

## 'Increasing stakeholder involvement in rural development'

**Date/time:** 26 March 2015, from 8.30 am to 5pm

**Location:** Renaissance Hotel (Brussels, Rue du Parnasse, 1050)

**Overall objective:** To contribute to the improved understanding and capacity of networking as a tool for increasing effective stakeholder involvement in rural development.

### Specific objectives

- To identify the key stakeholders involved in RD(P) and the ways in which their needs can be met by greater involvement.
- To identify the main channels through which stakeholders are able to influence rural development.
- To identify the practical tools and methods available to rural networks for improving the effective involvement of stakeholders in rural development policy implementation.

Timing 🕒	Agenda item
8.30 – 9.00	<b>Registration</b>
9.00 – 10.00	<b>Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome by DG AGRI, <i>Markus Holzer, Head of Unit H3</i></li> <li>• Welcome &amp; Presentation on 'Stakeholder Involvement &amp; purpose of the Seminar', <i>Paul Soto, Team Leader of the ENRD Contact Point</i></li> <li>• Introduction to the morning workshops, <i>Edina Ocsko, ENRD Contact Point</i></li> </ul>
10.00 – 10.30	<b>Coffee break</b>
10.30 – 12.00	<b>Morning workshops: <u>Improving stakeholder involvement at local planning and project levels</u></b>

**Workshop 1: Involving farmers and other stakeholders in projects aimed at a more competitive agriculture**

#### Introductory presentations:

- Learning from peers: The monitor farms experience, *Peter Cook (UK)*
- Engaging young farmers, (*Speaker to be confirmed*)
- Ecological Collection and Distribution Centre for Vegetables - Cooperation of stakeholders within the food supply chain, *Ales Zidar (SI)*

**Workshop 2: Involving stakeholders in projects and local strategies aimed at the sustainable management of natural resources.**

#### Introductory presentations:

- Involving and accompanying farmers in the restoration of blanket bogs in Wales, *Arfon Williams (UK)*
- Improving local communities' capacity to deliver environmental outcomes: the Eco-museum project in Monti Sibillini National Park, *Ennio Merlini (IT)*
- A collective approach to farmland conservation: The Dutch example, *Remco Schreuder (NL)*

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**Workshop 3: Involving stakeholders in integrated local strategies aimed at a more balanced territorial development**

**Introductory presentations:**

- Rural Youth involvement in the Swedish Village Action Movement, *Josefine Heed (SE)*
- Informal network of animators in remote areas, *Anastasios Perimenis (GR)*
- 'U-Theory' for strengthening rural-urban linkages, *Marga de Jong (NL)*
- Regional Deals, *Marieke Kok (NL)*

**12.00 – 12.30 Feedback from morning workshops – Panel of Experts**

**Participants:** *Kirsten Birke Lund (DK), Henk Kieft (NL), Elena Saraceno (IT)*

**12.30 – 14.00 Lunch**

**14.00 – 14.30 Introduction to the afternoon workshops**

**14.30 – 16.00 Afternoon workshops: Improving stakeholder involvement in policy and implementation**

**Workshop 4: The experience of rural stakeholders in shaping rural development policy and implementation**

**Introductory presentations:**

- Bringing hard-to-reach stakeholders into rural development policy implementation, *Simonas Barzda (SK)*
- The experience of NGOs and other organisations in shaping rural development policy implementation, *(Speaker to be confirmed)*
- Experience from Estonian Rural Parliament, *Anneli Kana (EE)*

**Workshops 5: Networking as a tool for shaping rural development policy and implementation**

**Introductory presentations:**

- Members involvement in Swedish NRN activities, *Sofia Lindblad (SE)*
- Interactive evaluation of RDP delivery with target groups, *Henk Kieft (NL)*
- Thematic working groups within the framework of the Austrian Monitoring Committee, *Martin Leitner (AT)*

**Workshops 6: Networking as a tool for shaping rural development policy and implementation**

**Introductory presentations:**

- Stakeholder Tour 2014 by the Flemish Rural Network, *Ariane Van Den Steen (BE)*
- Virtual Think Tank - Telephone conferences as a tool for dialogue on rural development policy, *Nils Lagerroth (SE)*

**16.00 – 17.00 Feedback from afternoon & closing**

- Feedback from 3 workshops
- NRN-MA-Stakeholder Panel Discussion: *Chris Head (UK-England), Mathilde Houze (Regional MA, FR), Alistair Prior (UK-Scotland), Catia Rosas (PT)*
- Closing remarks, *Paul Soto, ENRD CP*