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

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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.

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

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.

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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Moderator: Cathy Smith, fi-compass expert

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 Lihatööstus 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 Goršek, managing authority, Slovenia

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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.