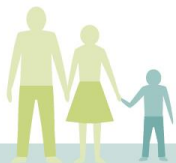




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Rural Networks (ENRD and EIP) activities
Opportunities for the forest sector

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Context and strategic framework

- Europe 2020 Strategy
 - Turning the EU into a smarter, more sustainable and more inclusive economy
 - Supporting the implementation of
 - the rural development policy
 - The EIP-AGRI
- Added value through effective networking
 - Rural economy, social partners, research
 - and the civil society
 - Member States' administrations implementing the policy
 - The Commission and the EU institutions general
- Three major objectives common to both EU Rural Networks:
 - To enhance participation
 - To improve policy quality, and
 - To increase awareness



Background information and legal context

- Regulation No 1305/2013 on support for rural development by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?qid=1434717036290&uri=CELEX:32013R1305>

- Art. 52 European Network for Rural Development (ENRD)
- Art. 53. European Innovation Partnership (EIP) network

- Commission Implementing Decision (2014/825/EU) setting up the organisational structure and operation for the European network for rural



development and for the European Innovation Partnership (EIP) network

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:32014Do825>

- EU Rural Networks: Strategic Framework and governance bodies

(<https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/sites/enrd/files/strategic-framework-enrd-eip-en.pdf>)

- ENRD on forestry:

<https://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en/themes/forestry>

- EIP AGRI brochure on forests:

<http://ec.europa.eu/eip/agriculture/en/content/eip-agri-brochure-creating-diverse-forests-multiple-benefits>

- ERIAFF forest innovation workshop

2014:

http://www.efi.int/portal/capacity_building/sharing_knowledge/workshop/



Tools for carrying out networking activities

Aim:
Networking for
sustainable
rural
development
and innovation
for agricultural
productivity
and
sustainability

Thematic
groups / focus
groups

Analysis of RD
and
innovation

Good
practices

Guidance /
training

Websites /
social media

Publications

Events

Networking
(NRNs, LAGs,
OGs)

Transnational
Cooperation

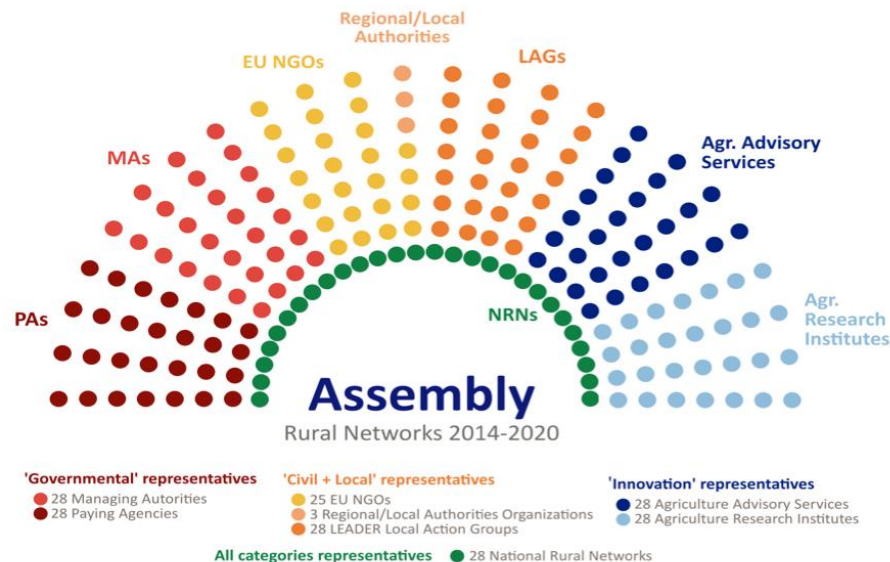
Governance bodies (2014-2020)

- Strategic level: Rural Networks' Assembly
- Operational level: Steering Group
- Thematic work:
 - Permanent subgroup:
 - Innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability
 - LEADER and community-led local development (CLLD)
 - Thematic Group on
 - RDP implementation
 - Increasing stakeholder involvement in rural development



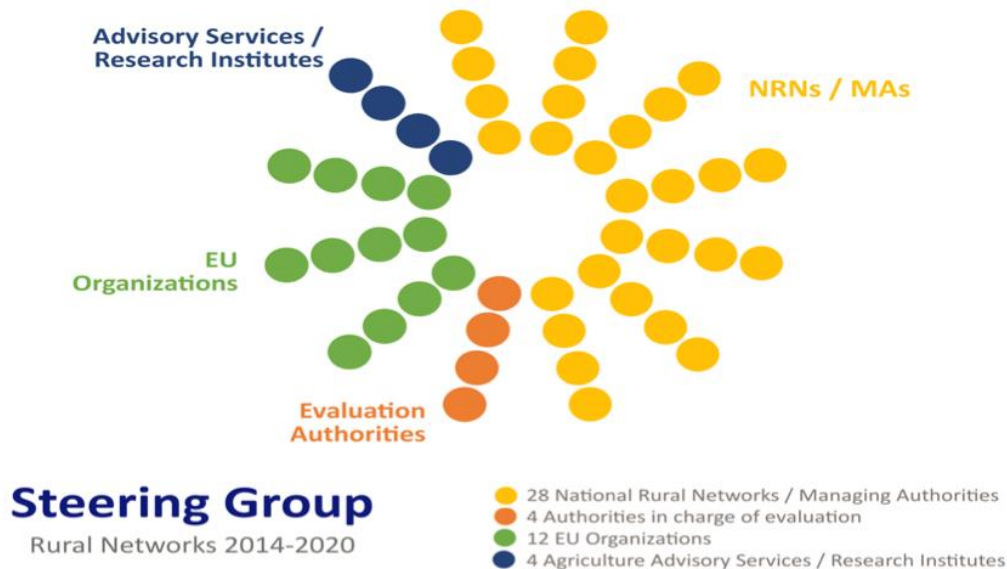
Strategic level: Rural Networks' Assembly

- 196 Members (incl. 25 EU NGOs)
- Providing strategic framework for both networks (operational objectives, types of activities)
- One meeting per year (1st on 26 Jan 2015)
- EU NGOs represented by members of the CDG on Rural Development



Operational level: Steering Group

- Coordinating activities and thematic work (work plans)
- 48 Members (incl. 10 from CDG RD, represented in clusters)
- Up to four meetings per year (25 Feb 2015, 12 June 2015)



Priority themes for EU rural networks

1. **Simplification** (for all, in order to achieve the relevant objectives)
2. **Empowering advisory services** – knowledge transfer – broader innovation
3. Local food – short supply chain – rural urban partnership – small farmers
4. Pillar 1-Pillar 2 linkages
5. **Demographic change & social inclusion**
6. Multi-fund approaches
7. **Green Economy related to jobs and growth**
8. Starting-up the National Rural Networks
9. Evaluation of networking activities – National Rural Networks
10. **Climate change**



Permanent subgroup on innovation for agricultural productivity and sustainability

Aimed at

- Supporting the implementation of the EIP-AGRI in RDPs
- Identifying common issues, problems and good practices
- Supporting networking between EIP-AGRI operational groups
- Providing input for the work programme of the EIP-AGRI network
- Cooperating with the NRNs to support innovation
- 60 members, NRNs, MA, CDG RD members, regional/local authorities, LAGs, 2-3 meetings/year

Topics

1. Farming methods and systems
2. Sustainable and efficient input use
3. **Knowledge transfer**
4. Knowledge systems
5. **Circular economy**
6. Waste management
7. **Social innovation** (improving farmers' marketing skills etc.)
8. Bottom up innovation in the knowledge system
9. Market innovation
10. Short supply chains and rural-urban partnerships
11. Climate change (adaptation and mitigation)
12. Soil quality



Permanent subgroup on LEADER and Community-Led Local Development (CLLD)

Aimed at

- Monitoring and analysing the implementation of the LEADER measure in RDPs,
- Fostering transnational co-operation, Identifying common issues and good practices in LEADER/CLLD
- Stimulating peer learning and capacity building of LEADER/CLLD actors

Topics

1. Approaches to multi-funding
2. Delivery systems
3. Capacity building for LAGs
4. How to support TNC effectively
5. Measuring the success of LEADER/CLLD
6. LEADER/CLLD as a tool to achieve local development priorities
7. LEADER/CLLD and innovation
8. LAGs as communicators



Key messages on opportunities for the forest sector

- No focus group on forestry/ forest-related topic
- *Wood mobilisation* as topic suggested for a focus group 2015
- Suggestions for topics for 2016
 - Thematic group on
 - Multifunctional role of forests (public goods and services provided by forests)
 - Producer groups and organisations
 - Wood mobilisation
 - Continue the work on NRN Forestry thematic Initiative

Call for

- Stronger consideration of forestry and forest-related topics
- Common actions between EIP Agri and EIP Raw materials
- Enhanced involvement of forest research community
- Improved exchange with FTP (Forest-based Technology Platform)

