

EAFRD financial instruments in the 2014-2020 programming period – opportunities for French managing authorities

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DG AGRI is pleased to officially invite you to participate in the *fi-compass* workshop ‘EAFRD financial instruments in the 2014-2020 programming period – opportunities for French managing authorities’.

The aim of the workshop is to raise awareness on how financial instruments can help deliver the objectives of the EAFRD, especially in the fields of agriculture and agri-business.

Audience

This workshop is especially designed for managing authorities of Rural Development Programmes in France. Up to 3 representatives from each EAFRD managing authority in France are invited to participate. The workshop will not be open to other persons.

Objectives of the workshop

Participants will have the opportunity to:

- learn about the different support opportunities offered by DG AGRI and *fi-compass* to managing authorities interested in implementing financial instruments under their Rural Development Programmes;
- get a better understanding of the advantages provided by financial instruments, based on concrete examples of EAFRD financial instruments already in place in other regions and Member States in the 2014-2020 programming period;
- inform themselves about the role and possibilities provided by the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Investment Fund (EIF);
- network and exchange on a peer-to-peer basis with the speakers and other participants on how to deal with the design, set-up and implementation of a financial instrument.

Venue

The workshop will take place in **Marriott Rive Gauche Hotel & Conference Center**, 17 Boulevard Saint-Jacques, 75014 Paris, France.

Language

The workshop will be held in French. Interpretation between English and French will be provided.

Costs

Registration is free. Participants are expected to finance their own travel and accommodation costs.

Preliminary agenda

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Venue: Marriott Rive Gauche Hotel & Conference Center, 17 Boulevard Saint-Jacques, 75014 Paris

Moderation: Bruno Robino, European Investment Bank

- 10:00 – 11:00 Registration and welcome coffee
- 11:00 – 11:10 **Welcome**
- Barbara Luecke, Head of Unit “Belgium, France, Luxembourg and The Netherlands”, DG AGRI, European Commission**
- Introduction**
- Christophe Blanc, Ministry for Agriculture and Food**
- 11:10 – 11:30 **Financial instruments and targeted coaching for EAFRD managing authorities**
- Dr Nivelin Noev, DG AGRI, European Commission**
- The representative from DG AGRI will illustrate the fi-compass targeted coaching programme on financial instruments for EAFRD managing authorities.*
- 11:30 – 11:50 **fi-compass services for EAFRD managing authorities**
- Bruno Robino, European Investment Bank**
- The Head of fi-compass at the European Investment Bank (EIB), will provide an overview on the fi-compass services for EAFRD managing authorities*
- 11:50 – 12:30 **Combination of EAFRD resources: ESIF/EFSI Initiative – ESIF/EIB Group**
- Alfio Lo Castro, European Investment Fund**
- The representative from the European Investment Fund will provide an overview of the new initiative for a platform combining EAFRD and EFSI (European Fund for Strategic Investments), announced by Commissioner Hogan at the 2nd fi-compass Annual Conference on 25 November 2016 in Brussels.*
- 12:30 – 13:00 **Q&A**
- 13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch and networking opportunity**
- 14:00 – 14:20 **EIF products in France**
- Aubin Bonnet, European Investment Fund**
- The representative from the European Investment Fund will provide an illustration of different types of products based on EIF experience.*
- 14:20 – 14:40 **FOSTER TPE-PME (EAFRD) in the Occitanie region – perspective of the managing authority**
- Cindy Schultz and Stéphane Molinier, Direction de l'Agriculture, de l'Agro-alimentaire et de la Forêt (Occitanie EAFRD managing authority)**
- The representatives from the Occitanie managing authority will share their experiences and lessons learnt from the process of establishing a financial instrument under the EAFRD in their region during the 2014-2020 programming period.*
- 14:40 – 15:00 **FOSTER TPE-PME (EAFRD) in the Occitanie region – perspective of a financial intermediary**
- Nicolas Mestres, Banque Populaire du Sud**
- The representative from Banque Populaire du Sud will describe to participants the experience and lessons learnt from the perspective of a financial intermediary.*
- 15:00 – 15:30 **Q&A**
- 15:30 – 15:40 **Closing remarks**
- Barbara Luecke, Head of Unit “Belgium, France, Luxembourg and The Netherlands”, DG AGRI, European Commission**
- 15:40 – 16:30 Networking opportunity