



“Romanian National Rural Network (RNDR) connects rural areas to rural development and European funding and initiatives, contributing to the understanding and implementing of Rural Development Programme. Turn your ideas into actions, do it simple and clear!”

NRN objectives

The Romanian NRN defined four objectives in line with the mandatory objectives set by the EU Regulation No 1305/2013, and a further NRN-specific objective.

- ➔ increase the **involvement of stakeholders** in the implementation of rural development
- ➔ improve the **quality of the implementation** of rural development programmes
- ➔ **inform** the broader public and potential beneficiaries on rural development policy and funding opportunities
- ➔ foster **innovation** in agriculture, food production, forestry and rural areas
- ➔ **Strengthen the NRN 2014-2020**

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Membership

Who are the members?

The Romanian NRN has a **wide range of members**. Until 30 May 2016, the NRN had 1,113 registered members.

- Registration for the NRN membership is **open** to everyone and is on-going.
- Most members register at the time of specific NRN activities: campaigns, events, etc.
- While registering, NRN members need to specify the **main sector(s)** in which they operate, namely: agriculture, vegetable-farming, livestock-breeding, fruit-growing, forestry, bee-keeping, food industry, local community, environment, research, rural infrastructure, mountain area, wine-culture, non-agricultural activities, crafts.

How to join the network?

How to get involved

The **NRN members are direct beneficiaries of NRN activities**, such as working groups, meetings, thematic conferences, exchanges, etc. During these activities they have the opportunity to identify specific agricultural or non-agricultural problems and possible solutions.

The NSU and RDP management

The NSU and the Managing Authority

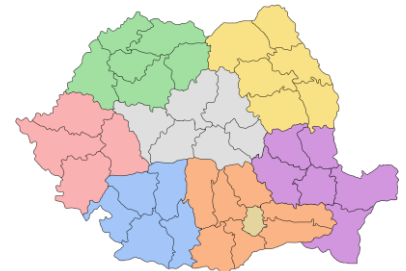
- ✓ The Network Support Unit (NSU) is **set up within the Managing Authority** (Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, General Directorate for Rural Development). This ensures strong collaboration also with other units of the ministry.
- ✓ Some activities of the NSU are **outsourced** to external service provider(s).
- ✓ The efficient and effective operation of the NRN is ensured through the implementation of **multi-annual action plans**.

The NSU and the Monitoring Committee

- ✓ The NSU is responsible for **informing** the Monitoring Committee (MC) regarding the actions undertaken in order to accomplish the NRN objectives.
- ✓ The representative of the NSU participates at every MC **meeting** in order to inform the MC about its activities.

Regional NRN structures

The national Network Support Unit is supported by **regional structures** called **County Rural Development Centres (CRDC)**. CRDCs are operated by regional-level experts of the Managing Authority.



NRN Governance



The NRN is coordinated by the **National Coordination Committee (NCC)**.

- The NCC is composed of representatives of **main stakeholder groups** involved in rural development.
- NCC members have **consultative, decisional** and **strategic functions** with regard to the operation of the NRN.
- The NCC meets at least **4 times a year** and has **26 members** with voting rights.
- The members of the NCC are approving the **Multi-Annual Action Plan and the Annual Action Plan** of the NRN, and the Thematic Working Groups (that are set up based on the main priorities of the RDP).

Timeline of NRN Workplans

1st period

1 Jan 2016 –
31 Dec 2016

2nd period

1 Jan 2017 –
31 Dec 2017

3rd period

1 Jan 2018 -
31 Dec 2018

4th period

1 Jan 2019 -
31 Dec 2019

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Communication

NRN communication plan is part of the wider Information and Publicity Strategy. The NRN communication plan aims to ensure:

- ✓ **Publicity and information** about the RDP (in cooperation with the MA), in particular with regard to LEADER cooperation, innovation, operational groups, good practices and networking.
- ✓ **Information and communication** activity towards the general public.

The NRN communication plan includes also a specific section regarding sharing of information about the ENRD and NRN activities.

NRN self-assessment

The NRN self-assessment is carried out based on the mandatory NRN indicators defined by the **Common Evaluation and Monitoring Framework**:

- ✓ O.24 Number of **thematic and analytical exchanges** established with the support of NRN
- ✓ O.25 Number of **NRN communication tools**
- ✓ O.26 Number of **ENRD activities** in which the Romanian NRN participated.

NRN Resources

Financial resources (2014-2020)

Budget

Total NRN public funds:	Lei 67 500 000
Out of which national co-financing:	N/A
Out of which EAFRD:	Euro 15 000 000

Human resources

No

Number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff	45 (14 within central NSU and 31 at Regional level)
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