



Independent network
on European Agricultural
and Rural development policies



Seminar

The Future of Rural Areas and the new Common Agricultural Policy: towards a rural renaissance?

Free admission. German spoken

Background

Recently the CAP has been substantially reformed and with a budget of some € 373 billion for the 2014-2020 period it is the second most substantial policy of the European Union.

The Groupe de Bruges, an independent network and think tank on European agricultural and rural development policies, is currently developing a comprehensive e-learning platform on the new Common Agricultural Policy (CAP): "Can EU CAP it?". The platform centres around four key topics: 1) Future of farming; 2) Future of rural areas; 3) Sustainable management of natural resources; 4) Food security, food safety and food quality.

In connection with the online platform four events are organised in four capital cities in Europe.

The second event will take place during the International Green Week in Berlin in the form of a seminar on Saturday, January 2014, from 14.00 – 16.30 hours.

Objectives

The **objectives** of this seminar are to:

- Explain the new CAP and its relation with the future of rural areas
- In particular focus on explaining some of the measures in the CAP's Rural Development policy that are aimed at improving rural employment and the quality of life in rural areas
- Discuss with participants ways and best practices to implement these measures in the Member States.

Target audience

The seminar targets mainly people professionally engaged in rural development: farmers, representatives of farmers organisations, rural organisations, regional and local authorities, LEADER groups, extension workers, researchers and students.

Where and When

The seminar debate will take place on Saturday January 24 2015 from 14.00 / 16.30 hours in room VIP 1 of the Grosser Stern Hall.

Programme

- 14.00: Welcome and introduction by Heino von Meyer, director of the Berlin Office of the OECD
- 14.10: presentation by Prof. Dr. Otmar Seibert, leading German expert on Rural Development on the results of previous German RD programme and future outlook
- 14.30: presentation by Franz-Josef Strauß, Head of Division European Structural Policy for rural areas, at the Rheinland-Pfalz Ministry of Environment, Agriculture, Food, Wine and Forest (tbc)
- 14.50: a look across the borders:
 - RD Policy in Poland: presentation by Anna Augustyn
 - RD Policy in Austria: presentation by Thomas Resl, director of the Federal Institute for Agricultural Economics
 - RD in The Netherlands: presentation with special focus on LEADER: presentation by Bart Soldaat, secretary Groupe de Bruges
- 15.50: Q&A session
- 16.30: Closure of meeting

Join the debate

To take part in the e-debate, interested participants have to sign up through Eventbrite here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/workshop-the-future-of-rural-areas-and-the-new-common-agricultural-policy-towards-a-rural-tickets-14972511184>.

Please know, that the maximum number of participants is 50. People that have not registered will not be admitted to the room.

Language of the event is German

Questions can be posed both by participants in the room and online. Questions will first be assessed and prioritised by the organisation

The web stream of the event will be edited and put on the project's website with subtitles In English.

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Further Themes

We are organising three further events:

Paris (22 February – 1 March 2015): exhibition stand at Salon d'Agriculture **and workshop on sustainable management of natural resources**

Rome (18 March 2015): public debate on food security, food safety & food quality (in collaboration with FAO)