

2nd Meeting of the Thematic Group on Stakeholder Involvement

27 March 2015

Agenda

Location: ENRD Contact Point Office, Rue de la Loi 38 (2nd floor meeting room), B-1040, Brussels

Main objective of the meeting:

- ✓ To **identify areas where networking can improve stakeholder involvement** in rural development policy and its implementation building on the outcomes of the 1st TG meeting and the 1st ENRD Seminar.
- ✓ To start developing recommendations for **European and national rural networks** through analysing 'stakeholder involvement' examples and practices.

Outline agenda:

Time	Agenda item
8.30 – 9.00	<i>Arrival of participants</i>
9.00 – 9.20	Introduction to the day – Welcome & presentation on the objectives & outcomes of thematic group on 'stakeholder engagement' & purpose of the meeting
9.20 – 11.00	Session 1: How to improve rural development through stakeholder involvement at the policy, local planning & project levels? <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Purpose of session: making recommendations for networks and Managing Authorities with regard to stakeholder engagement at policy, local planning/ project levels➤ Background material & method: reviewing and analysing examples, recommendations & lessons identified prior & during the Seminar➤ Expected outcome:<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Identification of the most urgent rural development issues (related to specific measures/themes) where increased stakeholder involvement can improve policy implementation.✓ Developing action plans related to specific issues: recommendations for networks & suggested activities & specific tools/methods to implement these.
11.00 – 11.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.30 – 13.00	Session 2: What are the main barriers to bringing network action plans forward & how can we overcome these? <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Purpose of session: Reflecting on the 'action plans' developed during Session 1, identifying bottlenecks/barriers, making suggestions on how to overcome these.➤ Background material & method: Action plans developed during Session 1.➤ Expected outcome:<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Identification (from different stakeholder perspectives) of the main bottlenecks and barriers to bringing action plans forward/ making networking an effective tool for stakeholder involvement in policy.✓ Recommendations on how to overcome these.
13.00 – 14.00	<i>Sandwich lunch</i>
14.00 – 15.00	Conclusions & next steps: Planning the structure & content of the Thematic Group Final Report – Identifying roles & responsibilities