

## Name of Rural Network

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## Mission Statement and Strategic Objectives of the Rural Network

- The main objective of the Latvian Rural Network is to develop rural areas with close and coordinated cooperation between the organizations involved in rural development.
- The specific aims of the Latvian Rural Network include:
  - Promoting of exchange of the information between institutions and non-governmental organizations involved in rural development;
  - Exchange of experience in promoting rural development;
  - Public information on the role and importance of rural development measures.

## Participants in the Rural Network

- The Latvian Rural Network has an open membership and the participation form for involvement can be found on the website [http://laukutikls.lv/dalibnieka\\_registracija](http://laukutikls.lv/dalibnieka_registracija).
- Members of the Latvian Rural Network are organizations and authorities involved in rural development which:
  - Work on mutual interest basis;
  - Provide a two-way flow of information on key issues of rural development;
  - Are involved in implementing of Work Programme 2009-2013 using their infrastructure and resources.

## Network Structure

- The Network Support Unit was established to ensure a better operational Network. The Support Unit is responsible to develop the Work Programme by compiling proposals and coordinating its implementation and technical support.
- The Latvian Network Support Unit's main responsibilities include:
  - Technical support in cooperation of the Latvian Rural Network at national and EU level;
  - Compilation and evaluation of the up to date information about rural development issues, coordination of dissemination of this information;
  - Compilation of recommendations for the implementation of Rural Development Policy;
  - Evaluation of the overall Latvian Rural Network and individual members' performance efficiency related to network performance goals, objectives and financial management;
  - Coordinate research related to rural development and the areas covered by the Latvian Rural Network.

- To ensure the efficient flow of information horizontally and vertically, the Latvian Rural Network Support Unit consists of a central office, located in the Latvian Rural Advisory and Training Centre in County Ozolnieki and 26 offices throughout the Latvia.
- There are 5 full time workers in the main NSU and 26 part time workers in regions.
- Organogram of the Latvian Rural Network is available here: [http://laukutikls.lv/pielikumi/003\\_VLT\\_shema\\_20\\_04\\_2012\\_EN.pdf](http://laukutikls.lv/pielikumi/003_VLT_shema_20_04_2012_EN.pdf).

## Network Management

- Rural Development policy in Latvia is the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture. Latvia's Rural Development policy is defined in the National Strategy Plan (NSP) for Rural Development and through a single Rural Development Programme (RDP), covering the whole country. An accredited Paying Agency is responsible for RDP payments.

## Network Budget for the period 2007–13

Network budget		€	Budget breakdown		€
Total network funds (Public Cost)		15.000.000	Total Network funds (Public Costs)		15.000.000
National co-finance		3.000.000	Work plan resources		11.250.000
EAFRD		12.000.000	Network running costs		3.750.000
EAFR Co-financing %		80 %	Others (if appropriate)		/