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John Grieve is a Senior Policy Expert with the ENRD Contact Point and a founding director of the Rural Development Company (RDC), a specialist economic development practice based in rural Scotland. A former farms manager John also worked for a number of years with the UK Agricultural Training Board before moving into wider rural development in 1993. He initiated and led a Community Led area based initiative in the Angus Glens before managing a portfolio of domestic and EU funded projects including the Upland Tayside LEADER II Programme. Moving into consultancy in 1999 his work includes substantial experience in the rural and fisheries sectors throughout the UK and elsewhere in Europe from the community grass roots to the European policy level. John has been involved on a near continuous basis in managing or contributing in a senior role to programme, policy development, evaluation and networking projects and activities at all levels. As a trainer, development practitioner and evaluator putting learning into practice is his major driver. He has contributed extensively to the development of guidance and the implementation of good practice in the field of Community Led Local Development (CLLD) and in particular LEADER. In 2014 RDC and its consortium partners were awarded the contract to deliver the Contact Point for the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD) on behalf of DG AGRI. He currently devotes a large proportion of his time to his senior management role in the ENRD Contact Point with lead responsibility for LEADER CLLD related activities and support. He also continues to act as a core team member of FARNET, the European Fisheries Areas Network supporting CLLD in fisheries communities.