



**European Rural Networks'
Steering Group**

Workshop Feedback

#RNSteeringGroup

**9th Meeting
Brussels – 25th May 2018**

P1 - Support to more effective and simpler programme implementation

- Risk Management
 - Avoid risk taking
 - The starting point for analysis is at farm level
 - Encouraging implementation in more MS
- New entrants & farm exchanges
 - Consider an integrated approach
 - Good Practices on innovative new entrants & collaboration
- Farm Restructuring & Modernisation
 - Supporting the process of restructuring
 - Consider an integrated approach
- Future CAP Delivery Model
 - Timing
 - role of the NRNS / broad issue
- Follow-up on SCOs for MAs/PAs



P2 – Strengthening NRNs and NSUs

- Developing Clusters – thematic as well as geographical – including practical examples & replicating good practice
- Multi-actor involvement in networks and for a Conference
- Celebration of networks – awards for rural networking – can reflect on successes and lessons but also forward-looking
 - **Collaboration**
 - **Innovation**
 - **Digitalisation**

P3 – LEADER / CLLD

- Emphasis / focus on: “not leaving gaps” in the chain of stakeholders
 - get Managing Authorities ‘on board’ and understand the CLLD concept and its essential networking element
 - simplification and multi-funding – what is the link / future challenges and CLLD responses / make better use of existing information
- How best to (deliver)?
 - find practical, real examples with real outcomes
 - peer-to-peer exchanges (e.g. on how to build trust in practice in delivery chains)
- Communication aspects:
 - sell the ‘concept/principle’ of CLLD and networking as its essential element together (to MAs, PAs)
 - get LAG networks (EU, national levels) involved / ‘speak the ‘local’ language
 - Customised ENRD website experience, tutorials, promotional materials



P4 – Proposed continuation of Thematic Group on Smart Villages

- Operationalise existing tools in the context of future proposals. Produce orientations, avoid duplication of strategies
- Draw in experience from all parts of Europe, cities, other countries, networks, CLLD, OGs, public-private.
- Produce practical guidance/ tools/steps for local actors to encourage local cooperation
- Network these actors, twinning, coaching, meetings in smart villages, using existing networks
- Develop portal, videos, thematic entry points, unexpected messages.

P5 – (Proposed Thematic Group 'Mainstreaming the bio-economy')

- Narrowing the scope and defining the focus
- Mapping of existing work and building synergies
- Involving a mix of stakeholders – specifically forestry stakeholders, NRNs and Regions
- Focus on developing value chains while retaining the environmental & biodiversity 'lens'
- Collecting examples to create a comprehensive overview/portal on bioeconomy practices
- Explore different methodologies and tools to keep members engaged

P6 – Social inclusion and complementary thematic activities

- **GENERATIONAL RENEWAL – ATTRACTIVENESS**
 - Rural Youth driven activities (bottom-up approach)
 - Mapping MS work to identify other models and different use of funds and not just case studies
 - To develop a vision on Generational Renewal – territorial/holistic approach based
 - To link with networks that are already active with rural networks, e.g. PURPLE – peri-urban links
- **OTHER THEMATIC PRIORITIES**
 - Peri-urban links
 - All minorities approach – attention to farmers affected by mental health issues
- **HOW TO...**
 - Message shaping



Thank you for your attention!