

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Session 3 “The village of initiatives”

Complementary to the previous one, this session will enable to discover interesting or exemplary experiences, to gather methodological information and to exchange on subjects identified as having priority. The “Village” will be organised around 6 to 8 thematic squares which will take different forms in order to authorise each participant to make the most out of the different possibilities: mini-conferences, resource stands, presentations of movies, discussions, meetings places.

One of the 6 thematic squares will be dedicated to Europe and European issues. It will be organized around 4 places :

- A documentation square : providing documentation available at regional, national and European level.
- A mini-forum square : discussions on the presentations made by the Europeans on their countries and networks, on methodological questions or NRN thematic initiatives, etc.
- A projects square : showcase of French and European cooperation projects related to different thematic experiences.
- A rendez-vous square : bilateral appointments between the interested participants and either the regional, national or European network units or the European countries so as to clarify specific points especially on cooperation issues.

In the evening Dinner and show offered by the town of Agen

Friday 17 December

8:30 – 11:00 am

Session 3 “The village of initiatives” 2d part

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Session 4 “Which new public policies?”

- Presentation of the resource centre for rural areas
- Based on the work done before the seminar and on the conclusions of the forums held the day before, feedback on the elements of observation and on the action proposals, and then exchange with the national and European elected representatives as well as with the members of the European Commission.
- End of the seminar

1:00 pm Buffet



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Mr Bruno Le Maire,
French Minister for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries

and

Mr Michel Mercier,
French Minister for Rural Areas and spatial planning

Gathering of all rural stakeholders, 2 years after the French rural network kick off meeting, and one year after the Rural Areas Conference, the seminar 'New approaches to rural areas, new public policies' will enable :

- To exchange on the expectations of rural actors and the recent changes in the rural policies ;
- To put forward the work achieved by the rural network and to present its resource centre ;
- To facilitate exchanges between French and European actors ;
- To highlight good practices, formulate proposals for action and make recommendations for the future national and European policies.

9:00 am Welcome & coffee

9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Welcome by Mr Jean Dionis du Séjour, *deputy-mayor of Agen*

Opening speeches

Session 1 " In a changing world, what role for local actors?"

Conference by Mr Pierre Veltz, *engineer, sociologist and economist, Ministry delegate in charge of the Saclay plateau*

The conference will have the objective of underlining changes which currently occur at local level, whether in rural, peri-urban or urban areas and the links which appear between them. Because of the changes, they are facing complex development approaches and logics and new society expectations, as pointed out during the Rural Areas Conference. Within this context, the arising question is to know how local actors can keep a hand on the development of their areas and create a new dynamic on this issue.

A round table will then enable to draw a picture of the expectations, the stakes and the questions which the seminar should trigger. This round table will bring together elected representatives as well as representatives from the economic sector and from NGOs.

Conference by Mr Michel Mercier,
French Minister for Rural Areas and spatial planning

12:30 -2:00 pm Lunch

2:00 – 6:00 pm

Session 2 "Key ideas for the development of rural areas"

This session has the objective of, in the first place, listing the answers which can be brought to the expectations put forward during session 1. It also should lead to the formulation of action proposals, based on initiatives spotted in France and in other European countries, and of recommendations regarding the rural areas development public policies. Five forums, each directed by an elected representative, will be proposed in parallel :

- FORUM A : Which new offer of services for the population ?
- FORUM B : Which leverages for economic development ?
- FORUM C : Which uses for the space and the areas ?
- FORUM D : Which territorial innovations ?
- FORUM E : Which communication, information and restitution modes between the local actors and the regional and national networks ?