3rd Meeting of the Thematic Group on Stakeholder Involvement

28 May 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 **discuss ideas, themes and examples** presented in the working draft of the final TG report and identify any further examples that can be included.

✓ To identify and develop further key recommendations for:

  o **European and national rural networks** with regard to stakeholder involvement;

  o **MAs** on how to best use NRNs and networking as tools to improve policy;

  o **stakeholder organisations** on how to best add value to their own activities through cooperation with NRNs.

✓ To discuss what the **most useful format** of the final report would be, as well as possible ways of dissemination of its results.

Outline agenda:

Time ⏱	Agenda item ⃞
8.30 – 9.00	*Arrival and registration of participants*
9.00 – 9.30	**Introduction to the day** – *Welcome and presentation by Paul Soto*
	Presentation of the work of the TG to date & purpose of this meeting, Edina Ocsko
9.30 – 11.00	**Session 1: Networks as tools to channel stakeholder views into policy-making**

"A list of individual stakeholders, participating in the formulation and implementation of programmes with a 'silo' approach would make little difference in the quality of programme. The fact that stakeholders are held together in a formal partnership, implies that establishing links, dialogue and meaningful exchanges between partners is a powerful tool." (Draft TG Report)

✓ Introduction to the stronger role of partnerships, formal partnership structures & networking for Monitoring Committees, *Elena Saraceno*
✓ The role of networks in coordinating different voices (including social & economic), *interventions from participants*

Group discussion: How can networks credibly represent the interest of various stakeholder groups towards policy-makers?

11.00 – 11.30	*Coffee break*
11.30 – 13.00	**Session 2: Networks as tools for improving the quality of RDPs through exchange among stakeholders**

"to move away from standardised formats, such as centrally chosen thematic groups...towards identifying a group of actors concerned with improvements in a specific policy area, ...and generating meaningful exchanges between them." (Draft TG Report)

✓ Tools for the stakeholder-constituency representation, *Elena Saraceno*
✓ Theme-oriented cooperation: Improving RDP quality through bringing together various local stakeholders, *interventions from participants*
✓ Improving the implementation procedures - cooperation among institutional stakeholders, *interventions from participants*

Group discussion:

- *How can networks improve RDP quality through bringing together stakeholders on specific themes?*
- *How can networks address programme implementation issues through improved stakeholder cooperation?*

13.00 – 14.00   Sandwich lunch

14.00 – 15.00   **Report format & dissemination**: Feedback from participants on the report structure & discussion about format, use and channels for dissemination, *Facilitated by Edina Ocsko*

Concluding remarks*, Paul Soto*