



# COMMUNICATION for Rural Development and Networking

## THE EU POLICY FRAMEWORK

*20th NRN meeting*

*Dijon, 28 November 2013*

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- **Better communicate Europe**
- **Communicating rural development: the EU policy framework**
- **Why communicate and the added value of rural networks**
- **Communication and NRN objectives/activities**



- **Who communicates what? Interaction MA-NRN**

# Improve communicating Europe





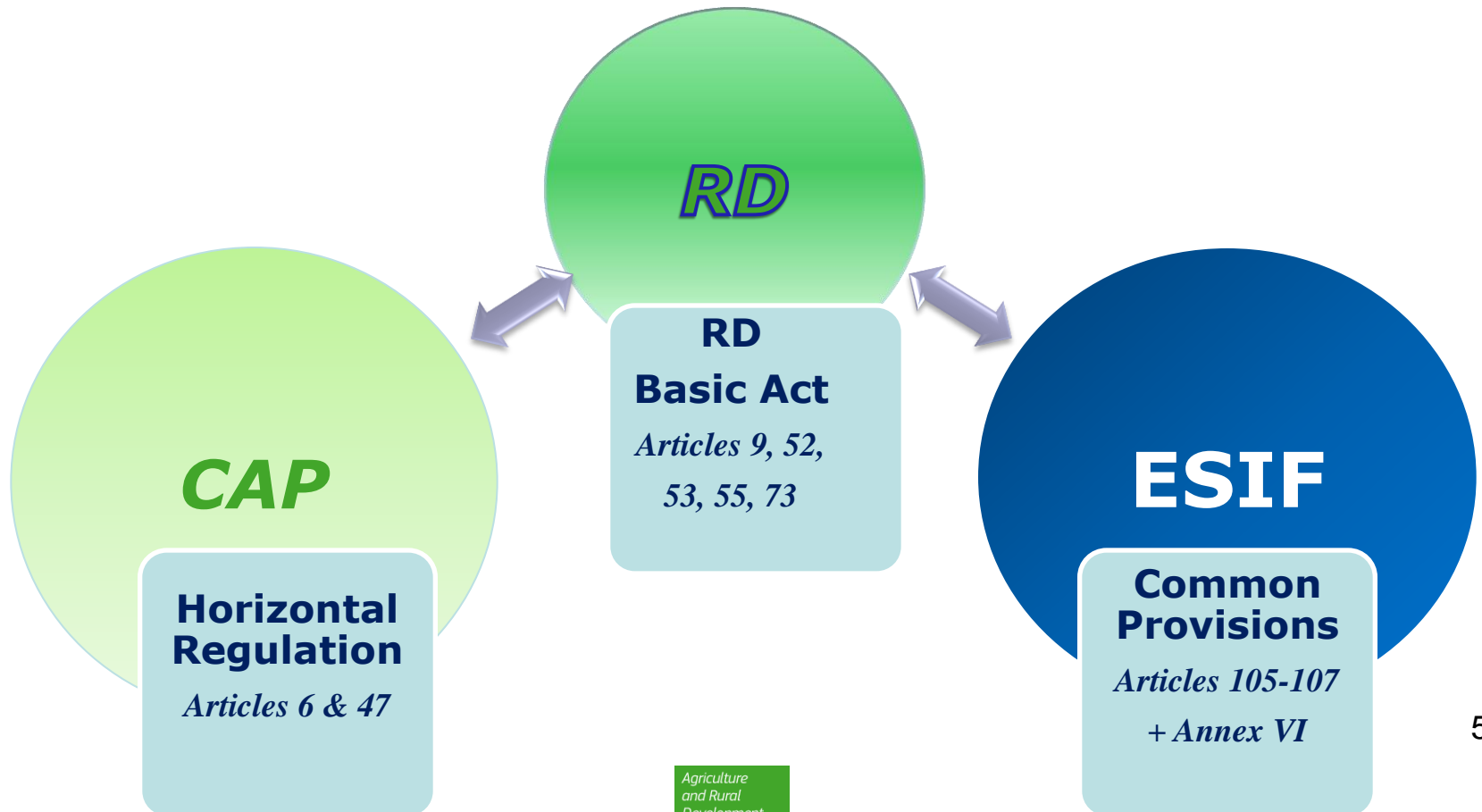
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# Information and communication provisions 2014-2020



# Communicating Rural Development



# WHY COMMUNICATE?

PROMOTE POLICY  
OBJECTIVES  
e.g. maintain "EU  
model" of rural  
areas

BETTER RESULTS  
Wider audience =  
better projects  
selected

TRANSPARENCY  
Who is being  
funded and for  
what purpose?



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# MORE REASONS TO COMMUNICATE?

**LISTEN**

**EXPLAIN**

**CONNECT TO LOCAL**





<b>NRN Objectives</b>	<b>Is communication relevant?</b>
<b>1. Increase the involvement of stakeholders in RD implementation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training and Networking activities for LAGs</li> <li>• Facilitate thematic and analytical exchanges, share and disseminate findings</li> <li>• Participate in and contribute to ENRd and EIP</li> </ul>
<b>2. Improve the quality of implementation of RDP</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing and disseminate monitoring and evaluation findings</li> <li>• Facilitate analytical exchanges, share and disseminate findings</li> <li>• Collect examples of relevant projects covering all RD priorities</li> <li>• Participate in and contribute to ENRd and EIP</li> </ul>
<b>3. Inform the broader public AND potential beneficiaries on RD policy and funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication plan</li> <li>• Participate in and contribute to ENRd and EIP</li> </ul>
<b>4. Foster innovation in agriculture, food production, forestry and rural areas</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Networking activities for advisors and innovation services</li> <li>• Collect examples of relevant projects covering all RD priorities</li> </ul>

# ***Who communicates what?***

## **Managing Authority**

**Overall Responsibility**

**Communication Strategy**

Involve partnership

Define clear roles, also for  
NRN

Realistic timetable

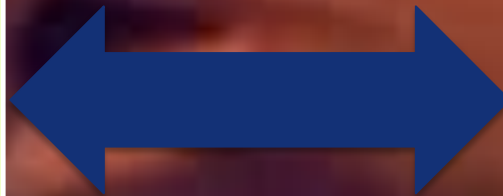
Monitor and evaluate

## **NRN**

**Communication Plan** as a  
tool to implement the  
strategy

**Proactive approach vis-à-vis  
MA**

**Exploit the full potential  
offered by the network**





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