

EAFRD financial instruments: Adequate products for financing rural infrastructures

Agenda

Date: Wednesday, 13 February 2019

Venue: Thon Hotel EU, Rue de la Loi 75, 1040 Brussels, Belgium

Language: the event will be delivered in English

Moderation: Mr Bruno Robino, head of *fi-compass* at the European Investment Bank

- 9.00 – 9.30 *Registration and welcome coffee*
- 9.30 – 9.45 **Welcome and introduction**
Mr Michael Pielke, European Commission, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI)
- 9.45 – 11.00 **Financing infrastructure in rural areas**
Challenges for investing in infrastructure at local and regional level
Mr Andreas Kappeler, European Investment Bank
***fi-compass* study “Financing rural, agricultural and forestry infrastructure”**
Mr Frank Lee, European Investment Bank
Typology of projects and investments needs in the bio-economy
Mr Galin Gentchev, European Commission, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI)
Followed by discussion and Q&A
- 11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*
- 11.30 – 12.30 **Project promoters and managing authorities’ perspective on supporting infrastructure investment**
Provincia di Trento Global Loan (Italy)
Mr Santiago Larregola, European Investment Bank
Mr Roberto Nicastro, Cassa del Trentino (Italy)
JESSICA initiative in Poland
Ms Magdalena Pronobis, ERDF Managing Authority, Pomerania Region (Poland)
- 12.30 – 14.00 *Networking lunch*
- 14.00 – 15.00 **Investors’ perspective on supporting infrastructure investment**
EIB financing of rural and agricultural infrastructures
Mr Felipe Ortega-Schlingmann, European Investment Bank
EBRD financing and Financial Instruments for water infrastructure in Bulgaria
Mr Nicolas Tritaris, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Followed by Q&A
- 15.00 – 15.15 *Coffee break*
- 15.15 – 16.15 **Group workshops**
The audience will split in smaller groups and discuss different aspects of financing rural infrastructures
- 16.15 – 16.45 **Closing remarks and conclusions from the Group workshops and the conference**
Mr Michael Pielke, European Commission, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development (DG AGRI)