



## Monitoring of networking Discussion framework



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1. Regulatory framework / Legislative background
2. Issues for discussion with NRNs
3. Proposed indicative 'step one' network monitoring activities



## Two distinct situations:

1. NRNs which must be monitored as programmes in their own right according to the provisions of the CMEF (Common Monitoring and Evaluation Framework)
  - Member States with regional programmes may submit for approval a specific programme for the establishment and the operation of their national rural network;
  - Four MS (Germany, Italy, Portugal and Spain) opted to submit separate programmes for their NRNs;
  - The CMEF does not currently contain specific monitoring indicators for networks.

## Two distinct situations:

2. NRNs which will be monitored as part of the technical assistance component of their respective RDP(s)
  - All the other MS have set up the network under the umbrella of their national or regional programmes (as part of the technical assistance component).
  - The approach to the formal monitoring of NRNs in MS where the NRN has not a programme in it's own right is not yet known.



Should the aim be primarily to:

- Develop a generic 'self assessment' approach, as far as possible equally relevant and useful to all NRNs? - or
- Limited to support directly relevant to formal monitoring activities required under the CMEF?

Is it useful to research relevant approaches from non-EC sources?

Are the monitoring needs of NRNs for MS with regional RDPs different to those with one national RDP?

# NRN main activities and how to effectively monitor them? (1)

## 1. Inclusiveness of the Network of relevant organisations and administrations involved in rural development:

- a) Members attendance /participation records by type of organisation
- b) Participation records of forums (on and off-line)
- c) Participation records at fairs / events / seminars / workshops
- d) Information line inquiries / responses (speed, level of detail, range of topic)

## 2. Structure and management of the NRN:

- a) Operational mechanisms/procedures for management and coordination
- b) Number and range of planning tools / documents
  - Work plans & progress reports – monthly, quarterly, annual
  - Milestones / performance targets
- c) Quality assurance practices and procedures
- d) Procedural audit results (internal/external)
- e) Meeting records / minutes



## NRN main activities and how to effectively monitor them? (2)

3. Identification, analysis and dissemination of good practices/relevant experiences:
  - a) Number of case studies collected per month/annum
  - b) Range of topics / axes / measures covered
  - c) Level of detail of case studies
  - d) Dissemination methods: Website; Publications; Events; Competitions; Other activities
  - e) Use by target beneficiaries: User surveys; Website hits
  
4. Organisation of exchanges of experience and know how:
  - a) Number and range of information/exchange services
  - b) Information services audit (internal / external)
  - c) Forums for exchange: On-line; Conferences; Events; Seminars
  - d) Use by target beneficiaries: Forum participation; Participant surveys

## NRN main activities and how to effectively monitor them? (3)

5. Preparation/delivery of training programmes for LAGs:
  - a) Number of trainings / Type / range
  - b) Participant questionnaires/surveys
  - c) Skills audits of training participants
  
6. Technical assistance for inter-territorial and transnational cooperation
  - a) Cooperation proposals
  - b) Cooperation events
  - c) Cooperation partnerships
  - d) Reports on cooperation projects



## Indicative 'Step one' network monitoring activities – March to June 2010



Associated with milestone / deliverable No	Task	NRNs – MS with Network Programmes	NRNs – other MS	Contact Point – permanent team	Contact Point – non permanent expert(s)	Timing
1	Drafting initial discussion paper			△		March
2	Definition of work plan	(△)		△		April 1-15
3	Contacting NRNs and collecting information on MS network monitoring intentions	(△)	(△)	△		April 16 – May 15
3	Assessment of the state of play in MS NRNs and key issues/needs	(△)	(△)	(△)	△	May 15 – May 31
3	Collecting relevant examples on non CMEF established network monitoring practices			(△)	△	April 15 – 30
3	Syntheses of the initial information gathered	(△)	(△)	△	△	June 1 –15
3	Drafting first working paper			△	△	June 15-30
Management & Coordination				△		

△ main responsibility

(△) also involved

## Indicative 'Step one' network monitoring activities - Indicative content of the 1st working paper (end June 2010)

1	Executive summary
2	Introduction and scope
3	Monitoring practices in MS with NRN programmes
4	Monitoring practices in other MS
5	Other relevant monitoring practices
6	Key issues identified
7	Proposed indicative framework for monitoring of NRNs
Annex	Indicative <u>workplan</u> for July - Dec 10
Annex	Details of MS information





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