

## EAFRD financial instruments working with rural infrastructures

### Agenda

**Date:** Tuesday, 19 June 2018

**Venue:** Sofitel Brussels Europe Hotel, Place Jourdan 1, 1040, Brussels, Belgium

**Moderation:** Mr Bruno Robino, Head of *fi-compass*, European Investment Bank

- 9:00 – 9:45      *Registration and welcome coffee*
- 9:45 – 10:00    **Welcome and opening remarks**  
**EAFRD support for infrastructure investment in rural areas: overview and potential for financial instruments**  
**Mr Michael Pielke**, European Commission, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI)
- 10:00 – 10:30   **Findings of the study on financial instruments working with rural infrastructures**  
**Mr Frank Lee**, European Investment Bank  
*Followed by Q&A*
- 10:30 – 11:00   *Coffee break*
- 11:00 – 12:15   **Supporting infrastructure investment in rural areas and small municipalities – The experience of the EIB Group**  
**Support to small municipalities, JESSICA Holding Fund, Sardinia, Italy**  
**Mr Andrea Bua**, European Investment Bank  
**Mr Marco Naseddu**, ERDF ROP Managing Authority, Sardinia Region, Italy  
**Smart Cities financing – EIB-BELFIUS partnership, Belgium**  
**Mr Pierre-Emmanuel Noël**, European Investment Bank  
**Mr Joost Declerck**, BELFIUS, Belgium  
*Followed by Q&A*
- 12:15 – 12:45   **Revitalising rural services through social and digital innovation**  
**Mr Paul Soto**, European Network for Rural Development (ENRD)  
*Followed by Q&A*
- 12:45 – 14:15   *Lunch*
- 14:15 – 16:00   **Knowledge café**  
Parallel groups discussion on the following topics:  
**Topic 1** - Investing in rural areas and small villages: constraints and opportunities  
*Moderated by DG AGRI and ENRD*  
**Topic 2** - How to finance infrastructures? Models and schemes  
*Moderated by EIB*
- 16:00 – 16:15   **Closing remarks**  
**DG AGRI / *fi-compass* team**, European Investment Bank