

Name of Rural Network

Irish National Rural
Network



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Mission Statement and Strategic Objectives of the Rural Network

- The general objective of the network is to provide a mechanism through which information, relevant for the various actors in the RDP, can be developed and disseminated.
- The specific aims of the network include:
 - Create and disseminate information,
 - Creation and dissemination mechanisms for a successful implementation of the measures,
 - Provide opportunities for the various actors in the RDP to meet and interact both in person and virtually.

Participants in the Rural Network

- The network is characterized by an open on-going membership.

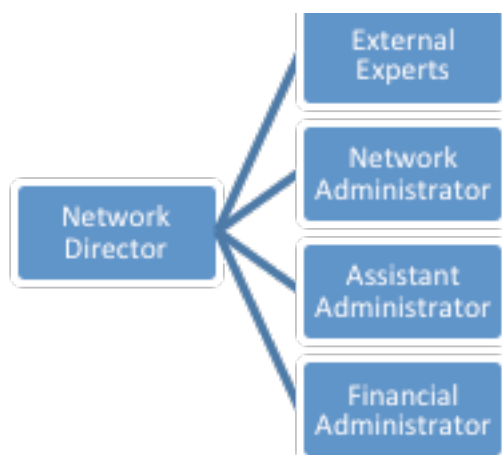
Network Structure

- The management decisions in the network are relatively formal processes: the Annual Work Plan is approved by the MA and the network makes proposals within that context.
- The NSU assists these decision-making processes by submitting a draft Action Plan and budget and discussing it with the MA. The NSU gets the approval of the MA for specific topics and/or experts to implement specific actions.

Network Management

- The Network Support Unit (NSU) is outsourced, thus it is not established within the Managing Authority and not delegated to a ministerial agency or other institution.
- The network doesn't have regional NSUs.
- NSU's Human Resources include:
 - Network Director – 75 days per year and responsible for the overall running of the network and participating in EU networks.
 - Network Administrator – 150 days per year, 75 dedicated to the management of the network and 75 to the administration of specific tasks
 - Assistant Network Administrator – 75 days facilitating specific actions

- Financial Director – 24 days managing finances
 - External Expert – 129 days facilitating specific actions.
- The network doesn't have full-time staff working on the projects.
- Other services such as PR, printing, newsletter preparation are also sourced externally.
- Network's organigram:



Network Budget for the period 2007–13

Network budget		€	Budget breakdown		€
Total network funds (Public Cost)		3.000.000	Total Network funds (Public Costs)		3.000.000
National co-finance		1.500.000	Work plan resources		2.250.000
EAFRD		1.500.000	Network running costs		750.000
EAFR Co-financing %		50 %	Others (if appropriate)		/