

ENRD SEMINAR

Opportunities and future perspectives for Resource Efficiency in Rural Areas

Draft Agenda

13 JUNE 2017

Brussels, Belgium

Background

A one-day ENRD seminar to look at the practical opportunities for promoting Resource Efficiency through the Rural Development Programmes (RDPs). The event is designed for all those involved in the implementation of the RDPs from EU, national, regional and local levels.

The seminar aims to build on the activities and findings of the ENRD Thematic Group on Resource Efficient Rural Economy to discuss the key factors enabling the effective pursuit of the resource efficient use and management of water and soils through RDPs and the implications for rural development policy design and delivery to 2020 and beyond.

Objectives



The objectives of the seminar are to:

- Highlight the relevance of the resource efficiency agenda with respect to rural economies and its relationship with EU policy priorities;
- Identify the role that EU rural development policy can play in harnessing the opportunities for promoting resource efficiency in rural areas, with a focus on water and soils;
- Present and discuss the findings, lessons learned and good practice examples from the ENRD Thematic Group on Resource Efficient Rural Economy and explore their applicability at European level;
- Consider the short and longer terms implications for EU rural development policy development, design and implementation.

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Timing 	Agenda item 
08.30 – 09.30	Registration of participants
09.30 – 09.45	Welcome and introductory remarks
09.45 – 10.30	Framing the opportunities for Resource Efficiency in rural areas
10.30 – 11.00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11.00 – 12.15	<p>Parallel workshops: How to achieve sustainable soil and water use in rural areas – testing the findings and emerging lessons learned from the ENRD Thematic Group on Resource Efficient Rural Economy</p> <p>Workshop 1: Exploring the benefits for land managers of enhancing action on the sustainable use of water and soil resources;</p> <p>Workshop 2: Exploring the factors for achieving effective and coherent design and implementation of RDPs in relation to resource efficiency;</p> <p>Workshop 3: Exploring the role of knowledge exchange in improving outcomes and ways in which this can be enhanced through RDPs.</p>
12.15 – 12.45	Feedback from workshops and discussion in plenary
12.45 – 14.15	<i>Lunch</i>

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14.15 – 14.45	Future perspectives for the design and implementation of EU rural development policy
14.45 – 16.00	Parallel workshops Workshop 4: Planning tools and their use at different scales covering both water and soils; Workshop 5: Knowledge and technology exchange; Workshop 6: Developing result-based approaches.
16.00 – 16.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.30 – 17.15	Final Plenary and Concluding Remarks