



*“Connecting for a better future”*

## NRN objectives

### The Bulgarian NRN:

- Aims to improve the quality of the Rural Development Programme;
- Increases the interest of the wider public towards rural areas;
- Maintains, supports and structures the conversation between the MA and stakeholders.

## Membership

The membership is **open** to all rural stakeholders. The criteria is to be an organisation or institution involved in sustainable local and regional development, promoting employment and improving the quality of life in rural areas.

*Who can join the network?*

Another fundamental principle which determines the types of participants in the National Rural Network is connected to the representation of all past and current potential beneficiaries of the RDP (2007-13) and RDP (2014-2020).

## The NSU and RDP management

### The NSU and the Managing Authority

The NRN is **established within the MA**, located at the Ministry of Agriculture with some activities outsourced or contracted to an external service provider.

A call for tender is to be opened to select a company to which the NSU will be outsourced (as of March 2017).

### The NSU and the Monitoring Committee

The Monitoring Committee of the RDP **approves the strategic decisions** on activities performed by the Steering Committee.



## NRN Governance

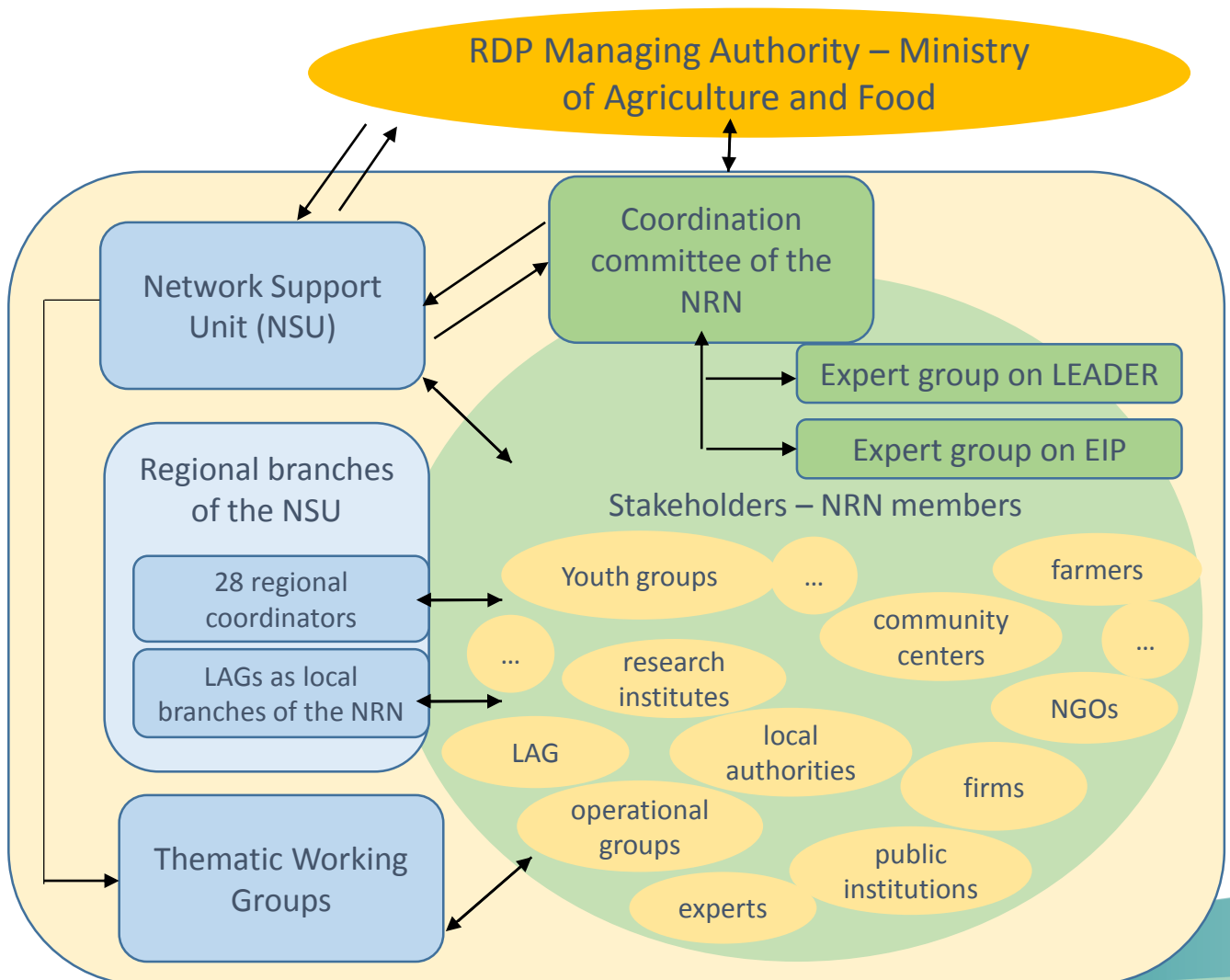
### Steering Committee

The role of the Steering Committee is **to take key decisions** on the activities of the network. It consists of a maximum of 15 members - representatives of all major stakeholder groups and networks who will participate on a voluntary basis. The Steering Committee will elect a chairman from among its members on a rotational basis for a term of two years. The Chairman represents the NRN at the Monitoring Committee of the RDP (2014-2020).

### Tasks of the SC

The **main tasks** of the Steering Committee are:

- ✓ To make recommendations on the selection of priorities and theme;
- ✓ To approve its action plan and communication plan and their amendments which made in the process of implementation;
- ✓ To receive and approve reports;
- ✓ To monitor the progress of the program;
- ✓ To offer advice and
- ✓ To support the self-assessment of the overall activities of the Network.





## NRN Resources

Financial resources (2014-2020)	Budget
Total NRN public funds:	€2 062 130
Out of which national co-financing:	N/A
Out of which EAFRD:	49.5%

Human resources	No
Number of part-time equivalent (FTE) staff	2

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## WORK IN PROGRESS!!!



The Communication Plan and the Self-Assessment plan are currently under preparation.

Updates will be published as the work progresses.