

What is TERESA?

Rural development policy and the new CAP increasingly place agriculture in a wider context taking into account the diversification of rural economy and the quality of the environment to gain higher competitiveness of the farming sector and the rural economy as a whole.

TERESA is a research project co-funded under the 6th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development and conducted by 12 research institutions from all over Europe. Combining expertise in agricultural sciences and regional policies, TERESA aims to shed light on these interrelations and the impact of policies on it. Find out more on www.teresa-eu.info.

Conference topics

Day 1

Regions engaging in rural development: The impact of policy strategies

The first day of the conference centres on the policy approaches towards rural development, our "friendly alien". The meaning of rural development for the development of a region as a whole will be discussed as well as innovative policies for future strategies on day 1. And we will try to answer the question, whether the real world needs to adapt to policy decisions or the other way round.

Day 2

Regions dealing with disturbances: Resilience and diversification

All regions face disturbances; they may originate from inside the region or from outside and come in the form of brief shocks or lasting stresses. A system's ability to deal with disturbances is often called "resilience". There is a close link between resilience and diversity. Day 2 explores the relevance of the resilience concept for rural development and the relationship between resilience and rural diversification.

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"Rural Potentials for Regional Development"

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TERESA and ETUDE

November 27th-28th, 2008

**Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and
Water Management, Vienna**

Day 1 – Thursday, November 27th, 2008

Regions engaging in rural development: The impact of policy strategies

09:00-09:30 registration and welcome coffee

Introducing plenary

- 09:30 Welcoming address
Reinhard Mang, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management, Austria
Erich Dallhammer, ÖIR/TERESA
- 10:00 Introducing day 1: Keynote statement on rural policy
Franz Fischler, former Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries, Franz Fischler Consult, Austria
- 10:45 Introducing day 2: Resilience as a factor in rural development
Andy Stirling, Science and Technology Policy Research (SPRU), University of Sussex
- 11:30 coffee break

Thematic plenary sessions

- 12:00 The rural web: conceptualising dynamics, diversity and synergies in rural regions
Han Wiskerke, Wageningen University/ETUDE
- 12:30 The role of agriculture in rural development today
Kees de Roest, Research Center for Animal Production, Reggio Emilia
- 13:00 Rural networks and the activation of local capacity
Liisa Häme, Village action association of Finland

13:30 lunch break

14:30 Parallel thematic discussions

- I: *How can the structural separation of rural and regional development be challenged?*
Impulse statements: **Erich Dallhammer; Han Wiskerke**
- II: *What makes rural regions successful and what is the role agriculture plays?*
Impulse statements: **Bernd Schuh**, ÖIR/TERESA; **Flaminia Ventura**, Perugia University/ETUDE; **Kees de Roest**
- III: *What is the contribution of local capacity to rural development?*
Impulse statements: **Philippe Fleury**, ISARA/TERESA; **Dirk Roep**, Wageningen University/ETUDE; **Liisa Häme**

15:45 coffee break

Concluding plenary

- 16:15 Reports from the parallel sessions and short discussion
Rapporteurs: **Thomas Streifenender**, EURAC/TERESA; **Sebastian Beiglböck**, ÖIR/TERESA; **Marte Bjørnsen**, NIBR/TERESA
- 17:00 Conclusion of day 1 with Austrian wine tasting!

Day 2 – Friday, November 28th, 2008

Regions dealing with disturbances: Resilience and diversification

08:30-09:00 welcome coffee

Thematic plenary sessions

- 09:00 Building resilience of rural areas - multifunctional farms and village action groups
Rebecka Milestad, Dept. of Urban and Rural Studies & Centre for Sustainable Agriculture, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Uppsala
- 09:45 Resilience and viability: from formal definitions to practical approaches
Guillaume Deffuant, CEMAGREF, Laboratoire d'Ingénierie des Systèmes Complexes, Aubière Cedex
- 10:30 Diversification within rural areas and resilience – the TERESA agent-based model
Ruud Kempener, SPRU, University of Sussex/TERESA
- 11:15 coffee break

11:45 Parallel thematic discussions

- I: *When is further diversification desirable for sustainable rural development?*
Impulse statements: **Ruud Kempener; Han Wiskerke; Rebecka Milestad**
- II: *Which policies and strategies would make rural areas more resilient?*
Impulse statements: **Sigrid Stagl**, SPRU/TERESA; **Pierluigi Milone**, Perugia University/ETUDE; **Guillaume Deffuant**

13:00 coffee break, snacks

Concluding plenary

- 13:45 Reports from the parallel sessions
Steinar Johansen, NIBR/TERESA; **Erich Dallhammer**
- 14:00 Wrap-up and discussion
Bernd Schuh and **Sigrid Stagl**
- 14:30 Farewell

Location

Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management,
Stubenring 1, 1010 Vienna
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