2017

ENRD monthly newsletter – October edition

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15/11/2017

9th NRNs' Meeting – Nicosia, Cyprus

The 9th NRNs' Meeting will focus on attractiveness and inclusion in rural areas, and will take the form of a one-day NRN meeting on 15 November 2017, followed by a workshop on Social Inclusion on 16 November 2017

16/11/2017

ENRD workshop on 'Social Inclusion: Attractive and Inclusive Rural Areas'– Nicosia, Cyprus

14/12/2017

4th Rural Networks' Assembly Meeting – Brussels, Belgium



ENRD Evaluation Helpdesk activities since the 7th Rural Networks' Steering Group (17/05/17) and new activities until December 2017

28/06/2017

Second Sounding Board's consultation for the Thematic Working Group 4 on the [Evaluation of Innovation in RDPs 2014-2020](#) – Brussels, Belgium

The Helpdesk invites the members of the TWG 04's Sounding Board to send written comments on the 2nd Draft of the Guidelines.

06/2017

Publication of the [Rural Evaluation NEWS No 7](#)

This issue includes the evaluation of innovation in RDPs 2014- 2020, farm level indicators for new topics in policy evaluation, and experiences of evaluators in Latvia learning from the 2017 AIR

08/2017

Publication of the Guidelines on the ["Evaluation of LEADER/CLLD"](#)

The Guidelines on the Evaluation of LEADER/CLLD is a non-binding document, which serves to complement the legal requirements relating to LEADER/CLLD evaluations and gives a wider set of recommendations on how to formulate and manage LEADER/CLLD evaluations, both at the RDP and LAG levels.

19/09/2017
20/09/2017

Good Practice Workshop on ["How to report on evaluation in the Annual Implementation Reports: experiences and outlook"](#) – Riga, Latvia

This Good Practice Workshop was aimed to provide a forum for the discussion and exchange of experiences from throughout the Member States on how to report on evaluation in the Annual Implementation Reports submitted in 2017. The main targeted audiences were Managing Authorities, Paying Agencies, Data Providers, and RDP evaluators.

04/07/2017
05/07/2017

Helpdesk's Geographical Expert meeting

The Helpdesk provides training to the Geographical Experts on the screening of the evaluation related sections of the Annual Implementation Report submitted in 2017 and collaborate to develop and adapt the training material/method for the Yearly Capacity Building Activities to undertake in Autumn 2017 in their Member States.

07/2017

Screening of the evaluation-related sections of the Annual Implementation Report submitted by RDP Managing Authorities in 2017

The Helpdesk analyses chapter 2 and the seven sections of chapter 7 of the AIRs 2017 to provide an overview of evaluation in 2014-2020 programming period, as well as a synthesis of the results achieved in relation to each priority and focus area.

20/10/2017

Kick off meeting of the 5th Thematic Working Group on ["Reporting on RDP achievements and impacts in 2019"](#) – Brussels, Belgium

The Helpdesk kicks off its new Thematic Working Group 5 on the reporting on RDP achievements and impacts in 2019. The Helpdesk's permanent team was joined by members of DG AGRI and experts in the field to discuss the conceptualisation of future Guidelines to be written.

30/11/2017
01/12/2017

Good Practice Workshop 06 on the ["National Rural Network's support to RDP evaluation"](#) – Athens, Greece

This Good Practice Workshop aims to explore the possible activities of NRNs in supporting the evaluation of RDPs and provide a forum to exchange experiences on evaluation capacity building activities and awareness raising supported by the NRNs.



EIP-AGRI Network activities since since the 7th Rural Networks' Steering Group (17/05/17) and new activities until December 2017

01/06/2017
02/06/2017

[EIP-AGRI Seminar on 'Digital Innovation Hubs'](#) – Kilkenny, Ireland

This seminar The general objective of this event is to enable policy makers, research and technology organisations, the agriculture sector, and investors to share knowledge, expertise and needs to develop Digital Innovation Hubs for agriculture..

08/06/2017

[8th Meeting of Innovation Sub-Group](#) – Brussels, Belgium

13/06/2017
14/06/2017

[1st meeting of EIP-AGRI Focus Group on 'Grazing for Carbon'](#) – Clermont-Ferrand, France

This focus group is dedicated to the main question: How to increase the soil carbon content from grazing systems?

14/06/2017
15/06/2017

[EIP-AGRI Workshop on 'Organic is operational'](#) – Hamburg, Germany

The objective of this workshop is promoting cross-border knowledge exchange and networking:
- among Operational Groups dealing with Organic Farming, and;
- between these Operational Groups and other Operational Groups as well as relevant research projects dealing with similar issues.

20/06/2017
21/06/2017

[1st meeting of EIP-AGRI Focus Group on 'Forest practices and climate change'](#) – Ljubljana, Slovenia

This focus group is dedicated to the main question: Which new practices and tools can improve the climate mitigation and adaptation potential of EU forests?

13/06/2017

[Publication Newsletter on Agriculture & Innovation | edition 46 | June 2017](#)

06/2017

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: choosing forest tree varieties to cope with future climate change; Increase forest production through symbiosis between chestnut trees and high-value mushroom species; Farmbench – online benchmarking tool for farm enterprises; catch crop silage quality.

06/2017

[Report on EIP-AGRI Workshop 'EIP-AGRI Networking and Communication'](#) [Starting Paper of EIP-AGRI Focus Group on 'Forest practices and climate change'](#)

11/07/2017

[Publication Newsletter on Agriculture & Innovation | edition 47 | July 2017](#)

07/2017

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: root bacteria to increase plant resistance to drought; treating pigs well improves production; group suckling in organic pig farming; optimizing cork yields by finding the best time to debark cork oak stands.



07/2017

[EIP-AGRI Seminar on Digital Innovation Hubs: Short report](#)

[EIP-AGRI Factsheet on IPM for Brassica](#)

[Operational Groups represented at the EIP-AGRI Workshop 'Operational Groups: First experiences'](#)

[Operational Groups represented at the EIP-AGRI Seminar 'Moving EIP-AGRI implementation forward'](#)

[EIP-AGRI Workshop on Data Sharing: Final report](#)

08/08/2017

[Publication Newsletter on Agriculture & Innovation | edition 48 | August 2017](#)

08/2017

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: PI@antnet app to identify plants and trees; essential oils to protect stored grain against fungi; hygiene measures – avoiding pathogen transmission in organic pig farming; scoring dairy cow body condition.

13/09/2017

[Publication Newsletter on Agriculture & Innovation | edition 49 | September 2017](#)

09/2017

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: planting standard orchards; grazing – cost effective feed for dairy cows; smart farming platform: finding the right technologies for your farm; robots to pick fruit in optimal ripening state.

09/2017

[EIP-AGRI Workshop on Tools for environmental farm performance: Final report](#)

[EIP-AGRI Factsheet on Reducing emissions from cattle farming](#)

[EIP-AGRI Focus Group on Reducing emissions from cattle farming: Final report](#)

[EIP-AGRI Brochure Horizon 2020 multi-actor projects](#)

11/10/2017

12/10/2017

[EIP-AGRI Workshop within the Agri-Innovation Summit 2017](#) – Oeiras, Portugal

The objective of this workshop is to:

- promote cross-fertilisation between multi-actor innovation initiatives
- raise awareness about innovation and digitisation opportunities for agriculture
- provide input for EU innovation policies for agriculture and rural areas after 2020

13/10/2017

[9th Meeting of Innovation Sub-Group](#) – Oeiras, Portugal

10/2017

[Publication Newsletter on Agriculture & Innovation | edition 50 | October 2017](#)



10/2017

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)

10/2017

[Agrinnovation magazine - Issue n° 4 - September 2017](#)
[EIP-AGRI Seminar on Digital Innovation Hubs: Final report](#)

23/10/2017

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

The 8th 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.

11/2017

[Publication Newsletter on Agriculture & Innovation | edition 51 | November 2017](#)

11/2017

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)

12/2017

[Publication Newsletter on Agriculture & Innovation | edition 52 | December 2017](#)

12/2017

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)

14/12/2017

[4th Rural Networks’ Assembly Meeting](#) – Brussels, Belgium