



*“Desarrollo rural una oportunidad para todos”
“Rural development: an opportunity for all”*

NRN objectives

Spanish Rural Network has **Global Objectives** (GO) and **Specific Objectives** (SO).

Specific objectives correspond to the mandatory objectives defined by the EU Regulation.

- ➔ GO1. To establish a **permanent and stable framework of relationships** among those involved in rural development
 - SO1. To increase the involvement of stakeholders in the implementation of rural development
- ➔ GO2. To **strengthen the implementation and programming capacity** of the rural development programmes.
 - SO2. To improve the quality of implementation of rural development programmes.
- ➔ GO3. To **promote the understanding of the rural areas** and to publicise Rural Development Policy
 - SO3. To inform the broader public and potential beneficiaries on rural development policy and funding opportunities
- ➔ GO4. To **foster knowledge and innovation transfer** among agricultural and silvicultural sectors and in the rural areas.
 - SO4.1. To foster innovation in agriculture, food production, forestry and rural areas.
 - SO4.2. To promote cooperation in order to undertake innovative projects and facilitate their results transfer in the framework of the EIP.

 **Download: Spanish NRN Action Plan Brochure (including intervention logic) (ES)**

Membership

The Spanish NRN is **open to all** entities/bodies/organisations working in the field of rural development at national scale. The national scale condition is very important to avoid over-representation from some regions.

Who can be a member?

How to join the network?

In order to become a member of the NRN, interested representatives of the entities/ bodies/ organisations need **to send an email asking for membership**. They must attach the statutes (internal written rules of the organisation) so that it can be checked if the entity fulfils the two basic requirements.

The members of the NRN are classified into **four groups**:

- ✓ **Public administrations**: national level administration; regional administrations, local administrations (23 members until May 2016)
- ✓ **Social and Economic Agents**: business organisations; labour unions; professional organisations; organisations from the agricultural and forestry sectors; other organisations related to rural development (40 members until May 2016)
- ✓ **Civil Society Representatives**: women associations; social action associations; nature conservation associations; LAG networks (18 members until May 2016)
- ✓ **EIP Entities** (26 members until May 2016)

Who are the members?

How to get involved?

The NRN **does not finance projects during this programming period**. Projects are financed by means of the RDP measures.

The NSU and RDP management

The NSU and the Managing Authority

- ✓ Although there are regional RDPs there are **no regional NRN structures** in Spain. There is one national NSU.
- ✓ Network coordination is the responsibility of the same Directorate General (DG for Rural Development) that acts as Managing Authority of the National RDP (PNDR).
- ✓ The Spanish NRN is operating under one of the technical assistance measure of the PNDR.

The NSU and the Monitoring Committee

- ✓ The **NSU participates in the meetings of the Monitoring Committee** (MC) of the National Rural Development Programme as any other managers of the measures, but does not participate in the regional RDP MCs.



NRN Governance

ASSEMBLY

Composition

The **Assembly** is composed of **118 members** organised in **four types** of stakeholder groups:

- (1) public administrations,
- (2) social and economic agents,
- (3) civil society representatives,
- (4) EIP entities (see membership in the attachment below).

The Assembly meets at least twice during the programming.

Tasks

- To participate in the adoption of agreements through their representatives on the Steering Committee.
- To propose their representatives for the Steering Committee
- To propose to the Support Unit (NSU) subjects and activities to be developed and implemented in the Annual Plan of Activities as well as issues to be discussed at the meetings of the Steering Committee.
- For the representative of the four groups at the Steering Committee: to actively participate and collect the opinions and suggestions of the group.
- To address requests and questions to its representative at the Steering Committee and to the NSU.
- To request to their representatives at the Steering Committee and to the NSU the creation of working groups on specific topics

STEERING COMMITTEE

Composition


The **Steering Committee** is composed of **representatives of the four key stakeholder groups** (see above).

The Steering Committee is formed of **permanent and rotating representatives** of the members of the Assembly. The number of representatives is proportional to the number of members of each of the four groups: one representative for every eight members (see membership in the attachment below).

The Steering Committee meets at least once per year.

Tasks

- To review the proposed subjects and activities received and/or propose actions for the development and implementation of the Annual Plan of Activities.
- To analyse and approve the annual reports of implementation for its submission to the Monitoring Committee of the National Rural Development Programme (PNDR).
- To participate in the adoption of agreements
- To express its views on the issues tackled and to propose, if appropriate, agenda items for the Steering Committee meetings.
- To formulate questions and answers.
- To review and approve the creation of working groups whenever the application is supported by 25% of the members of the Steering Committee.
- To propose meetings of the Assembly..
- To approve the membership application of new members (who fulfil 'eligibility' criteria) to be part of the RRN

 **Download: Composition/members of the Assembly and Steering Committee (ES)**

Communication



The Communication Plan is under development.

NRN Self-Assessment



- ✓ **Output indicators** will constitute the main element of self-evaluation of the NRN. They will allow assessing all activities carried out within the Spanish NRN Action Plan. The indicators will be submitted each year (between 2016 and 2024) in the annual implementation reports.
- ✓ Indicators defined include **3 common output indicators** and **12 specific output indicators**.
- ✓ A modification of the national RDP has requested to include this indicator-system after the review of the NRN indicators system.



Satisfaction surveys are conducted after each NRN events.



Suggestions made by users of the NRN web, through the **specific application “miRRN”** and also using the NRN mailbox.

Timeline of NRN Workplans

1st period

01 Nov 2014 – 30 Nov 2015

2nd period

1 Dec 2015 – 1 Apr 2017

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NRN Resources

Financial resources (2014-2020)

Budget (€)

Total NRN public funds:	15 094 340
Out of which national co-financing:	7 094 340
Out of which EAFRD:	8 000 000

Human resources (NSU)

No

Number of full-time equivalent staff

6

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