



European Network for
Rural Development

Envisaged activities of the ENRD Contact Point for July 2019-July 2020

11th Rural Networks' Steering Group

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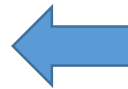
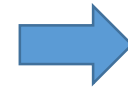
Capacity building and peer exchange

1. More effective and simpler programme implementation
2. Strengthening NRNs and NSUs
3. Simpler and more effective CLLD



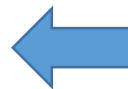
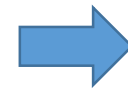
Thematic work

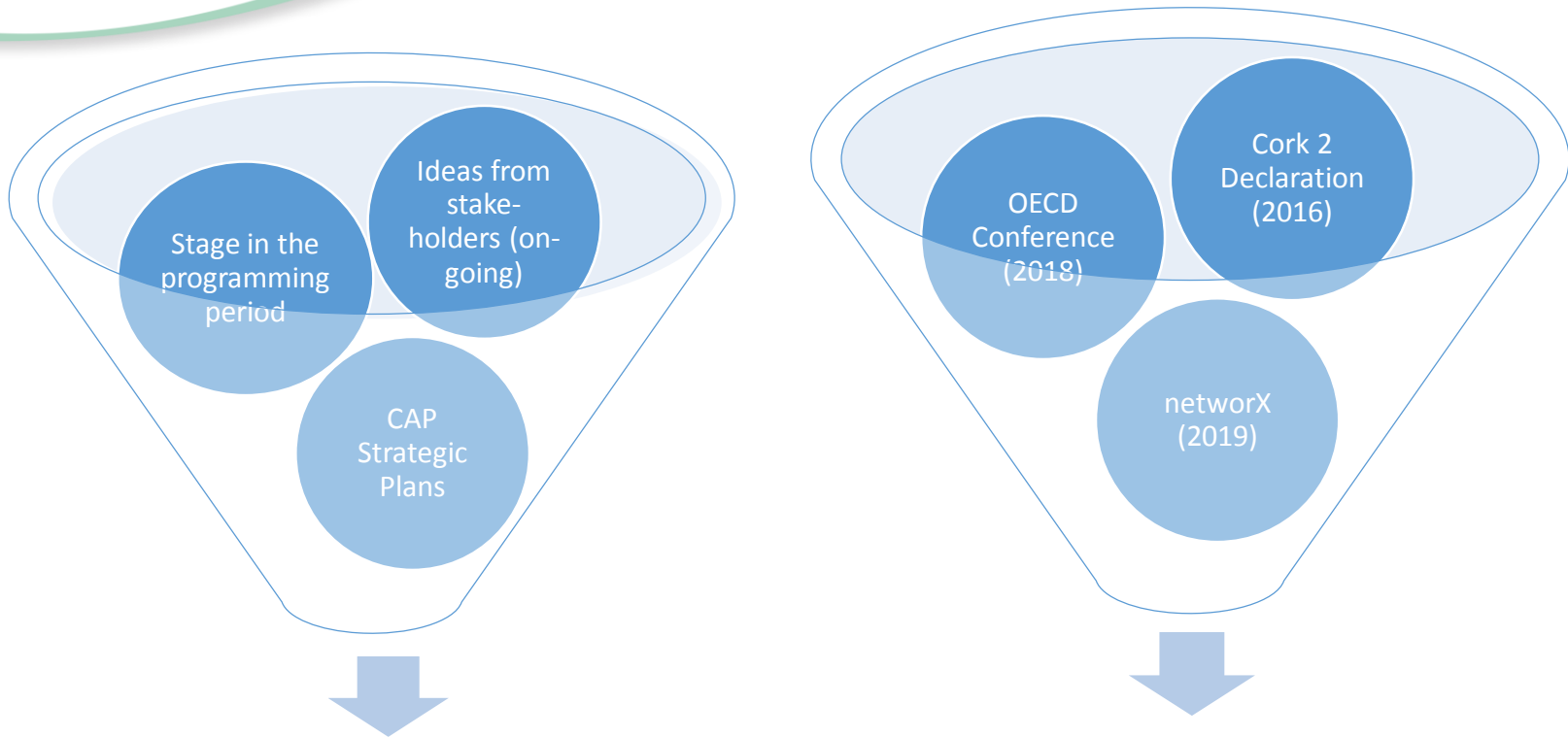
4. Smart and competitive rural areas
5. Supporting the transition to the green economy in rural areas
6. Promoting social inclusion in rural areas and complementary thematic priorities



Cross-cutting activities

RDP Analysis
Good practices
Communication
Network Coordination





Specific Priorities for 2019-2020



**All the CP's proposed activities for
July 2019 to July 2020
are currently PROVISIONAL**

Steering Group input is therefore
ESPECIALLY VALUED

P1 - Support to more effective and simpler programme implementation

Up to four events targeted at MAs and Pas. Mainly in support of the forthcoming CAP SPs and the new delivery model - building on experience from the current programming period and supporting the preparation of the CAP SPs. Topics currently under consideration below – other topics may be identified/considered:

- Monitoring committees and stakeholder involvement (Oct 2019 TBC)
- Programming the post-2020 CAP (Nov/Dec 2019 TBC)
- Knowledge transfer, demonstration farms and advisory services (Feb/Mar 2020 TBC)
- Animal welfare, food safety and quality (May/Jun 2020 TBC)

Subject to demand –and in coordination with DG AGRI - Support may also be provided to certain Member State led events with a strong European dimension

Three EU-wide NRN meetings
(France Sept 2019, Feb 2020, May/June 2020)



Working more closely with Agricultural, Environmental, Territorial, and Social organisations (and related event, TBC)



Peer-to-peer exchanges & multi-speed clusters
(and related event TBC)



Possible Good Practice competition with NRNs
(and related event TBC)

NRN toolkit / CNS / NRN Profiles / Digital
communications for NRNs

Focus on Improving and Demonstrating the
Added Value of LEADER

By engaging with **all the delivery chain actors**,
Presenting the evidence and preparing for future
LEADER

LEADER related events

- Support to Joint CLLD Conference (Dec 2019 TBC)
- LEADER seminar (Spring 2020 TBC)
- LEADER / CLLD Subgroup meeting, (Jan/Feb 2020)
- Thematic Labs

**LAG DB / Partner Search Tool / Updated web resources /
Video and Rural Review on LEADER (TBC)**

P4 – Proposed continuation of Thematic Group on Smart Villages

Build on the momentum around Smart Villages (>800 on Facebook, ENRD web-portal, 4 policy briefs etc.) to focus on implementing SV in the new programming period.

Identification of barriers and opportunities for implementation with MAs, NRNS, LAGs + other stakeholders

Proofing of enabling conditions in key areas (energy, digital, mobility, services, environment) through research and other networks

Up to four TG meetings

- *on a demand basis*
- *clinics or laboratories*

to explore practically **how to implement Smart Villages in different parts of Europe and/or in different fields**

Communication

- SV Portal
- SV community on Facebook
- infographics
- calls for videos



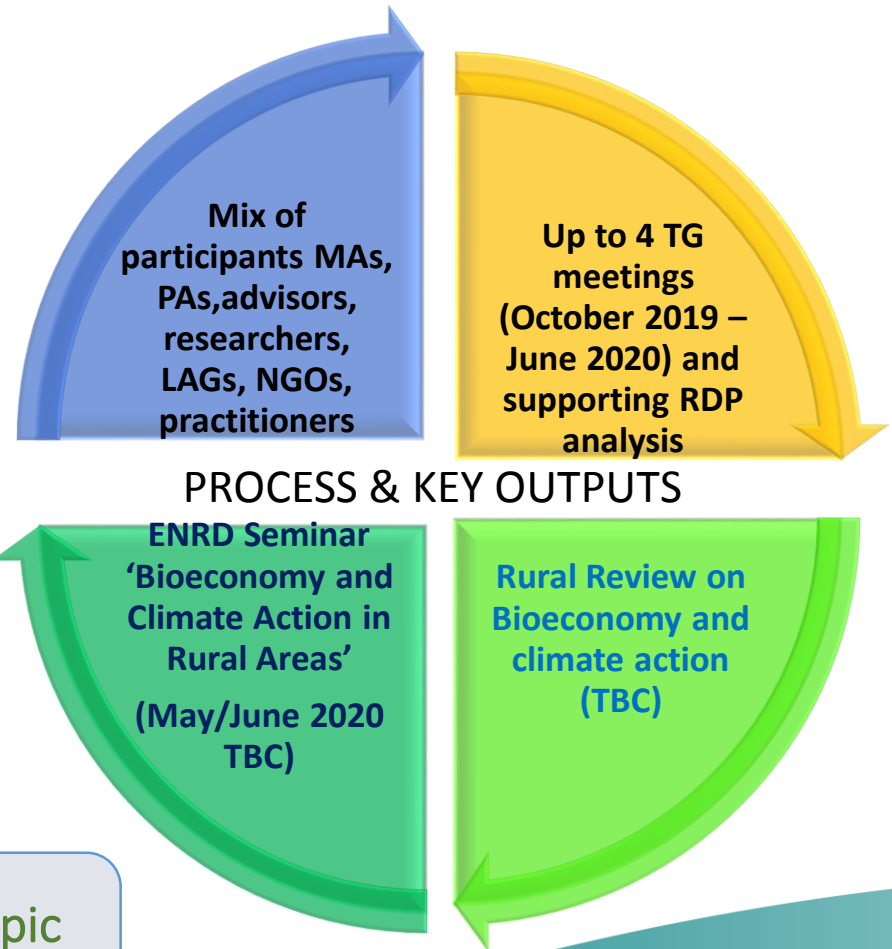
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P5 – Proposed Thematic Group 'Bioeconomy and Climate Action'

Building on previous years of Thematic Groups on the Green economy to **explore Bioeconomy and Climate Action**, developing climate action initiatives for rural areas.

Recommendations on how the **use of RDPs and EU instruments** can promote a **sustainable bioeconomy in rural areas** and focus on the environmental service nature of bioeconomy business models

Possible event on another Environmental topic (Oct/Nov 2019 TBC)



P6 – Social inclusion and complementary thematic activities

Approaches to revitalising rural areas

- Combatting rural depopulation (including possible mapping of key demographic challenges)
- Exploring specific topics such as building economic and social resilience

- Two ENRD events (Nov 2019 and Spring 2020 TBC)
- Projects brochure (TBC)

Related sub-themes -Depending on needs identified, topics could include-

- Disadvantaged groups
- Addressing lack of infrastructure and rural services
- Socially inclusive rural communities
- Access to employment



ENRD Communications

Website

The Most Important Communications Channel

- continuously updated and enhanced -

Social media & communication methods

- Further develop social media channels
- More audio/video material
- **Improve timeliness** - short extracts from forthcoming publications and other communications

And not forgetting ENRD Publications...

12 Monthly Newsletters / 2 Rural Connections / 2 EU Rural Reviews (first on LEADER) / 2 Project brochures (first on the RiA)



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