



French Rural Network

9th NRNs meeting
Malta, 29 June 2010



French National Rural Network

- Active since December 2008
- Wider range of beneficiaries than 2000/2006
- Focus on any rural development issues (not only EAFRD)
- Thematic approach
- 2 levels (national and 26 regional networks)



3 Main Objectives

- To facilitate communication between categories of actors
- To enhance integrated approaches of rural development
- To improve the quality of projects financed through EAFRD

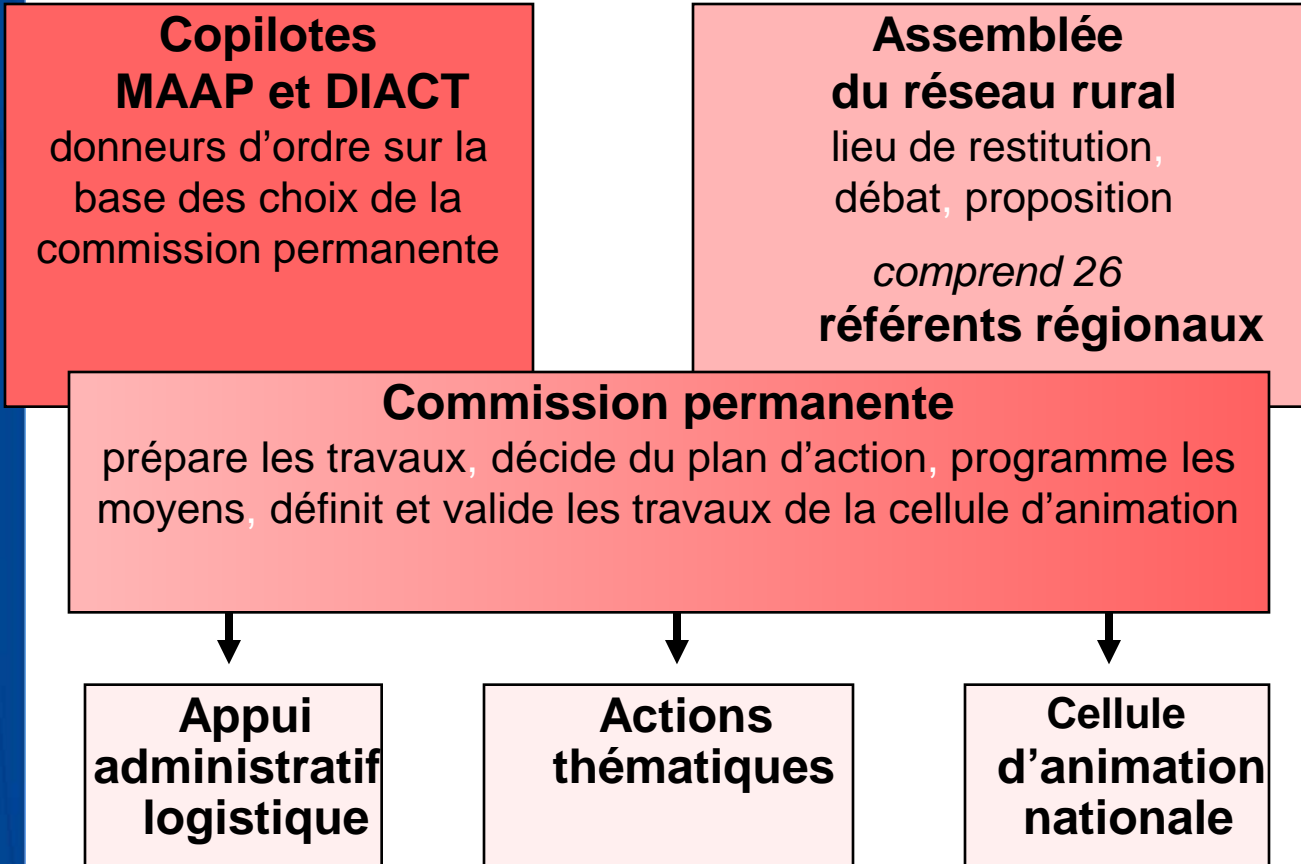


National Level

- 2 Co-managers
- 1 Assembly
- 1 Board
- 1 NRN Support Unit
- 3 Working Groups



Structure of the French NRN





Regional Level

- 26 Regional Rural Networks
- 2 Co-managers
- Some of them organised on the same basis as the National Network
- Different stages of implementation



3 Working Groups (WGs)

- How to value local activities in a territorial approach?
 - *Agriculture*
 - *Forestry*
 - *Bio energy*
- How to manage land issues?
- How to attract new comers in rural areas ?



Organisation of the WGs

- 30 to 50 people/organizations
- 1 or 2 lead partners
- Identification of main challenges
- Call for projects
- Financing of studies/ meetings/ training...
- Final seminars



Presentation of the French NRN Support Unit

1. Network animation

- Dissemination of information within the network
- Organisation of meetings and conferences
- Animation and support for regional network activities
- Follow-up and support for national thematic groups

2. Communication

- Target: general public, network stakeholders, national network members and partners
- Tools: communication plan, website, newsletter, cooperation newsletter, magazine, press relations



Presentation of the French NRN Support Unit

3. Capitalisation

- Tools: video, factsheets, collection of good practices
- Who's who of the network
- Thematic studies

4. Cooperation

- Partners search tool (to search for French LAG partners)
- Database of approved projects
- Organisation of cooperation events
- Technical assistance network (Optional)
- Conception of methodological tools (Optional)



Our first missions...

- **Implementation of tools**
 - Website: contact databases
 - Partner search database
 - Database of approved projects
 - Animation of a network of regional networks
 - First publications: newsletters, magazine
- **Organisation of a national event at the end of the year**
 - December 2010 - around 700 participants
 - Debate about rural challenges for sustainable development
 - Participation of European stakeholders



News of the National Network Unit

- Organisation of a cooperation event by the RNN
 - 6 and 7th July – Lons-le-Saulnier
 - Thematic and methodological workshops
 - Cooperation fair
- Do not hesitate to send us cooperation offers of your LAGs

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