

ENRD Thematic Group | Rural Proofing Webinar

2nd TG Meeting:

Supporting the implementation of rural proofing

Agenda 19 May 2022

Rural proofing is a mechanism that can help boost rural revitalisation by ensuring all relevant policies are aligned with rural needs and realities. It is also one of the transversal elements outlined in the Long Term <u>Vision</u> for Rural Areas. In the vision it is indicated that the EU will take steps to integrate a rural proofing mechanism as part of the <u>Better Regulation Agenda</u>, notably to assess the anticipated impact of major EU legislative initiatives on rural areas. The vision also calls for Member States to consider implementing the rural proofing principle at the national, regional and local level.

The second meeting of the ENRD Thematic Group (TG) on Rural Proofing builds on the <u>previous TG</u> <u>discussion</u> and aims to further develop the focus on the practical implementation of rural proofing mechanisms within different administrative levels (national, regional and local), including the links to the Territorial Impact Assessments (TIA).

Aims of the meeting

- To identify and explore the main links between rural proofing and Territorial Impact Assessment (TIA);
- To discuss how to put in place the actions needed for the successful implementation of rural proofing in practice; and
- To develop a framework of priority actions for different administrative levels (national, regional and local).



Indicative Timing ①	19 May 2022 Agenda Items
09.30 - 09.35	Welcome and introduction
09.35 - 10.35	 Rural Proofing & Territorial Impact Assessment Introductory messages, Eleftherios Stavropoulos, European Commission - DG REGIO TIA pilot action, Patrycja Artymowska, Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy, Poland European Committee of Regions' study on TIA, Roland Gaugitsch, OIR/Austrian Institute for Regional Studies, Austria Plenary discussion
10.35 - 10.50	Virtual Break
10.50 – 11.30	Rural proofing actions - Presentation of the draft overview of actions on rural proofing, Jane Atterton, Rural policy Centre, SRUC and Veronika Korcekova, ENRD Contact Point Plenary feedback
11.30 – 12.30	From design to implementation First round of group discussions
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 - 14.30	Second round of group discussions
14.30 – 15.40	Bringing it all together Report-back session Plenary discussion
15.40 - 16.00	Next steps - Rural Pact Conference and links to rural proofing, Alexia Rouby, European Commission - DG AGRI















