

**Evaluation Questions (EQ) and Judgment Criteria (JC)  
associated with the Network Functions (NF) of the French National Rural Network**

<b>NF1: Overcoming isolation and mobilisation of rural stakeholders</b>	
Definition & scope: evaluate the capacity of your network to mobilise rural stakeholders and to promote exchanges between them, within or outside the network.	
EQ1	1. To what extent does your network manage to convince a large number and diversity of rural stakeholders to join?
JC	11. Capacity to become known and communicate on its action; 12. Capacity to mobilise large numbers of rural stakeholders; 13. Capacity to mobilise a variety of stakeholders involved in the areas of action and with cross-cutting skills.
EQ2	2. To what extent does your network manage to promote exchanges between rural stakeholders at regional, national or European level?
JC	21. Capacity to promote exchanges between rural stakeholders; 22. Capacity to involve rural stakeholders in lasting efforts to exchange knowledge and experience; 23. Capacity to promote cooperation among actors at the inter-regional, national or European level.
<b>NF2: Sharing and generating knowledge</b>	
Definition & scope: quantify and qualify efforts of knowledge sharing initiated by your rural network and the products resulting from these efforts.	
EQ3	3. To what extent can efforts to share knowledge organised as part of your rural network produce knowledge, tools and methods respond to the priority issues raised by the development of rural areas?
JC	31. Capacity to organise efforts of knowledge sharing; 32. Capacity of the efforts of knowledge sharing organised to lead to the production of knowledge, tools and methods for rural development; 33. Relevance of the knowledge, tools and methods to address the priority issues raised by the development of rural areas; 34. Capacity to get to know experience made in other regions or Member States.
<b>NF3: Capitalisation and dissemination of knowledge to / development of rural actors</b>	
Definition & scope: evaluate the capacity of your network to capitalize on the knowledge produced, disseminating and exploiting rural actors and their work.	
EQ4	4. To what extent is the knowledge produced within the framework of your network being disseminated, understood and used by rural stakeholders?
EQ5	5. To what extent enables the enhancement of knowledge enables promotion of the actors that produce the knowledge?
JC	41. Capacity to formalise the knowledge produced in a clear and accessible manner; 42. Capacity to disseminate the knowledge produced among rural stakeholders; 43. Use of the knowledge produced by rural actors; 44. Capacity to promote rural stakeholders and their work.

<b>NF4: Contribution to the emergence of integrated projects</b>	
Definition & scope: measure the effects of your network in supporting the emergence and / or improvement of rural development projects.	
EQ6	6. To what extent does your rural network provide support and guidance to the emergence and / or improvement of rural development projects?
JC	51. Capacity to assist local project holders to structure and improve their approaches; 52. Capacity to provide advice and expertise to local project holders across the different themes of rural development; 53. Capacity to act as a 'nursery' for rural development projects.
<b>NF5: Contribution to the design of rural development strategies</b>	
Definition & scale: measure the contribution of your network's efforts to design rural development strategies; at local, regional, national or European level.	
EQ7	7. To what extent does the knowledge produced by your network contribute to the orientation of public decision as far as rural development strategy is concerned?
JC	61. Consideration by (impact on) projects and rural development strategies at local and regional level; knowledge and expertise generated in the framework of your rural network; 62. Consideration by (impact on), rural development strategies at national and European level; knowledge and expertise produced within the framework of your rural network.
<b>TT6: Effectiveness &amp; efficiency of the rural network</b>	
Definition & scale: study the ways your network is organised and measure its performance in order to share the methods and modes of organisation most effective in achieving its objectives.	
EQ8	8. To what extent can preferred methods, organisational structure and governance of your rural network be considered as effective and efficient in terms of achieving its different objectives?
JC	71. Effectiveness / efficiency of organisational approach chosen. 72. Effectiveness / efficiency of governance approach chosen.
<b>TT7: Monitoring of the network structure and of its dedicated resources</b>	
Associated Indicators:	
Number of full-time experts dedicated to the rural network.	
Annual budget dedicated to the rural network.	
Number of thematic working groups (TWG) established.	
Pre-existing network on which the current rural network is based.	