

## ENRD Thematic Group on Resource Efficient Rural Economy

26 October 2016

**Venue:** Rue de la Loi 38, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Brussels-1040

### Objectives

- To confirm, through the contributions of selected Thematic Group members and a participative process, the specific sub-themes that the thematic group will work on. Based on feedback from the Thematic Group members, potential sub-themes may include:
  - *improving soil and water quality through efficient land and nutrient management;*
  - *improving water use efficiency; and*
  - *carbon conservation and sequestration.*
  - *To address **cross-cutting issues** across all sub-themes. These include: communicating the benefits of resource efficient approaches, knowledge transfer, digitisation, governance – better links within and between administrations*
- To identify **specific challenges and opportunities** that the Thematic Group could address, with specific focus on improving **RDP measure use and design and uptake by beneficiaries**.
- To develop, based on stakeholder/ member needs, ideas on what would be the **most useful methods and tools** to realise opportunities for a ‘resource efficient rural economy’ and address specific sub-themes, issues and challenges identified (including practical examples and case studies, practical guidance, factsheets, etc.);
- To **identify Thematic Group members** who will actively contribute to the work of the group (through developing case studies, identify relevant resources, contributing to the development of specific tools, etc.).

### Agenda

Timing	Agenda item
8.45 –9.15	<i>Registration of participants</i>
9.15 – 10.00	<p><b>Introduction: What is the purpose and process of the Thematic Group?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome: <i>Paul Soto (ENRD CP) &amp; Matthias Langemeyer (DG AGRI)</i></li> <li>• Icebreaker: <i>Who is in the Group?</i></li> <li>• Objectives of the Thematic Group &amp; Purpose of the meeting, <i>Edina Ocsko (ENRD CP)</i></li> </ul>

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10.00 – 11.10	<p><b>Why resource efficiency and which sub-themes and issues should the Thematic Group focus on?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on resource efficient rural economy and possible sub-themes, <i>Kaley Hart &amp; Ben Allen (IEEP/ENRD CP)</i></li> <li>• Reflection by members</li> </ul>
11.10 – 11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30 – 12.45	<p><b>What are the specific challenges and opportunities of resource-efficient rural economy under each of the sub-themes?</b></p> <p>Small-group discussion <i>on selected sub-themes</i> (e.g. water &amp; soil quality, water use efficiency, carbon conservation)</p>
12.45 – 13.45	<i>Lunch</i>
13.45 – 14.30	<p><b>Which specific issues (under the sub-themes) the Thematic Group should work on during the year?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback from the small-group discussions on issues, challenges &amp; opportunities</li> <li>• Reflection from members &amp; discussion within the whole group</li> <li>• Final agreement on issues to be tackled under each sub-theme.</li> </ul>
14.30 – 14.40	<b>What tools/support the ENRD can offer?</b>
14.40 – 14.50	<i>Coffee</i>
14.50 – 15.40	<p><b>How to address challenges and improve RDP implementation with regard to the chosen sub-themes?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Areas where the TG can add value, what other outputs would we like to see from the TG and what would be useful for TG members.</li> <li>• Jointly identifying appropriate tools and methods with regard to the specific themes/challenges identified</li> <li>• How can members contribute (sourcing examples, interviewing stakeholders, host meetings, research, examples, etc.)?</li> </ul>
15.40 – 16.00	<b>Concluding remarks &amp; indication of next steps</b>