



“Support of rural youth and lively entrepreneurship is core for successful rural development”.

NRN objectives

The Latvian Rural Development Programme set five main objectives

- ➔ To increase the **involvement of stakeholders** in the implementation of rural development.
- ➔ To improve the **quality of the RDP** implementation
- ➔ To **inform** the broader public and potential beneficiaries on rural development policy and funding opportunities
- ➔ To promote **innovation** in agriculture, food production, forestry and rural areas
- ➔ To promote rural **business** start-up and economic efficiency

Membership

Latvian NRN is **open** to any natural or legal person who wishes to participate in rural development. There is no specific application/selection process for members. Members of the Latvian NRN do not run sub-projects with NRN funding .

Who can join the network?

Who the members are?

The NRN membership includes a **wide range of organisations, administrations and individuals**, among others representative organisations of the agricultural and forestry sector, local action groups, environmental organisations, rural non-governmental organisations, local governments, youth organisations and research institutes.

Structure of the NSU

In Latvia, there is a **national NSU and ‘regional antennae’**. Since 2008, the Latvian Rural Network Support Unit is responsible for providing technical assistance to the NRN, and develops and coordinates the implementation of the NRN Action Programme and an Annual Work Plan.



For a more effective exchange of information and implementation of the Annual Work Plan in the regions, the Latvian NRN is working with **regional representatives** - rural development specialists in **26 regions**.

The NSU and RDP management

The NSU and the Managing Authority

- ✓ The Latvian Network Support Unit (NSU) is **delegated** to a ministerial agency.
- ✓ At the beginning of each year the NSU signs a **cooperation agreement** with the Ministry of Agriculture in order to facilitate implementation of the RDP measures. The agreement defines the Work Plan activities, objectives and performance indicators.
- ✓ Once a **quarter** the NSU prepares and submits to the Ministry of Agriculture a **report**, outlining the activities already carried-out and associated expenses.
- ✓ At the end of each year, a **qualitative assessment** is carried out for all activities and this is reported to the Ministry.

The NSU and the Monitoring Committee

- ✓ The NSU is a **member** (it has 1 seat) of the Monitoring Committee.
- ✓ The NSU **assists** in the organisation of the meetings, and reports on the NSU activities.

NRN Governance




The NSU has established an advisory institution, the **Cooperation Council**, which meets once a year, and has the following main tasks:

1. To **advise** and provide information on issues related to the relevant sectors and areas
2. To **inform** industries and organisations represented in the NRN about events organised by the NSU
3. To make proposals for the development and implementation of the **Annual Work Plan**

The Cooperation Council consists of 14 national rural development and agricultural non-governmental organisations and institutions.

NRN Self-assessment



The NSU also carries out the self-assessment of activities, based on data and information collected in a **database** on NRN activities, which allows quantitative as well as qualitative assessment of individual activities.

Communication



Events: Information provision during seminars and conferences

The NSU provides full and comprehensive information on activities



Social media: Twitter, Facebook, Vimeo and draugiem.lv

Publications:

- ✓ Printed edition of “Lauku lapa” (“Rural Pages”) - a monthly (16-page) magazine
- ✓ Weekly electronic informative newsletter “Lauku e-lapa” (“Rural e-page”)
- ✓ Printed edition of «Čiekurs» («Pine Cone»)- a quarterly edition (16-page) magazine
- ✓ Press releases
- ✓ Articles and interviews in regional and national media



NSU website

Timeline of NRN Workplans

1st period

01 Feb 2015 – 31 Dec 2015

2nd period

1 Jan 2016 – 31 Dec 2016

3rd period

01 Jan 2017 – 31 Dec 2017

4th period

01 Jan 2018 – 31 Dec 2018

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NRN Resources

Financial resources (2014-2020)

Budget (€)

Total NRN public funds:	20 420 311
Out of which national co-financing:	6 534 500
Out of which EAFRD:	13 885 811

Human resources (NSU)

No

Number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff

5



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