

ENRD Thematic Group on Resource Efficient Rural Economy

2nd meeting, 14 December 2016

Venue: Rue de la Loi 38, 2nd Floor, Brussels-1040

Objectives of the 2nd meeting

In the first TG meeting three themes were identified and three cross cutting challenges to be addressed across all themes.

<i>Themes</i>	<i>Cross cutting challenges</i>
<p>Soils and nutrients: including resource efficient nutrient use, reducing water pollution, preventing soil compaction and erosion in order to reduce costs, increase ecosystem resilience and improve productivity.</p> <p>Soils and carbon: to improve the carbon conservation and sequestration potential of soils to contribute towards climate mitigation activities and improve soil health</p> <p>Water availability: to improve the efficient use of water in rural areas, reduce water demand and stress, and address floods and extreme events.</p>	<p>The motivation gap: the willingness and motivation of rural actors to address the resource efficiency challenge.</p> <p>The knowledge gap: lack of understanding about what can and needs to be done to improve resource efficiency.</p> <p>The policy and implementation gap: the lack of integration between different policies aiming to improve resource efficiency and the lack of efficient design and use of RDPs.</p>

In this context the second meeting will aim to:

- provide clarity for TG Members on the process and work of the TG for the year;
- identify **specific research needs and methods** that the ENRD CP and Thematic Group can address, with a focus on improving **RDP measure use, design and uptake** of the sub-topics relating to soils and water that were identified during the first meeting;
- **identify the outcomes** that the TG will aim to deliver together, including the tools and resources of most use to those developing and implementing RDPs in Member States (e.g.: practical case studies, implementation guidance, factsheets, etc.); and
- **identify TG members** who will actively contribute to delivering these outcomes through developing case studies, and contributing to the development of specific tools, etc.

Agenda

Timing	Agenda item
8:45 – 9:15	<i>Registration of participants + coffee</i>
Session 1: Introduction and sharing of examples	
Introduction and welcome	
9:15 – 9:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome: <i>DG AGRI & ENRD CP</i> • <i>Who is in the Group? (ENRD CP)</i> • Purpose of the Thematic Group & objectives of the meeting: <i>(ENRD CP)</i>
Resource efficiency in practice: challenges and success stories	
9:45 – 10:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Short interventions from TG Members <p>Output: Engagement of the TG in thinking through different, real-world examples as they relate to the resource efficient use and management of soils and water through RDPs.</p>
10:45-11:00	Introduction to session 2 and break into groups
11:00 – 11:20	<i>Coffee break</i>
Session 2: Identifying the focus of our investigations via the TG	
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11.20 – 12:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “World Café” style with three tables, each table will discuss a specific theme before participants move to the next table. • For each theme we will cover the cross cutting challenges: motivation, knowledge, policy. <p>Output: More detailed issues identified for the TG to address in relation to a specific theme and cross cutting challenge. These should build on the issues identified in the 1st TG and focus in. For example, if eligibility criteria are a problem somewhere, then to investigate what it is about eligibility criteria that causes a problem and try and unpick the problem and find solutions.</p>
12.40 – 13:10	Feedback in plenary.
13:10 – 14:10	<i>Lunch</i>

Session 3: Gathering the evidence

Identifying the approach we will take to understand the issues and gather the necessary evidence necessary to answer the questions identified above. E.g.:

- RDP analysis
- Examination of good practice examples;
- Interviews with farmers, or other rural actors etc.

14:10 – 14:50

If possible Identify a number of geographic regions to focus on where relevant work is being undertaken

Output: An understanding of the types of information we will gather in the TG and the approach we will take in doing this.

14.50 – 15:00 *Coffee*

Session 4: Outputs to be developed

Identifying outputs and who does what.

The outputs and approach should be what we aim to produce together as a TG, i.e. factsheets, GP examples, etc.

15:00 – 15.40

Output: To come away from this session clear on the things we are working towards throughout the year. This will inform the overall work of the TG and enable us to start with the collection of examples and more detailed work in January 2017.

15.40 – 16.00 **Concluding remarks & next steps**
