

Facilitating access to finance for rural micro-enterprises

28th June, Riga, Latvia

8:00-9:00	Registration and coffee	
9:00 – 9:15	Introduction and welcome speech	Laimdota Straujuma, Minister of Agriculture of Latvia,
9:15 - 9:30	State of play Rural Entrepreneurship sub-theme – Rural Finance	Adrian Neal, ENRD Contact point
9:30 – 9:55	Needs of rural entrepreneurs for sustainable business development	Oscar Kjellberg, financial expert, member of Swedish Rural Network working group for rural financing
9:55-10:15	Microcredits for facilitation of rural women business development and self-employment	Baiba Rivža, Latvian Rural Women Association
10:15 – 10:35	Rural Credit Society	Fortunatas Dirgincius Chairman of the board, Lithuanian Central Credit Union
10:35-11:00	Coffee break	
11:00-11:20	Rural Guarantee Fund of Romania	Mrs. Ileana Bratu Deputy General Director of the Fund
11:20-11:40	The Legal Proposal for Financial Instruments post 2013 (Common Regulation for the CSF Funds)	Jean –Michel Courades – DG AGRI
11:40-12:20	Panel discussions	Presenters of Financial Instruments
12:20-13:20	Lunch	
13:20-14:30	Short Introduction by ENRD Contact Point (Linking on the Final Report on Rural Finance – Conclusions and recommendations) Opportunities to facilitate use of different Financial Instruments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Networking • Training • Internet support 	Peter Toth- ENRD CP Edgars Linde , Head of Latvian NRNSU, Nils Lagerroth - expert, Swedish NRNSU and Leo Padazakos - expert in rural and local financing , Mario Guido, expert of Italian NRNSU
14:30-14:50	Panel discussions	Presenters from NRN's
14:50-15:20	Coffee break	
15:20-15:30	Introduction of work groups	
15:30-16:30	Work groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Rules on EAFRD funding • Local financing • Financial readiness schemes 	Roberto D'Auria - expert of Italian NRNSU Leo Padazakos - expert in rural and local financing , Sweden Szilvia Bencze , Ministry of Rural Development, Hungary
16:30-17:20	Work group presentations	
17:20	Conclusions, closing	