Implementing provisions and Guidance on NRNs: first ideas

19th NRN meeting
Gdansk, Poland
National Rural Networks:

Rural Development Basic Act
- Article 51* on technical assistance
- Article 55* on national rural networks
- Article 73(i)* publicity and information

Implementing Rules
- Based on:
  - Art 55(4): Establishment and operation for NRNs
  - Art 73(i): Publicity and information

Commission Guidance
- Guidance fiche for Managing Authorities

ENRD Guidance
- NRN toolkit, examples of networking

* Article numbers as per Commission proposal for draft Basic Act
## Implementing Regulation: first ideas/draft elements

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<th><strong>Start at the latest 12 months</strong> after the approval of the RDP</th>
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<td><strong>Sufficient resources</strong> should be allocated to finance NRN</td>
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| National Support Unit | **Structure:**  
|                       | - within the national authorities  
|                       | - by selection through tendering  
|                       | - by a combination of both |
|                       | **Tasks:**  
|                       | - NSU must be able to perform all tasks (as in Basic Act) |

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<th><strong>Option</strong> for <strong>specific programme</strong> for NRN in case of MS with regional RDPs</th>
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<td><strong>Specific</strong> (simplified) <strong>rules</strong> for content, submission, approval, and changes.</td>
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NRN Commission Guidance (1): content (NB! under development)

Definitions

Structure and governance

- Membership
- NRN governance
- Setting up NSU

Resources

Tasks and Action Plan
- Communication strategy

Cooperation with ENRD

Monitoring and self-assessment

Cooperation with other networks
NRN guidance (2): concepts

National Rural Network

Networking

Network Support Unit
NRN guidance (3): structures

NRN membership
- openness
- open access to activities

NRN governance
- at least a coordinating body
- thematic working groups

NSU
- continuity of activities
NRN guidance (4): actions

Tasks and Action plan

- Rolling work planning
- Engagement of stakeholders

Communication plan

- Overall communication strategy on MA level recommended
- Target groups
(5) Basic skillset for NSU staff

Skills, knowledge and experience in:

• Animation
• Wide coverage of rural development policy
• Working with stakeholders
• Communication tools and dissemination activities
  • Editorial skills
  • Different communication tools
  • Website and social media management
  • Presentational skills
• Events' and workshops' organisation
• Languages
(6) NRN monitoring and self-assessment

- Common indicators
- Qualitative assessment and case studies

Intervention logic
(7) Cooperation with ENRD:

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ENRD guidance

• NRN toolkit (ENRD website):