

## Seminar “Facilitating access to finance for rural micro-enterprises 28<sup>th</sup> of June, Riga

### Agenda

8:00-9:00	Registration and coffee	
9:00 – 9:30	Introduction and welcome speech	Ministry of Agriculture of Latvia, ENRD
9:30 – 9:55	Needs of rural entrepreneurs for sustainable business development	Oscar Kjellberg, Swedish Rural network support unit
9:55-10:15	Business start up in rural areas – needs challenges, obstacles	TBA
10:15 – 10:35	Microcredits for facilitation of rural women business development and self-employment	Maiga Krūzmētra, Latvian Rural Women Association
10:35-11:00	Coffee break	
11:00-11:20	Equity Fund – France’s CIGALES	TBA
11:20-11:40	Rural Credit Society	Fortunatas Dirgincius Chairman of the board, Lithuanian Central Credit Union
11:40-12:00	Guarantee Fund Romania	TBA
12:00-12:30	Panel discussions	Presenters of Financial Instruments
12:30-13:30	Lunch	
13:30-14:30	Opportunities to facilitate use of different Financial Instruments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Networking</li> <li>• Training</li> <li>• Mentoring</li> </ul>	Edgars Linde - Latvian NRNSU, Nils Lagerroth and Leo Padazakos – Swedish NRNSU, Italian Rural Network Support Unit
14:30-14:50	New RDP regulation proposals on FI	TBA
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"> <li>• Implementing Rules on EAFRD funding</li> <li>• Local financing</li> <li>• Financial readiness schemes</li> <li>• Support for start-ups</li> <li>• Support through networking</li> </ul>	Italian NRNSU Swedish NRNSU Hungarian NRNSU Latvian NRNSU ENRD
16:30-17:20	Work group presentations	
17:20	Conclusions, closing	