

NATIONAL RURAL NETWORK SUMMARY INFORMATION

Estonia

Name of Rural Network

Eesti maaeluvõrgustiku üksus



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Mission Statement and Strategic Objectives of the Rural Network

- The rural network's activities aim at producing added value for the Estonian Rural Development Programme (RDP) implementation by involving beneficiaries and other parties interested in rural development.
- Specific aims of the Estonian rural network:
 - Promoting transnational cooperation, including exchanging information with European Network for Rural Development (ENRD);
 - Providing Leader support activities for Local Action Groups (LAGs) and coordinating information exchange;
 - · Collecting and disseminating project examples that have received support from RDP;
 - Promoting the creation of new thematic innovations and new networks.

Participants in the Rural Network

- The Estonian NRN has an informal, on-going membership open to the public sector and stakeholders. The membership is not open to individuals.

Network Structure

- The Estonian NRN is established under the administration of the Estonian Agricultural Ministry.
- The NSU is delegated to the Rural Economy Research centre that is under the Ministry of Agriculture administration.
- Is the NSU is not outsourced.
- In Estonia there are no regional NSUs.
- The Estonian NSU Human Resources include 7 full-time persons.

Network Management

- Management decisions in the network involve less formal decision-making processes. The Estonian NSU assists these decision-making processes by compiling the activity plan and then discussing it with the MA.



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Network Budget for the period 2007–13

Network budget	€
Total network funds (Public Cost)	4 480 000
National co-finance	1 120 000
EAFRD	3 360 000
EAFR Co-financing %	80%

Budget breakdown	€
Total Network funds (Public Costs)	4 480 000
Work plan resources	up to 3 360 000
Network running costs	up to 1 120 000
Others (if appropriate)	/