



Focus Group on Delivery of Environmental Services

Summary notes of the web-conference

15/02/2012



Connecting Rural Europe

Agenda of the meeting:

1. Introduction
2. Scope of the focus group and draft work plan
3. Collection of delivery practices
4. Next steps

ANNEX: List of Participants

A full recording of the web conference is available at the following web address:
<http://emea71777839.adobeconnect.com/p2utyb0ls9g/>

Agenda Item	Introduction and presentation of participants
Summary	The web conference was attended by 25 participants including: 20 members of the focus group (on-line) and; 5 people attending from the Contact Point premises (DG AGRI and CP staff). Each participant was given the floor in order to introduce him/herself, the role covered and the specific interest in participating in the work of the Focus Group (FG).
Note	<i>The complete list of participants is provided in the Annex.</i>

Agenda Item	Scope of the FG and draft work plan
Background	Preparatory work was carried out by the co-chairs with the support of the CP at the end of January in order to define the reference framework and the scope of the FG and to highlight the main themes and issues to be explored. On this basis a draft work plan was produced indicating activities for the group up to June 2012, and outlining possible continuation until December 2012. The work plan of the FG was circulated to all participants in advance to the web meeting.
Summary	<p>The co-chairs of the focus group, followed by the CP, introduced the scope of the FG and illustrated the proposed work plan. Members attending the web-conference were asked to comment and react on the documents in order to proceed with practical arrangements for the activities envisaged.</p> <p>Overall, members expressed satisfaction regarding the themes and issues articulated and for the working method proposed. Participants positively stressed the concrete, operational approach of the work and appreciated the chance to be able to contribute to the development of the policy framework for 2014-2020 through the work of the FG. Members also highlighted the relevance of specific themes identified by the work plan (including collective approaches, involvement of farmers, coordination issues between Pillar 1 and 2 of the CAP).</p>
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Members were invited to submit to the Contact Point any written comments, remarks and/or questions for clarifications concerning the work plan by not later than the <u>24 of February</u>.</i>

Agenda Item	Collection of delivery practices
Summary	<p>As envisaged in the draft work plan and illustrated to the participants of the meeting, the core activities for the first phase of the FG will be the <u>collection and discussion of relevant practices</u> put in place at national and regional level for the delivery of environmental services through the rural development programmes. Discussion with the participants highlighted the importance to ensure the collection of as many practices as possible in order to build up a consistent basis for discussion during the next meetings. This would be achieved thanks to the active involvement of the members and by tapping into their direct knowledge and experiences. In this respect members were also invited to promote the involvement of other possible interested stakeholders in the work of the FG – including in the collection of specific practices.</p> <p>A <u>template</u> (circulated prior to the meeting) has been proposed as the basic working tool for the collection of such delivery practices in order to ensure that common basic information is caught in their description. It contains questions which are designed to work as guidelines. Given the diverse nature of the subjects and approaches to be described,</p>

members were also invited to take a flexible approach to the use of this tool and the information at their disposal. For example sharing available material (e.g. brochures, presentations) on specific case studies to complement the description provided in the template is encouraged. The focus of the cases should be examples funded from the current programming period of the EAFRD. Notwithstanding this, examples of particular interest be identified from non-member states or funded from non EAFRD sources are also welcomed.

Agenda Item	Next steps
Summary	As described in the work-plan, the first face-to-face meeting is scheduled for the 16th of March . At the meeting initial discussions are envisaged to take place on the basis of concrete examples collected and described by the members. In order to meet this deadline, members were asked to start the research of relevant cases and submit first cases <u>not later than the 9 of March</u> . This will facilitate the finalisation of the agenda for the first meeting and deciding upon possible cases to be illustrated and discussed. (<i>Other possible elements to include in the agenda are proposed in the draft work plan circulated. These include an intervention by DG AGRI illustrating main changes between the current and the future programming periods</i>).
Action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Members to start the research and collection of delivery practices and submit complete templates by not later than March the 9th</i>• <i>Contact Point to establish contact with members (on an individual basis) in order to follow-up, assist and providing clarification on the collection of delivery practices task.</i>• <i>CP and co-chairs to define a draft agenda for the first face-to-face meeting and circulate to members ahead of the meeting.</i>

For any other details concerning the activities planned for 2012, please refer to the draft work plan circulated.

ANNEX: List of participants

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