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Working Party on Territorial Policy in Rural Areas

9th Session of the Working Party on Territorial Policy in Rural Areas

Provisional Annotated Agenda

**27 November 2007, 10:00 - 18:00
International Energy Agency, Room 1
9, rue de la Fédération, 75015**

The Agenda of the 9th Session of the Working Party on Territorial Policy in Rural Areas is submitted to delegates for APPROVAL.

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

10:00 – 13 :00 Morning Session

10:00- 10:15	1.	Adoption of the Agenda	GOV/TDPC/RUR/A(2007)1
	2.	Approval of the Summary record of the 8 th Session	GOV/TDPC/RUR/M(2006)1
	3.	Election of the Bureau	
10:15- 10:45	4.	Introductory remarks by the Chair	
10:45- 11:00	5.	Statement by the Director	

11:00 -11:15 Coffee break

STRATEGIES FOR RURAL POLICY

11:15- 13:00	6.	Trends in strategies for rural policy	GOV/TDPC/RUR/RD(2007)1
		– The Case of Scotland (UK)	GOV/TDPC/RUR(2007)1 & 2 GOV/TDPC/RUR/RD(2007)2
<i>13 :10 – 14 :30 Lunch</i>			
<i>14 :30 – 18 :00 Afternoon session</i>			
14:30- 15:45		– The Case of Finland	GOV/TDPC/RUR(2007)3 &4 GOV/TDPC/RUR/RD(2007)3
<i>15:45-16:00 Coffee break</i>			
16:00– 17:15		– The Case of the Netherlands	GOV/TDPC/RUR(2007)5 & 6 GOV/TDPC/RUR/RD(2007)4
17:15- 17:55	7.	Integrated Rural Development and System Dynamics: a Modelling Tool for policymakers: presentations by Prof. J. Bryden (UK), Prof. T. Johnston (US) and Mr. T. Dax (Austria)	GOV/TDPC/RUR(2007)7
17:55 - 18:00	10.	Other Business	

DOCUMENTS FOR INFORMATION:

- Draft agenda for the OECD Rural Development Conference 2008: “Innovative service delivery: meeting the challenges of rural regions” [GOV/TDPC/RUR/RD(2007)5]

**WORKING PARTY ON TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICIES IN RURAL AREAS
9TH SESSION**

ANNOTATIONS

Item 1: The Chair will introduce the agenda of the Working Party's 9th Session

- *Action required: for approval*

Item 2: Summary Record of the 8th Session of the Working Party on Territorial Policy in Rural Areas

- *Action required: for approval*

Item 3: Election of the Bureau

1. At the 8th Session of WPRUR delegates elected the Bureau as follows:

Chair: Ms. M. Clark
Vice-Chairs: Mr. Theo Augustin
Ms. Sabrina Lucatelli
Mr. Y. Saika
Mr. S. Soto Priante
Mrs. Atty Bruins
Mr. M. Drabenstott

Since then the Secretariat has been informed of the resignation of Mrs. Margaret Clark, Chair, and that of Vice-Chairs: Mr. Sergio Soto, and Mr. Mark Drabenstott.

- *Action required: the Working Party is requested to elect the Bureau following the proposals received from member countries.*

Item 4: Introductory remarks by the Chair

2. The Chair will introduce the agenda items and provide a brief overview of recent and forthcoming events, as well as ongoing work. In particular, this concerns the outcome of the annual international conference on Innovative rural regions: the role of human capital and technology, Cáceres, Spain, 22-23 March 2007; a Symposium on territorial policy in rural areas, and the work of WPRUR, held at the initiative of the Ministry for Economic Development, Department for Economic Cohesion Policy, Rome (Italy). Also, the Chair will announce the forthcoming annual international conference: Innovative public service delivery: meeting the challenge of rural regions (3-4 April, Cologne, Germany), hosted by the Government of Germany.

- *Action required: for information*

Item 5: Statement by the Director

3. Mrs. Odile Sallard, Director of the Public Governance and Territorial Development Directorate (GOV) will brief the Working Party on the latest developments within the OECD. She will report on strategic orientations for the TDPC through the results of the Programme implementation reporting (PIR) and Medium-term orientations survey (MTO) evaluation process and the implications of the TDPC and its Working Parties, in view of preparing its work programme for 2009-10 and future mandate, 2010-15. She will then describe the latest developments in GOV regarding outreach activities.

- *Action required: for information*

Item 6: Trends in strategies for rural policy

4. The Chair will introduce key issues for discussion on trends in rural policy strategies as arising from Rural Policy Reviews carried out during 2006-2007. Some of these issues will then be discussed more in details in the framework of the case of Scotland (UK), The Netherlands, and Finland.

Rural Policy Review of Scotland (UK)

5. The Rural Policy Review of Scotland, UK, will be introduced by the Secretariat, followed by a presentation by Mr. Richard Wakeford, Director-General, Environment and Rural Affairs (Scottish Government). This will be followed by comments by the peer reviewers: Mr. Theo Augustin (Germany) and Mr. Eero Uusitalo (Finland). The report consists of three chapters and an Executive Summary. Chapter 1 provides a profile of rural areas in Scotland, highlighting challenges and opportunities. Chapter 2 analyses rural policy in Scotland and puts forward a number of critical issues. Chapter 3 provides policy recommendations. The final report will be released early 2008.

- *Action required: for discussion and comments. The report will be submitted for approval to the Territorial Development Policy Committee at its 18th Session on the 28-29 November.*

Rural Policy Reviews: Finland

6. The Rural Policy Review of Finland will be introduced by the Secretariat followed by presentations by Mr. Eero Uusitalo, Secretary General of the Rural Policy Committee in Finland, and comments by Peer Reviewers: Mrs. Kristin Nakken (Norway) and Mr. Marcus James (Australia). The report contains 4 chapters and an Executive Summary. Chapter 1 provides a profile of rural Finland and highlights its most important challenges and opportunities. Chapter 2 analyses rural policy in Finland from two dimensions, what Finland calls “broad rural policy”, that is the impact of different sectoral policies in rural areas, and “narrow rural policy”, that is policies specifically oriented to rural development. Chapter 3 and Chapter 4 focus their attention on two different types of policy measures that are of particular relevance for Finland: Public Service Delivery (Chapter 3) and Policies oriented to improve competitiveness of firms, innovation and the business environment in rural areas (Chapter 4). The final report will be released early 2008.

- *Action required: for discussion and comments. The report will be submitted for approval to the Territorial Development Policy Committee at its 18th Session on the 28-29 November.*

Rural Policy Reviews: The Netherlands

7. The Rural Policy Review of The Netherlands will be introduced by the Secretariat, followed by presentations by Mrs. Anita Wouters, Director-General of the Ministry for Agriculture, Nature Conservation and Food Quality in the Netherlands. This will be followed by comments of Peer Reviewers: Mr. Richard Wakeford (Scotland) and Mrs Sabrina Lucatelli (Italy). The report contains three chapters and an Executive Summary. Chapter 1 provides a profile of rural Netherlands and highlights its most important challenges and opportunities. Chapter 2 analyses rural policy in the Netherlands and analyses its most important challenges. Chapter 3 gives the recommendations that follow from this analysis. The final report will be released early 2008.

- *Action required: for discussion and comments. The report will be submitted for approval to the Territorial Development Policy Committee at its 18th Session on the 28-29 November.*

Item 7: Integrated Rural Development and System Dynamics: a Modelling Tool for policymakers

8. In the framework of the on-going work on Service Delivery in Rural Areas, Professor John Bryden (University of Aberdeen, UK), Prof. Tom Johnson (University of Missouri, USA) and Mr. Thomas Dax (Federal Institute for Less-Favoured and Mountainous Areas and RUR WP Delegate, Austria) will present the document “Integrated Rural Development and System Dynamics: a Modelling Tool for policymakers”. The presentation will highlight tools being developed that allows policymakers at national and sub-national level to model rural development dynamics and thus assist in the decision making processes about investments in rural regions.

- **Action required:** *for information and discussion*