

The ENRD is launching its new thematic group on 'Resource efficient rural economy'

The context of the thematic group

The theme of 'resource efficient rural economy' has been chosen based on interest expressed by representatives of various stakeholder groups in the Rural Networks' Steering Group.

Main question of the Thematic Group (TG): How are investment measures, land use management incentives and soft measures being used to promote resource efficiency (in particular water and soil quality)?

Sub-themes of the group will be defined together with the TG members. Specific themes may include:

- improving water management and increasing efficiency of water use;
- preventing soil erosion and improving soil management;
- fostering carbon conservation and sequestration in agriculture and forestry;
- linkages between Rural Development Programmes (RDPs) and other policies and initiatives driving soil and water conservation (e.g. Water Framework Directive, national soil policies and initiatives etc.).

The main objective

To work jointly with stakeholders with an interest and experience in resource efficiency, water and soil management, in order to make the delivery of Rural Development Programmes (RDPs) more effective.

Stakeholder-driven process

- ✓ Opportunity to get involved in different ways from active contribution to the thematic meetings to being informed about outcomes.
- ✓ Sub-themes, issues and challenges defined by stakeholders.
- Ideas, solutions, case studies, good practices produced through exchange and joint work of members with the support from the ENRD.
- Practice-oriented work and focus on RDP implementation.

How to get involved?

Thematic Group members will be identified from interested stakeholders and are expected to actively contribute to the work of the group.

If interested in participating in and/or being informed about the work of the thematic group **please fill in the short survey** that you can <u>access here</u> or through the link below by **27 August 2016**.

Link to survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TG_Resource-Efficiency

Would like to know more?

Please contact Edina Ocsko (<u>edina.ocsko@enrd.eu</u>) for any questions or requests related to the thematic group.



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