

Name of Rural Network

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Mission Statement and Strategic Objectives of the Rural Network

- The network's general objective includes to:
 - Provide support for the implementation and the evaluation of rural development policy
 - Identification, analysis, dissemination and exchange of information and knowledge of rural development among all stakeholders at local, regional, national or Community levels
- The specific aims of the networks include:
 - Support for exchange of experiences and specialist knowledge in the field of rural development at local, regional, national and Community levels;
 - Activating partners already or potentially involved in rural development;
 - Strengthening administration capacity involved in rural development;
 - Improvement of communication flow on programmes regarding rural areas;
 - Promotion of search for innovation solutions serving rural development;
 - Support to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development within analysis and evaluation of rural development policy in Poland.

Participants in the Rural Network

- The network is characterized by an on-going formal membership open to public sector, stakeholder organisations and to individuals.

Network Structure

- The Network Support Unit (NSU) is outsourced and it is established within the Managing Authority. The NSU is not delegated to a ministerial agency.
- The network includes 16 Regional Secretariats at Marshall Offices of voivodeships which facilitate information exchange and coordination of network activities in regions.

- NSU's Human Resources:

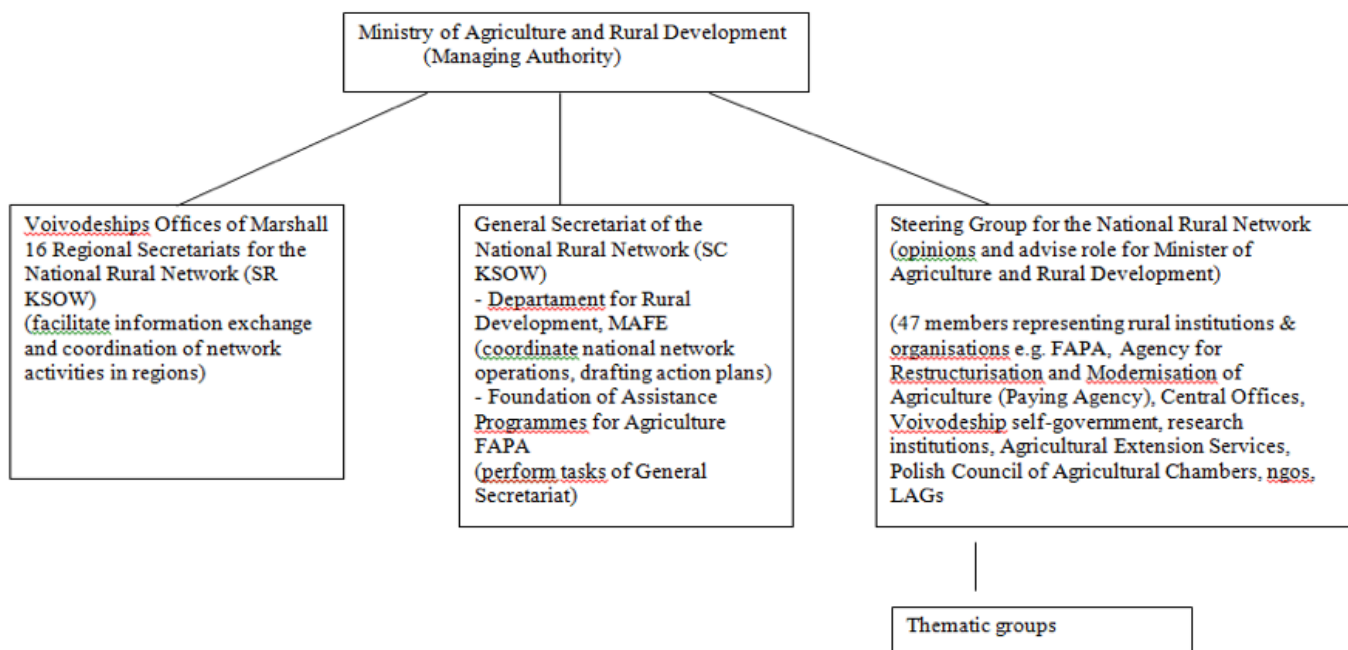
i. Foundation of Assistance Programmes for Agriculture FAPA

1. National Rural Network Coordination Unit- 6 full time and 2 part time employees responsible for tasks (one task is usually performed by more than one employee): realisation of Action Plan in the scope of General Secretariat, including public procurement, identifies national partners, providing information and experience exchange on rural development, website service, ensuring international cooperation, including with ENRD, serving the Steering Group, cooperation with Fishery Local Action Groups,
2. Coordination of FAPA tasks – 1 Director- part-time employment;
3. Legal services – 1 part time lawyer;
4. Technical service of website – 1 part time It Systems Administrator;
5. Analytical Sections - 11 part time employees - Providing information and experience exchange on rural development, including editing of NRN Bulletin, cooperation with ENRD focus group, cooperation within the UE Strategy for Baltic Sea region;
6. Projects finances – 1 part time employment;

ii. Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, dep. for Rural Development

- National Rural Network Coordination Unit – 3 full time and 2 part time employees, Responsible for preparation of action plan, monitoring of action plan realisation, cooperation with ENRD, coordination of NRN in Poland.
- 1 Director – full time employment.

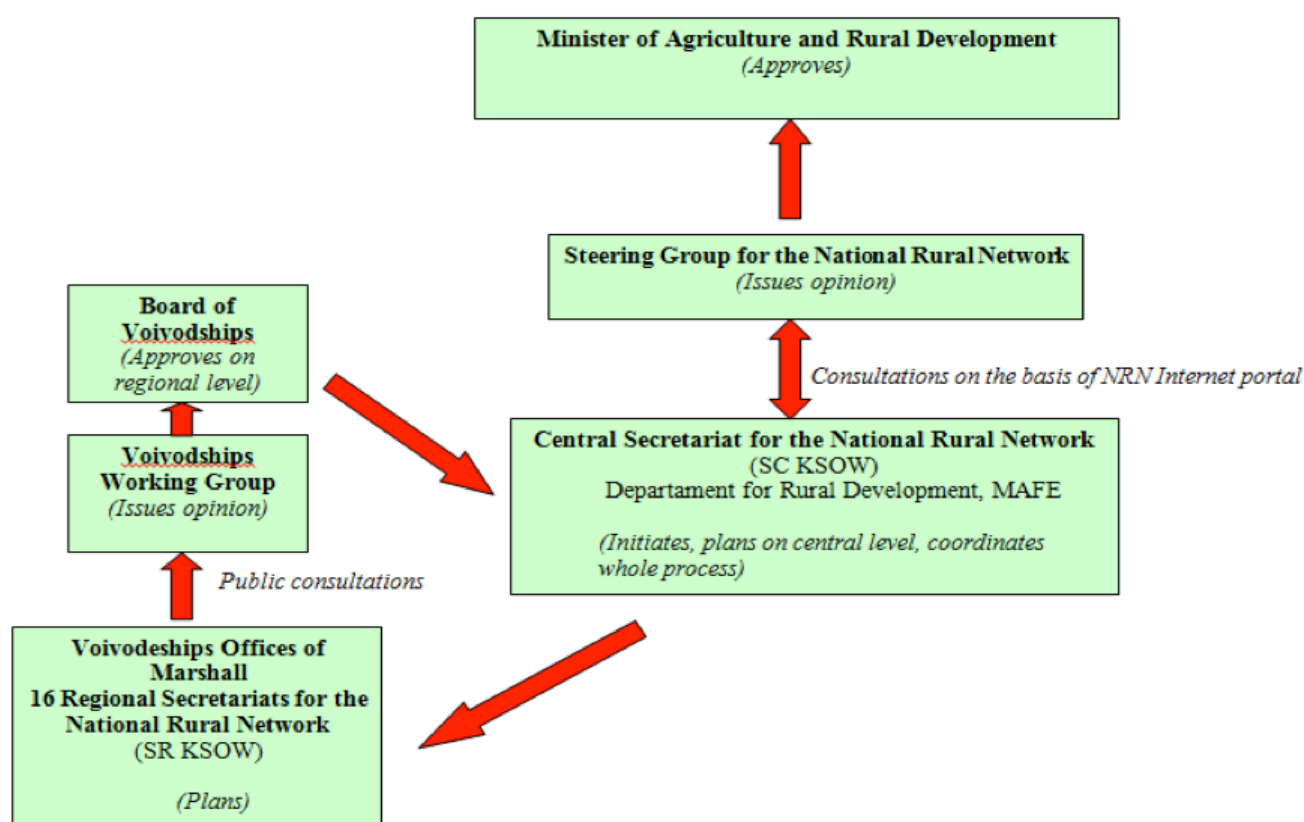
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Network Management

- The management decisions in the network involve formal decision-making processes: members of the Steering Group for National Rural Network adopt resolutions (decisions) by majority of votes. Each adopted resolution must be signed by the President of the Group.
- The NSU assists this decision-making process by preparing and presenting the draft Action Plan to the Steering Group.
- Flow chart of the decision making processes within the Network Support Unit, Managing Authority and other relevant bodies:

Decision making process



Network Budget for the period 2007–13

Network budget	€	Budget breakdown	€
Total network funds (Public Cost)	55.000.000	Total Network funds (Public Costs)	55.000.000
National co-finance	13.750.000	Work plan resources	*44.000.000
EAFRD	41.250.000	Network running costs	**11.000.000
EAFR Co-financing %	75 %	Others (if appropriate)	/

* 20% of the sum is allocated to General Secretariat

** 21,31% is allocated to General Secretariat