



European Rural Networks'
Steering Group

Self-Assessment of European Rural Networks Completing the Strategic Framework

#RNSteeringGroup

5th Meeting
Brussels – 16 June 2016

Objectives

*To agree on a **simple tool** for assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of the activities of the ENRD and of the EIP-AGRI network*



Different from evaluation



*Should serve to adapt networks' action plan and **to continuously improve** their activities.*



Strategic framework



General Objective 1: Enhance participation

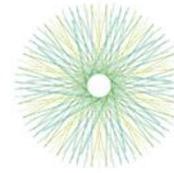
Specific Objectives <i>as per Regulation (EU) 1305/2013</i>	Operational Objectives	Types of Activities	Output indicators	Preliminary 'result' indicators	Questions with regard to the achievements of the EU RNs
<p>Increase the involvement of all stakeholders in the implementation of rural development <i>(Art. 52.2.a)</i></p>	<p>Understanding RD stakeholders and their needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholders diverse needs and potential for involvement in RDP implementation is widely understood <p>Increasing stakeholder capacity for meaningful involvement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Networks provide a platform where targeted exchanges take place involving 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surveys & needs analysis Stakeholder profiles Seminars, workshops and other events Periodicals, magazines, social media exchanges Website updates, including relevant toolkits Methodological good practices Thematic Groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of survey reports Number of stakeholder profiles produced and/or updated Number (and type) of participants at events Number of editions of relevant publications produced Number of methodological good practices Number of visitors to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevance of event content Usefulness of events Improved skills/capacity of NSUs to involve NRN stakeholders Improved skills/capacity of targeted stakeholders to be involved in rural development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do networks and other stakeholders feel that their needs were well addressed? Were <u>examples/practices used by stakeholders in their national/ regional contexts?</u> Did stakeholders disseminated further the results of ENRD activities/ information produced? Have various



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3 General
Objectives

7 Specific Objectives

15 Operational Objectives

Approx. 30 Types of activities

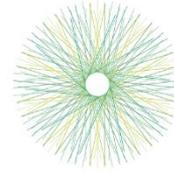
Approx. 40 Output Indicators

25 Result Indicators

22 Assessment Questions

Specific Objectives <i>as per Regulation (EU) 1305/2013</i>	Operational Objectives	Types of Activities	Output indicators	Preliminary 'result' indicators	Questions with regard to the achievements of the EU RNs
<p>Facilitate the exchange of expertise and good practice</p> <p><i>(Art. 53.2.a – see also Art. 52.3.c)</i></p>	<p>Diffusing of innovations, projects and practices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information on successful innovative activities is more easily available by systematic collection and dissemination Identification and dissemination of projects and practices in order to consolidate the learning potential for improving RDPs on the ground 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular collection, analysis, consolidation and dissemination of RDP implementation “good practices”, innovative actions and projects EIP-AGRI Focus Group Seminars and workshops Publications, newsletters and media exchanges Identification and use of stakeholders’ communication tools and channels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of innovation good practices collected & disseminated Number of dissemination plans related to Focus Groups' outcomes Number of seminars and workshops Number of visits to the website Number of links to EIP-AGRI network website Number of innovation stakeholders connected through LinkedIn groups set up by EIP-AGRI network Number (and type) of recipients of EIP-AGRI publications and reports Number and type of EIP-AGRI materials translated 	<p>Number of organisations that use or promote innovative activities collected and disseminated by the EIP-AGRI network.</p> <p>Share of these organisations which have farmers/foresters as primary target group.</p>	<p>Innovative practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The share of innovation produced that was/will be applied in practice (useful for farmers) <p>Good practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is done with the collection of good practices (only informative? Real exchange?) Good and bad examples. How were they used? Improvement of added value of Good Practices How relevant is the information it generated/the exchange of information it facilitated (bes....

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<p>Improve the quality of RDP (Art. 52.2.b)</p>	<p>Increasing awareness of the opportunities and needs for improving RDPs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relevant stakeholders have a common understanding of the real opportunities for improving RDPs as well as the main needs and organisational hurdles that have to be overcome <p>Identifying promising approaches at EU level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promising approaches to RDP improvement are identified, analysed and shared rapidly among stakeholders including RDP managers <p>Consolidating and developing communities of practice for improving RDPs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stakeholder groups including RDP managers actively exchange and transfer methods and tools for improving RDP quality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis on Rural Development Individual, comparative and thematic analyses of RDPs Thematic Groups (TG), TG events and reports (RDP) events, seminars and workshops Periodicals, magazines, social media exchanges Website updates, including relevant tools/ databases Good practice development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of RDPs screened Number of (RDP/TNC/LAG/etc.) fiches/factsheets produced Number of TGs organised Number of reports produced (out of which TG reports) Number of (RDP) events organised Number of editions of relevant publications produced Number of good practices collected & disseminated Number of webpages created/ updated (out of which updates to toolkits) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased awareness among stakeholders about RDP-related needs and opportunities Relevance & usefulness of RDP information, approaches, practices and case studies identified and shared through the EU RNs Improved skills and capacity of RDP managers and other relevant stakeholder groups as a result of EU RN capacity-building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did the EU RN share useful information with regard to RDPs/ RDP implementation? Were the practices shared during Thematic Groups relevant & useful? Did RDP managers and other stakeholders improved their skills/capacities with regard to implementing RDPs?



ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS to be worked out

1. "To what extent were **innovative practices** showcased by the EIP-AGRI network taken up by practitioners?"
2. "To what extent the tools used for exchanging **good practices** have improved/are improving RDPs on the ground?"
 - Are the questions right? Any further questions?
 - What evidence is required to answer these questions?
 - Are there any examples of how to do this (EU, NRN)