



Macro-regional conference on EAFRD financial instruments for agriculture and rural development in 2014-2020

Tallinn, Wednesday, 12 July 2017

Programme





Background of the conference

DG AGRI supported by the European Investment Bank (*fi-compass*) organises the sixth macro-regional event on financial instruments under the European Fund for Agriculture and Rural Development (EAFRD). In this conference, participants can expect to further their understanding of how financial instruments can help in their efforts to deliver the objectives of the EAFRD as well as gain knowledge on financial instruments, including in the field of agriculture and agri-business.

Participants will hear concrete examples on the implementation of financial instruments in agriculture and rural development as well as on the advisory and other support available from *fi-compass* and the European Commission and the European Investment Bank Group in realising financial instruments on the ground.

This macro-regional conference follows previous macro-regional and annual *fi-compass* EAFRD events that took place in [Dublin](#), [Vienna](#), [Riga](#), [Madrid](#), [Rome](#), [Warsaw](#) and [Brussels](#).



Audience

The target audience for this event are:

- Agricultural and rural development representatives of EU Member States and regions,
- EAFRD managing authorities, other ESIF managing authorities,
- Financial institutions directly involved in the design, implementation and promotion of financial instruments established under the EAFRD rural development programmes or with other EU funding, as well as their associations,
- Farm unions, forestry associations,
- Business angels, business associations having rural entrepreneurs as their members,
- Bodies managing or implementing financial instruments under other ESI Funds, etc.

Also welcome will be:

- Local or (macro-)regional bodies implementing or considering implementing a fund of funds,
- Financial intermediaries such as banks or specialised agencies,
- Capital investors,
- Representatives of Local Action Groups, and, if capacity allows,
- Final recipients and other actors including academics supporting financial instruments implementation.



Objectives

The purpose of the conference is to:

- Provide Member States and managing authorities with an opportunity to learn more about the advantages, features and suitability of financial instruments in delivering RDP objectives;
- Provide the opportunity to discuss in depth the technical challenges that the managing authorities and the Member States are facing at the moment as regards the design and set up of financial instruments; and
- Present the range of support available from *fi-compass*, as well as from the European Commission and EIB Group co-operation in general.

Venue

Swissôtel, Tornimäe 3, 10145 Tallinn, Estonia

> [How to get there](#)

Language

Simultaneous interpretation between English and Estonian and between English and Italian will be ensured for speakers and participants.

How to book your place at the seminar?

Please register via <https://www.fi-compass.eu>.

The deadline for registration is **Friday, 7 July 2017**.

Places for up to 120 participants will be available.

[Click here to register to this event](#)

As there is limited capacity for the conference, we advise registering as soon as possible.

Registered participants who will not be able to attend are kindly asked to inform the organisers at: fi-compass@eib.org.

Costs

Registration is free. Participants are expected to finance their own travel and accommodation costs. In case of unforeseen circumstances such as force majeure or low participant numbers, the event might be moved to a different date or cancelled. In this case, registered participants will be informed immediately via email. The reimbursement of travel and accommodation expenses or work hours lost will not be possible.



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- 09:00 Doors open, registration and coffee
- 09:30 **Welcomes and introductions**
Opening and welcome statements from
Ms Josefine Loriz-Hoffmann, Director, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission
Mr Marko Gorban, Deputy Secretary General for Agricultural and Rural Life Policies, Ministry of Rural Affairs, Estonian Presidency of the Council of the EU
Mr Frank Lee, Head of Financial Instruments Advisory Division, European Investment Bank
Mr Alessandro Gargani, European Investment Fund
Followed by Q&A
- 10:20 **COPA-COGECA and Estonian farmers' view on CAP and the investment needs in agriculture**
Ms Oana Neagu, Director General Affairs, COPA – COGECA
Mr Roomet Sõrmus, Chairman of the Board of the Estonian Chamber of Agriculture and Commerce
Followed by Q&A
- 10:50 Coffee and networking
- 11:15 **EAFRD support for agriculture and rural businesses through financial instruments in Estonia**
Estonian EAFRD Loan Fund – State of play and outlook
Ms Merle Saaliste, Ministry of Rural Affairs, Estonia

Investments and economic development in Estonian agriculture
Ms Katrin Noorkõiv, Luha Lihatoostus OÜ, Estonia
Mr Richard Tomingas, Forestplanter OÜ, Estonia

Guarantee support for Estonian agriculture
Mr Madis Reinup, Member of the Board, Rural Development Foundation, Estonia

KredEx guarantee support for agri-food processing and forestry businesses
Mr Jarmo Liiver, Head of Enterprise division, KredEx, Estonia
Followed by Q&A and discussions
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 **Initiatives supporting agriculture and rural businesses through financial instruments**
Financial instruments in the current programming period and future reflections
Mr Michael Pielke, Head of Unit, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

Experiences of managing authorities in preparing for EAFRD financial instruments

Multi-regional EAFRD Guarantee Fund in Italy
Mr Giuseppe Pan, Regional Minister for Agriculture and Fishery, Regione Veneto
Mr Mauro Trapani, Director for Economic and Rural Development, Regione Veneto
Mr Alessandro Gargani, European Investment Fund

Preparatory work for the setting-up of an EAFRD financial instrument in Slovenia
Ms Tanja Gorišek, managing authority, Slovenia

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**EFSI support, agriculture and rural development: state of play and showcases on the
European Investment Project Portal – what's new and what to expect**

Ms Laure Blanchard-Brunac, DG Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission

Followed by Q&A and discussions

15:00 Coffee and networking

15:15 **Experiences of managing authorities with financial instruments**

Final results from the study on programming EAFRD financial instruments in 2014-2020

Mr Bernd Schuh, OIR, Austria

First takeaways from *fi-compass* EAFRD study activity: reflections for the future

Mr Mario Guido, European Investment Bank

Role of EIB (*fi-compass*) in supporting EAFRD financial instruments: current and new activities

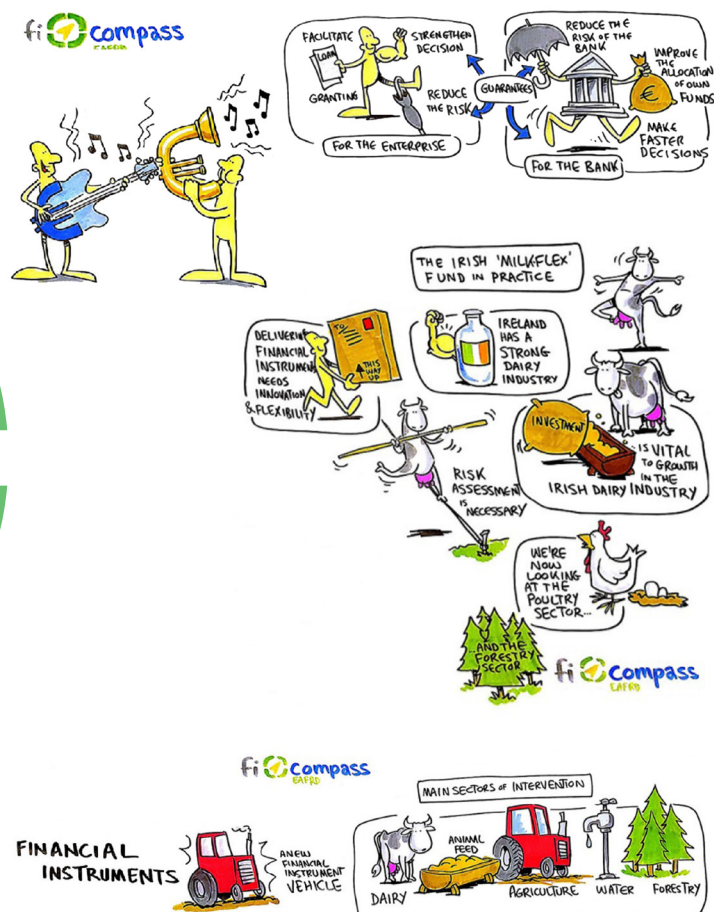
Dr Nivelin Noev, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

Followed by Q&A and discussions

16:20 **Closing remarks**

Ms Josefine Loriz-Hoffmann, Director, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

16:30 End of conference



The proceedings of the fi-compass event in Tallinn will be graphically recorded

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