

Thematic Group on Resource Efficient Rural Economy

Jointly organised by the ENRD Contact Point, the Italian Rural Network and its regional branch in Emilia-Romagna

Meeting details

3 – 5 May 2017

Bologna, Italy

Thank you for registering your attendance at the 4th meeting of the ENRD Thematic Group on Resource Efficient Rural Economy in Bologna, Italy.

Attached you will find more details concerning the TG meeting, including:

- Draft Final Agenda
- Travel and Access Information
- Suggested Accommodation
- Background Documents
 - Initial Conclusions from RDP Case Studies
 - International and EU Policy Context
- Information on the Field Visits

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to respond to this email or contact Silvia Nanni (ENRD CP – IEEP) at +39 3487979916 or Ben Allen (ENRD CP – IEEP) at +44 (0)7421 767 684.

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Draft Final Agenda

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Objectives

Within the scope of the ENRD Thematic Group, the specific objectives of the meeting are:

- **Test and discuss emerging conclusions on cross-cutting policy, knowledge and motivation gaps** from selected RDPs and good practice examples;
- **Participate in field visits and discuss** potential success factors and overcoming barriers to RDP implementation.

On the morning of 3rd May, members of the group are invited to join the Seminar on 'Resource Efficiency: A priority for Rural Development, a Challenge for RDPs', organised by the Italian Rural Network and its branch in Emilia-Romagna.

Thematic Group on Resource Efficient Rural Economy

3rd May 2017, Bologna (Italy)

Day 1 – Afternoon session

With translation from Italian to English and vice versa

Timing 🕒	Agenda item 📅
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch and registration for TG members
14.00 – 14.15	Welcome to TG participants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome: <i>Christine Falter, DG AGRI and Michael Gregory, ENRD CP</i> • Introduction to the morning session, previous TG meetings and the objectives of the day: <i>Michael Gregory, ENRD CP</i>
14.15 – 15.45	Plenary – Case studies on the implementation of resource efficiency of soils and water Discussion on opportunities to improve the implementation of RDPs in the context of resource efficiency of soils and water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Insights from the Italian case studies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emilia Romagna: Conservation agriculture and water efficiency measures in the Emilia-Romagna RDP: <i>Giampaolo Sarno, Managing Authority</i> ○ Conservation agriculture and water efficiency measures in the Veneto RDP: Tools for evaluating overall impacts at regional level: <i>Barbara Lazzaro/Irene Martini/Francesco Morari, Managing Authority</i> ○ Enhancing irrigation in the Campania region: <i>Carlo di Michele, University of Naples Federico II</i> <p>Q&A with participants</p>

Timing 🕒	Agenda item 📅
15.45 – 17.00	<p>Plenary – The implementation of resource efficiency of soils and water in Europe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conclusions from the EU level overview on RDP support to resource efficiency: <i>Silvia Nanni, ENRD CP – IEEP</i> • Emerging conclusions from EU level case studies: <i>Ben Allen, ENRD CP – IEEP with interventions by EU case study experts</i> <p>Q&A with participants</p>
17.00 – 17.15	<i>Coffee break¹</i>
17.15 – 18.00	<p>Presentation of findings from good practice examples: <i>Alex Papakonstantinou, ENRD CP</i></p> <p>Q&A with participants</p>
18.00 – 18.15	<p>Concluding session and introduction to Day 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Michael Gregory, ENRD CP</i> • <i>Ben Allen, ENRD CP – IEEP</i> • <i>Maria Valentina Lasorella, CREA-National Rural Network / Emilia-Romagna branch</i>
Evening programme	
19.30 – 21.30	Voluntary joint dinner



¹ Please note a coffee station will be available to all participants. It will be located at a certain distance from the plenary room and all the participants are kindly invited to help themselves.

4th May 2017, Bologna (Italy)

Day 2 – Study visits

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Timing 🕒	Agenda item 📅
08:00 – 08.30	<p>Rendez-vous for all participants at the Regione Emilia Romagna, Via della Fiera 8, 40127 – Bologna</p> <p><i>Please note that the bus will depart at 8.30am sharp</i></p>
08.30 – 09.30	Travel time to the Ruozi Farm in Gazzata di San Martino in Rio (Reggio-Emilia)
<p>Study visit to the Ruozi Farm</p> <p>The Ruozi Farm (LIFE project HelpSoil) is a demonstration farm engaged in the evaluation and implementation of conservation agriculture aimed at improving soil functions and increasing the efficient use of water in agriculture.</p>	
09:30 – 12.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation about the farm and its activities: <i>Fabrizio and Ornello Ruozi</i> • Tour of the farm • Biological indicators of soil quality – The Emilia-Romagna project as example of application at regional scale: <i>Cristina Menta, University of Parma</i> • The role and activities of the OP on Soil Management in Emilia-Romagna (RDP Measure 16.1.01): <i>Carla Scotti, I.TER and Umberto Beltrami, Bibbiano La Culla consortium</i>
12.00 – 13.30	Light lunch at the Ruozi Farm and Q&A with participants
13.30 – 14.00	Travel time to the Wastewater Treatment Plant (IREN) in Mancasale (Reggio Emilia)
<p>Study visit to the Wastewater Treatment Plant (IREN)</p>	

Timing 	Agenda item 
<p>The Mancasale Wastewater Treatment Plant (IREN) (LIFE project ReQpro) is a plant where wastewater is recovered and treated for the use in irrigation and as a means to support the protection of the regional water resources.</p>	
<p>14.00 – 16.30</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of the LIFE project ReQpro, followed by Q&A with participants: <i>Paolo Mantovi (CRPA) in charge of LIFE project ReQpro</i> • Presentation on the management of water for irrigation within the region: <i>Aronne Ruffini, Central Emilia Reclamation consortium</i> • Presentation on the OPs within RDP measure 16 and the experience of the Acqua Campus: <i>Adriano Battilani, Central Emilia Reclamation-AMBI</i> • Tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (IREN)
<p>16.30 – 17.20</p>	<p>Travelling back to the meeting point in Bologna. During the journey, participants will be invited to share reflections and comments on the success factors and barriers to RDP implementation, based on the visits. The comments will be collected by the study team.</p>
<p>Evening programme</p>	
<p>16.30 – 17.30</p>	<p>Travelling back to the meeting point</p>
<p>19.00 – 21.00</p>	<p>Voluntary joint dinner</p>

5th May 2017, Bologna (Italy)

Day 3 – Morning session

Timing ⌚	Agenda item 📅
08:45 – 09.00	Welcome: <i>Ben Allen, ENRD CP – IEEP</i>
Session 1: Introduction	
09.00 – 09.20	Short introduction on the outcome of the previous days: <i>Ben Allen, ENRD CP – IEEP</i>
Session 2: Improving RDP implementation for resource efficiency	
09:20 – 10:45	Breakout sessions reflecting and discussing with TG Members the enabling and success factors and barriers to RDP implementation
10.45 – 11.00	<i>Coffee break²</i>
11.00 – 12.00	Report back from breakout groups in plenary and follow up discussion
12.00 – 12.30	Concluding remarks and departure of TG members: <i>Ben Allen, ENRD CP – IEEP & Michael Gregory, ENRD CP</i>

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Seminar on Resource Efficiency: A priority for Rural Development, A Challenge for RDPs 3rd May 2017, Bologna (Italy)

Day 1 – Morning session

Organised by CREA in the context of the Italian Rural Network 2014-2020 programme

With translation from Italian to English and vice versa

Timing 🕒	Agenda item 📅
08:30 – 09:00	Registration of participants
Session 1: Introduction and welcome	
09.00 – 10.00	Opening of the event and introduction to the meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome: <i>Simona Caselli, Head of the Emilia-Romagna regional board of agriculture, hunting and fishery</i> • The role of the National Rural Network in the implementation of the RDP: <i>Danilo Marandola, CREA-National Rural Network</i> • Aims and structure of the event: <i>Maria Valentina Lasorella, CREA-National Rural Network / Emilia-Romagna branch</i>
Session 2: Setting the scene: The role of Institutions	
10.00 – 11.00	Promoting resource efficiency: current and future challenges for policy and decision-makers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Antonio Frattarelli, Italian Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry</i> • <i>Valtiero Mazzotti, Director of the Department of Agriculture, Emilia-Romagna region</i>

Timing 	Agenda item 
Session 3: Setting the scene: The role of Research and Innovation	
11.00 – 12.00	<p>Promoting resource efficiency: current and future challenges for researchers and experts of rural development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The economic value of smart resource management and implications for policy design: the case of water: <i>Davide Viaggi, University of Bologna</i> • Soil conservation as a European priority: <i>Prof. Gilmo Vianello, University of Bologna</i> • The Thematic Work of the ENRD CP and the Thematic Group on Resource Efficient Rural Economy: <i>Michael Gregory, ENRD CP</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Debate
12:30 – 14:00	Light lunch

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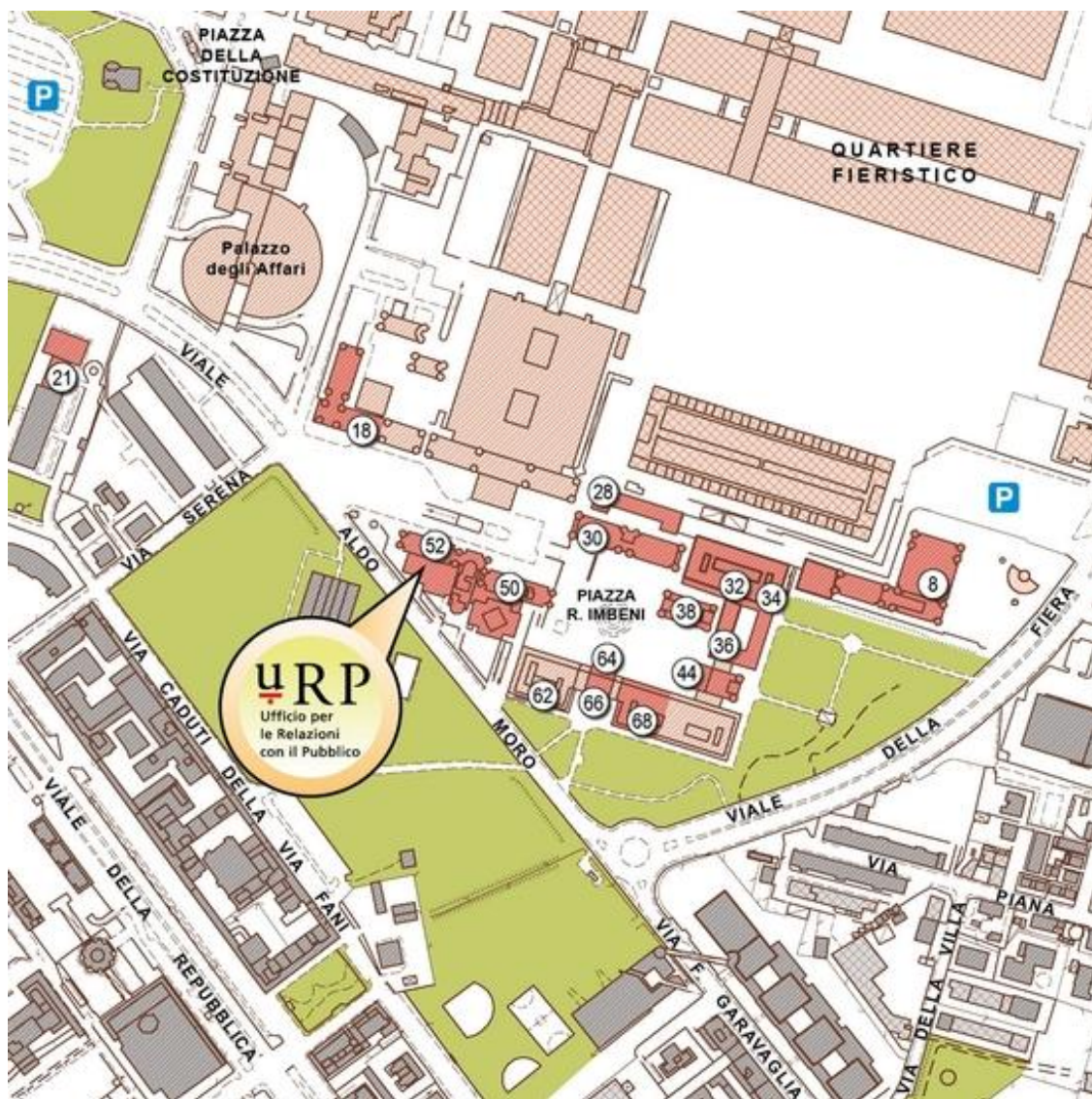
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Getting to the venue

The TG meeting is hosted in the Emilia Romagna region building that can be reached at the following address: Viale della Fiera 8, Tower 3 (Terza Torre), 40127 – Bologna, Italy. Please see the map below, where the building is identified by the number 52.



Once arrived at the venue, TG members will need to reach the entrance of tower three ('Torre Tre') where security will indicate the conference room – 'Sala 20 Maggio'. A sign of the event

will be standing on both the main entrance of the building and next to the room 'Sala 20 Maggio'.

By public transport:

From the Central railway station, you get to the venue by taking buses n. 38 or 35. In case you get bus n. 38, you will need to get off at the 'Fiera A. Moro' bus stop. Should you get bus n. 35, you will need to get off at the 'Viale della Fiera' bus stop (close to 'RAI Emilia-Romagna'). If you leave from the Bologna city centre, you can get bus n. 27 until the Central railway station, and then take bus n. 38 or 35 that will get you to the closest bus stop to the venue of the meeting (see above). The bus ride takes approximately 20 minutes. Timetables and itineraries can be checked on the public transport company website, TPER, at the following website: <http://www.tper.it/o>

By air:

The [Bologna Airport](#) (Guglielmo Marconi) is an international airport and is located a few kilometres away from the Emilia Romagna Region building. Just outside the arrival area (on the right hand side), you can get the Aerobus (BLQ), which goes from the airport to the Central railway station. Once arrived at the station, you can take either bus n. 38 or 35 and get off at the 'Fiera A. Moro' bus stop. Approximate length of the journey is 30 minutes. Alternatively, should you wish to travel by taxi, you can find them waiting just outside the arrival area, on the left hand side. The taxi ride takes approximately 15 minutes.

By car:

If you arrive from Milan, Florence, Rimini or Padua, follow the exit 'Bologna Tangenziale' and get off at exit number 8 to 'Bologna Centro / Viale Europa'. Continue for 700 meters on Viale della Fiera 8 and reach the Emilia Romagna Region building.

By train:

If you arrive via Eurostar or Inter-City trains, get off at the Bologna Central station. Proceed to the exit and cross Piazzale delle Medaglie d'Oro square and viale Pietramellara. The lines to the venue are buses n. 35 and 38. The bus ride takes approximately 20 minutes. Alternatively, once you get out of the Central railway station, you will find taxis on the left hand side. The taxi ride takes approximately 15 minutes.

Suggested Accommodation

Please note that the following hotels are located near the venue of the meeting.

Hotel	Tariffs	Contact details
Hotel Cosmopolitan Bologna www.hotelcosmopolitanbologna.com	Double Single use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • € 59,00 /night Double Room: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • € 69,00 / night Prices are valid for 1-night stay. Breakfast is included.	For booking requests, please fill the form and contact: commerciale@hotelcosmopolitanbologna.com
Holiday Inn Express Bologna Fiera http://www.hiexpressbolognafiera.it/	Double Single Use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • € 62,00 / night Double Room: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • € 62,00 / night Prices are valid for 1-night stay. Breakfast is included.	For booking requests, please fill the form and contact: info@hiexpressbolognafiera.it

Please note that the following hotels are located in the Bologna city centre. The Venue can be reached by bus or taxi.

Hotel	Tariffs	Contact details
Zanhotel Regina Based in the heart of Bologna, near the Central railway station (Stazione Centrale). www.zanhotel.it/en/hotel-regina-bologna	Classic Single: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • € 65,00 / night Classic Double Single Use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • € 78,00 / night Classic Double: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • € 88,00 / night 	For booking requests, please contact: hotelregina@zanhotel.it You can reach the venue by taking bus 35 from the bus stop 'Central railway station'.
Best Western Hotel San Donato Based in the heart of the Bologna City Centre. www.hotelsandonato.it	Single Room: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90,00 € / night Double Single Use: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • € 105,00 / night Double Room: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • € 110,00 / night Prices are valid for 1-night stay. Breakfast is included.	For booking requests, please contact: info@hotelsandonato.it