



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

Warsaw, Monday, 24 October 2016

Programme

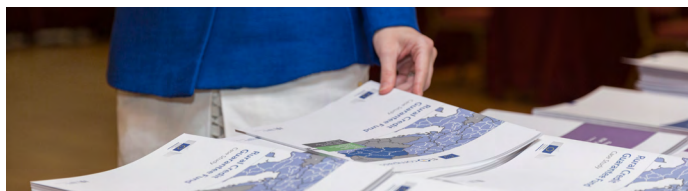




Conference topic

Following the first European *fi-compass* conference on financial instruments under the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) which took place in [Dublin](#) on 23-24 June 2015 and the four macro-regional *fi-compass* seminars organised in [Vienna](#) (1 October 2015), [Riga](#) (29 October 2015), [Madrid](#) (31 May 2016) and [Rome](#) (13 June 2016), DG AGRI supported by the European Investment Bank (*fi-compass*) is now organising its fifth macro-regional event on financial instruments under the EAFRD. In this event, 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 previous experience with financial instruments, including in field of agriculture and agri-business.

Participants will hear concrete examples from investors, bankers and managing authorities on the implementation of financial instruments in agriculture and rural development, 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.



Audience

The target audience for this seminar are:

- Agricultural and rural development representatives of EU Member States and regions
- EAFRD managing authorities and managing authorities of other European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF)
- Financial institutions directly involved in the design, implementation and promotion of financial instruments established under the EAFRD rural development programmes (RDPS) as well as their associations
- Farm unions
- Forestry associations
- Business angels, business associations having rural entrepreneurs as their members
- Bodies managing or implementing financial instruments under other ESI Funds, etc.

Also welcome will be:

- Local or (macro-)regionally operating bodies implementing or considering implementing fund of funds
- Financial intermediaries such as banks or specialised agencies
- Capital investors
- Representatives of Local Action Groups, and, if capacity allows,
- Final recipients and other actors supporting financial instruments implementation.



Objectives

The purpose of the event 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 European Commission and EIB Group co-operation in general.

Venue

Sofitel Warszawa Victoria Hotel

Królewska 11

00-065 Warsaw

Poland

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Language

Simultaneous EN/PL and PL/EN translation will be ensured for speakers and participants.

Registration

The deadline for registration is Friday, **21 October 2016**.

Maximum 150 participants will be accepted.

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As there is limited capacity for the seminar, we advise registering as soon as possible. Registered participants who will not be able to attend are kindly asked to inform the organisers at: fi-compass@eib.org

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.



Agenda

Warsaw, 24 October 2016 (Monday)

Address: Sofitel Warszawa Victoria Hotel, Królewska 11, 00-065 Warsaw, Poland

Moderator: Cathy Smith, *fi-compass* expert

08:30

Doors open, registration and coffee

09:00

Welcomes and introductions

Opening and welcome statements from

Mr Jerzy Plewa, Director-General, DG Agriculture and

Rural Development, European Commission

Dr Ryszard Zarudski, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of
Agriculture and Rural Development, Poland

Mr Luca Lazzaroli, Director-General, European Investment Bank

Mr Hubert Cottogni, Deputy Director, European Investment Fund

Followed by Q&A

10:15

Banks' role in financing the agricultural sector and the rural areas in Poland

Mr Arkadiusz Lewicki, Director of Department of Public Programmes and Economic Entities, Polish Bank Association (ZBP)

Mr Maciej Majewski, Director of the Department for Public Programmes and Innovation, BGŻ BNP Paribas Polska S.A.

Ms Hanna Gilicińska-Cieślak, Expert, Banking Products and Procedure Department, SME and Agro Enterprise Office, SGB Bank S.A.

Followed by Q&A

11:15

Coffee and networking

11:45

Farm policy statements on the future of EU and Polish agriculture and its investment needs

Mr Pekka Pesonen, Secretary General COPA – COGECA

Mr Mirosław Borowski, Vice-President of National Council of Agricultural Chambers (KRIR)

Mr Jerzy Wierzbiński, President of the Polish Beef Association

Followed by Q&A

12:30

Lunch

14:00

EAFRD support for agriculture and rural businesses through financial instruments

EAFRD support through financial instruments – state of play and the new legal simplification proposals

Mr Nivelin Noev, Policy expert, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission

Ex-ante assessment for EAFRD financial instruments for agriculture

Mr Bernd Schuh, Austrian Institute for Regional Studies and Spatial Planning (OIR)

Role of EIB and *fi-compass* in supporting EAFRD financial instruments

Mr Bruno Robino, Head of *fi-compass*, European Investment Bank
Followed by Q&A and discussions

14:50

Case studies and lessons learned

Financial Engineering Support for Social Economy Development

Mr Grzegorz Czerniawski, Expert, The Social Economy Unit, The European Programmes, Department Bank Gospodarstwa Krajowego, Poland

London Green Fund

Mr Alex Conway, European Programmes Director, Greater London Authority, United Kingdom

"New Széchenyi" Combined Micro Credit and Grant (CMCG) instrument

Dr Györgyi Nyikos, MFB Hungarian Development Bank, Hungary
Followed by Q&A and discussions

16:00

Coffee and networking

16:30

The SME Initiative explained

Mr Graham Cope, European Investment Fund

Followed by Q&A and discussions

17:00

Closing remarks

Mr Guido Castellano, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Agriculture and Rural Development, European Commission



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