



“Dutch NSU, the rural connectors”

NRN objectives

The Dutch NRN defined **six network objectives**:

- ➔ Getting **participants more directly involved** in lively networks.
- ➔ Foster **knowledge exchange and knowledge development** - content and process.
- ➔ **Improve** the way rural development programmes are carried out.
- ➔ **Inform** the public and potential beneficiaries about rural development policy and funding opportunities.
- ➔ **Foster innovative practices** and ideas in agriculture, food production, and the rural environment.
- ➔ **Facilitate the debate** about (the value of) rural areas.



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Membership

In principal the NRN network is **open to everyone**. The group “Inspirators Platteland” functions as a sounding board for the NSU. This is a flexible group.

Who are the members?

How to join the network?

There is **no selection process**.

- ✓ Certain sections of the website (Netwerk Platteland) are reserved for interaction/ discussion within a specific group, such as Local Action Groups.
- ✓ The NRN-budget is specifically for the activities of the NSU. There is no funding available for smaller projects.

How to get involved?

Regional NRN structures



- ✓ The NRN is acting on a **national scale** and is in charge of organising meetings, exchanges with the network members and running the website.
- ✓ In addition, **the NRN supports the provinces**, which are responsible for the calls for different measures and their regional network. The provinces can be seen as regional antennae.

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- ✓ The Netherlands NSU is **part of the Regiebureau POP**, which is the executive body of the Managing Authority.
- ✓ **Coordination** involves the Managing Authority (MA) representatives, the Ministry of Economic Affairs and MA coordinators in the 12 provinces.

The NSU and the Monitoring Committee

- ✓ **The working plans and the annual reports** of the NSU are submitted by the Monitoring Committee (which meets 3 times per year).
- ✓ The NRN attends these meetings.



NRN Governance

- ✓ The NSU is part of the Regiebureau POP (executive body of the EAFRD Managing Authority).
- ✓ The “Inspirators Platteland” group functions as a council.

Communication



The NRN communication strategy has a number of **key objectives /activities**:

- ✓ To collect and disseminate good practices
- ✓ To facilitate thematic and analytic exchange between stakeholders
- ✓ To facilitate training and network activities for LAG's
- ✓ To facilitate network-activities for advisors in innovation
- ✓ To share and spread findings of monitoring and evaluation
- ✓ To provide general communication about the RDPs
- ✓ To participate in and support the ENRD events
- ✓ To follow EIP-Agri updates and support Operational Groups



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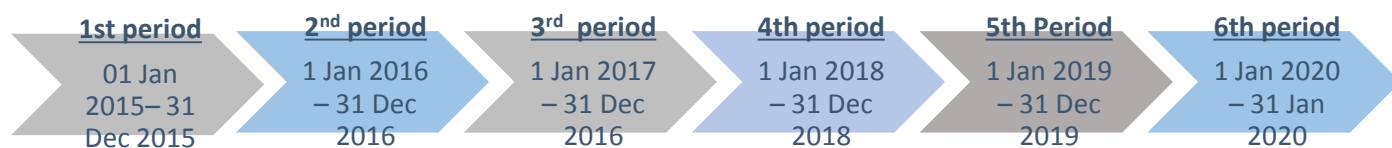
NRN self-assessment



Certain **activities will be monitored**, including:

- ✓ N° of meetings organized
- ✓ N° of meetings attended
- ✓ N° of contacts with partners in the network
- ✓ N° of visitors on the website

Timeline of NRN Workplans



NRN Resources

Financial resources (2014-2020)	Budget (€)
Total NRN public funds:	1 700 00
Out of which national co-financing:	N/A
Out of which EAFRD:	50%

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Human resources	No
Number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff	4



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