



European Network for  
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# **Thematic Group: Outcomes so far & purpose of the meeting**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting*

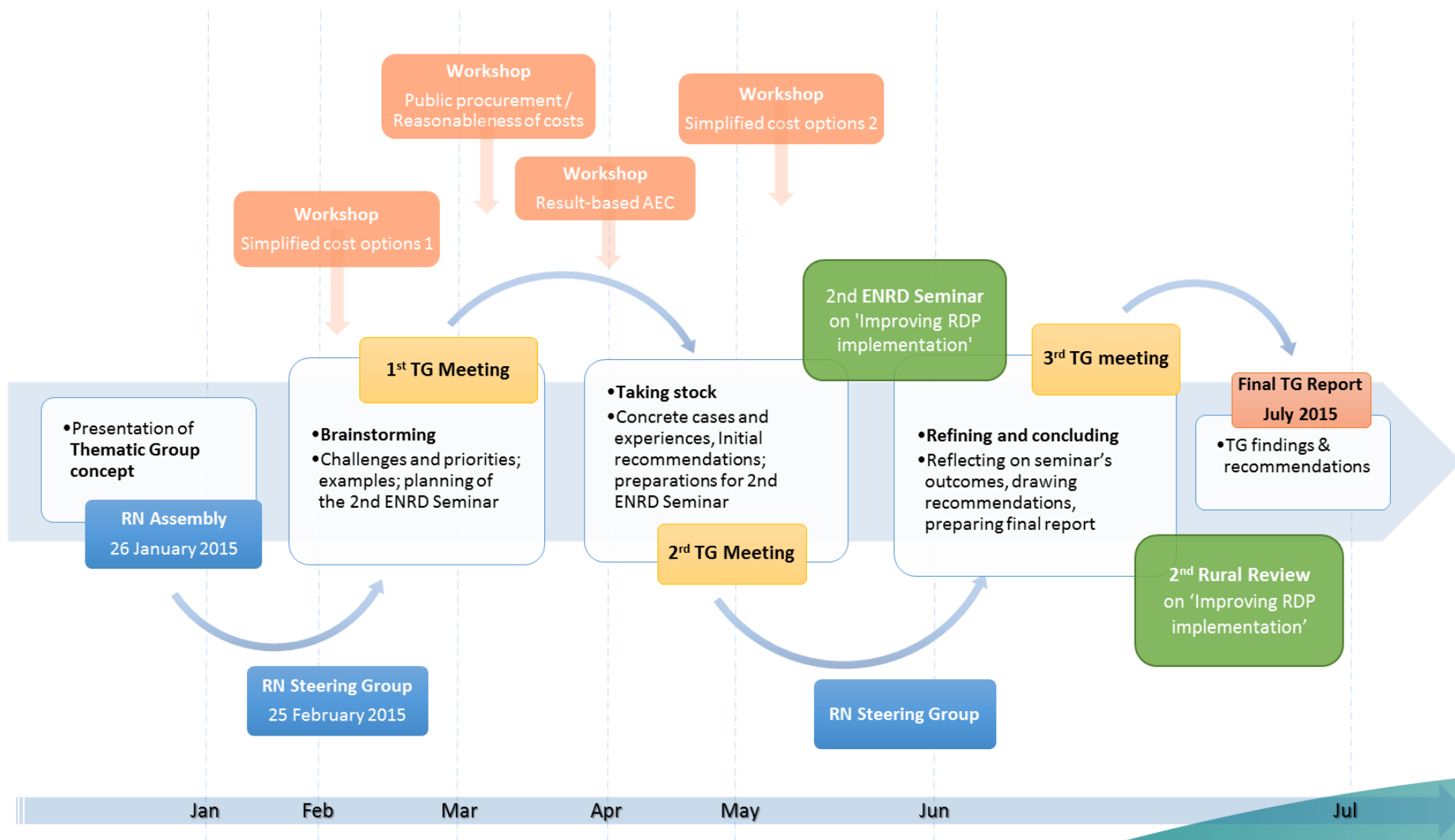
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# Objectives of the Thematic Group

*Identify key areas for improvement around RDP implementation and inform future ENRD work*

- Identify key priorities and challenges across EU MS and regions in terms of delivery and performance of RDPs
- Share, illustrate and raise awareness about new / promising approaches
- Identify where/how **‘networking’** can add value

# Roadmap for the Thematic Group



# Outcomes of the first TG meeting

## Two work strands

### 'Horizontal' aspects of RDP implementation

*What is important and urgent to focus on for the successful implementation of RDPs ? How networks can intervene?*

3 main themes / areas of intervention:

- Communicating RD policy and programmes
- Formal and informal coord. mechanisms
- Raising administrative capacity and quality

### Priority themes and areas for future work

*Based on the themes identified by the Rural Network Assembly. What RDPs and Networks can do about them?*

3 Topics addressed and discussed:

- Sust management of natural resources
- Demographic change in rural areas
- Circular economy

# Purpose of today's meeting

## Share concrete experiences

- Bring forward the analysis of the 3 'horizontal' themes: *what needs to be improved, how, by who?* Start developing **recommendations**
  - Sharpen the focus on **priority themes** (second round): *What are the issues? What can be done by RDPs and Networks?*
  - Distill **key messages, lessons and examples** for improving RDP implementation, to bring at the Seminar (11/06)
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