PROGRAMME

1. Kick-off visit to innovative projects in Huesca province (Spain) (Monday 18) [D. Miller, B. Slee, R. Bryce, E. Górriz, V. Govigli, P. Sfeir, R. Da Re, M. Dijkshoorn]

2. Introduction to Social Innovation (SI) (3 hours) (D. Miller, B. Slee)
   2.1. What is SI?
   2.2. The momentum of SI: overview of current debates
   2.3. The role of SI in disadvantaged rural areas
   2.4. The EU SIMRA project approach to SI: development of methods, case studies, innovation actions, database, consultation with stakeholders and reporting
   2.5. Practical exercise on what is and what is not SI and why based on project examples (0.5 h) (D. Miller, B. Slee, M. Dijkshoorn)
   2.6. Discussion (0.5 h)

3. Characteristics of SI (2 hours) (R. Bryce)
   3.1. Diversity of SI in rural areas: topics, participation, aims, practices involved
   3.2. Diverging pathways of SI, outscaling and upscaling
   3.3. Practical exercise and discussion on investigating the diversity of SI (R. Bryce, M. Dijkshoorn)

4. SI in practice (6 hours)
   4.1. Viewpoint from SI case studies/innovation actions (3 h) (interviewer: E. Górriz)
      4.1.1. Olive grove recovery initiative in Teruel (Spain) (S. Plana)
      4.1.2. Economic empowerment of women in Deir El Ahmar (Lebanon) (P. Sfeir)
      4.1.3. Social cooperative in North Italy (R. Da Re)
      4.1.4. Community development trusts: Portsoy (boat festival, bunkhouse, etc.) (UK) (Portsoy Community)
   4.2. Smart Villages: the view from the European Network for Rural Development (1 h) (ENRD)
   4.3. Panel discussion and group work based on case studies and field visit (2 h) (E. Górriz, M. Dijkshoorn)
      4.3.1. Key actors
      4.3.2. Opportunities
      4.3.3. Challenges
      4.3.4. Lessons learned

5. Good practices and adaptive management in SI projects (E. Górriz, R. Da Re) (4 hours)
   5.1. Facilitation skills and participatory methods
   5.2. Mapping and engaging stakeholder
   5.3. Gap analysis, goal setting and project planning
   5.4. Conflict management and consensus building
   5.5. Finding funds
   5.6. Institutional design and governance
   5.7. Unforeseen project effects and trade-offs
   5.8. Communication
   5.9. Risk management

6. Methods to evaluate SI (3 hours + 2 hours working session + 1 hour presentation and discussion of results) (L. Secco, R. Da Re)
   6.1. Why evaluation is needed
   6.2. Evaluation frameworks
   6.3. Process evaluation and impact evaluation of SI initiatives
   6.4. Techniques for evaluation
      6.4.1. Self-evaluation
6.4.2. External evaluation

6.5. Practical exercise on indicators (L. Secco, R. Da Re, M. Dijkshoorn)

7. Policy needs and policies for supporting SI (3 hours) (A. Ludvig, R. Lukesch)
   7.1. Policy impacts on SI in rural areas
   7.2. Main policy targets for SI in rural areas: vulnerable social groups, societal challenges at large, participatory inclusion of civil society
   7.3. Practical exercise to identify policies based on case studies (A. Ludvig, R. Lukesch, M. Dijkshoorn)

8. Final reflections on the course (1 hour)
   8.1. What have been key lessons learned?
   8.2. How will participants use learning in their professional roles?
   8.3. How can SI be embedded in sectors/professions of participants?