



European Commission
Agriculture and
Rural Development



European Network for
Rural Development



EN RD | **CONNECTING RURAL EUROPE**

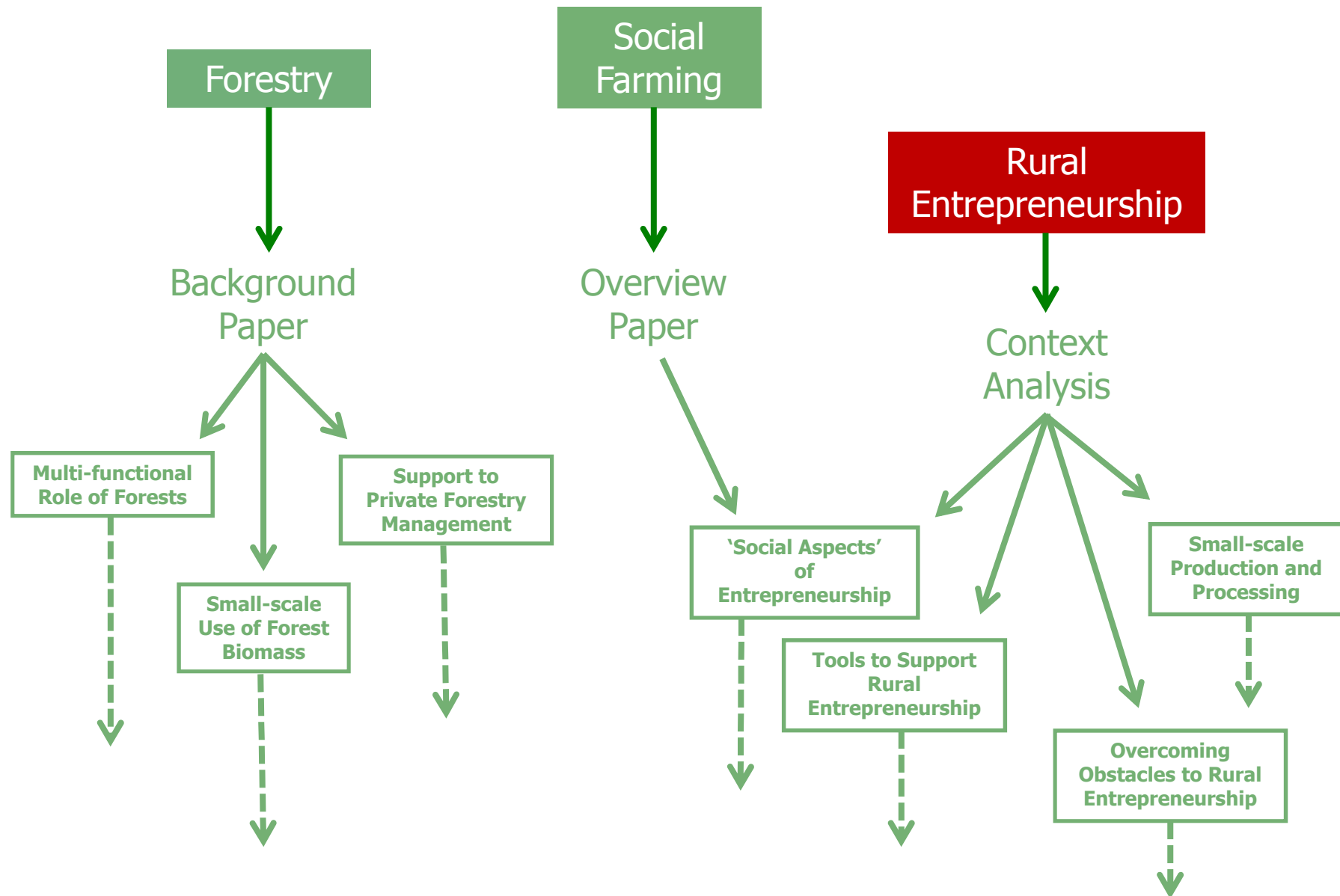
<http://enrd.ec.europa.eu>

**State of play of the
Rural Entrepreneurship
Initiative**

**Pascale Van Doren
ENRD Contact Point**



Rural Entrepreneurship NRN Thematic Initiative Situation at the last CC meeting (December 2010)





Rural Entrepreneurship working framework



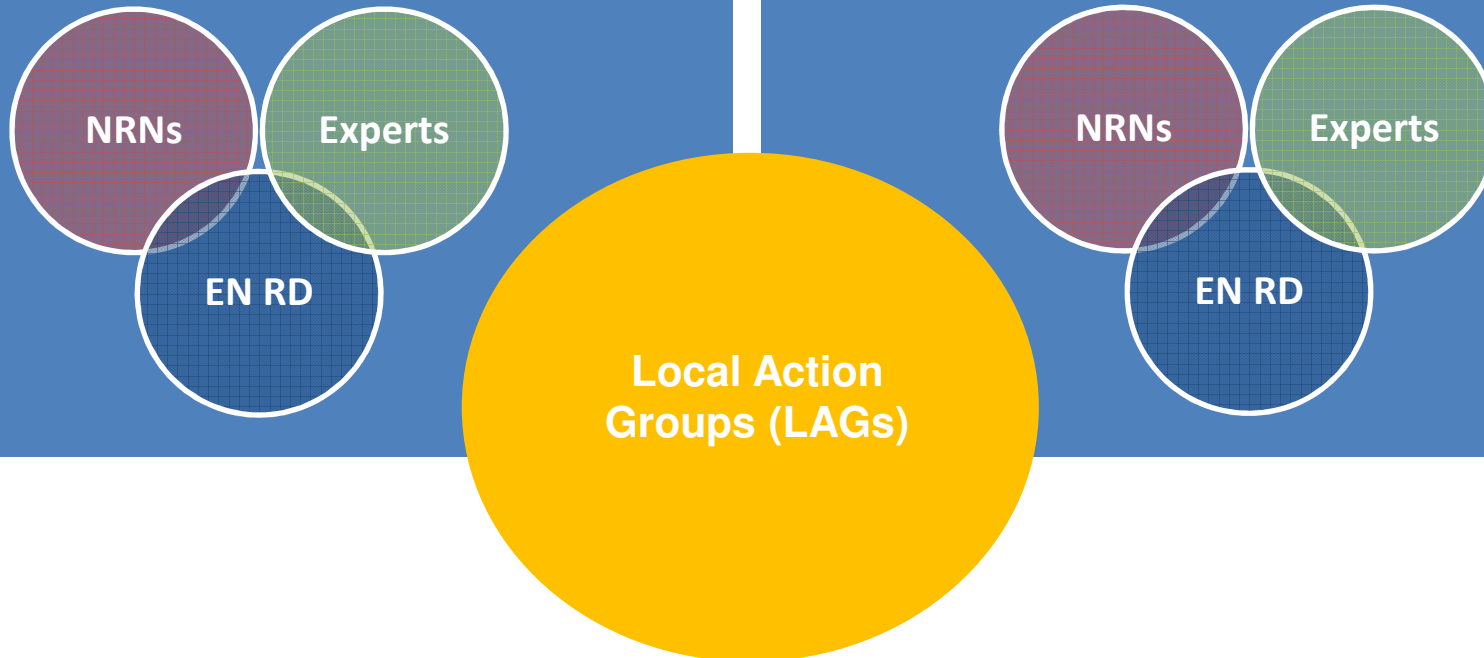
1. Emerging Sectors of the Local Economy
(including Local Food & Small-scale Farming)

2. Social Aspects of Rural Entrepreneurship
(including Youth, Women, Minority Groups & Social Enterprise)

Tools to Support Rural Entrepreneurship

Overcoming Obstacles to Entrepreneurship

Links to Other Thematic Initiatives (Forestry & Social Farming)





Development of the Rural Entrepreneurship NRN Thematic Initiative

December 2010- June 2011

- **Concept note** circulated to all NRNs – call for proposals (February 2011)
- Video Conferences focused on **concrete joint actions** (March 2011)
- 11th NRN meeting – creating a **roadmap for Rural Entrepreneurship sub-initiatives** (April 2011)
- **Rural Entrepreneurship Gateway** “centre of resources” (June 2011)



Connecting Rural Europe



Rural Entrepreneurship Gateway

Library

Capacity building tools

NRN Joint Actions

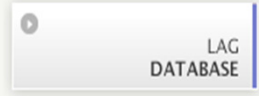
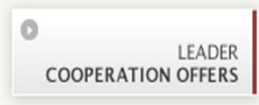
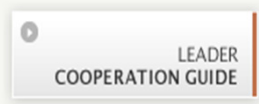
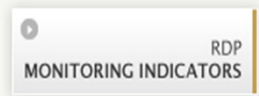
Cooperation projects



Welcome to the Homepage of the Rural Entrepreneurship Gateway

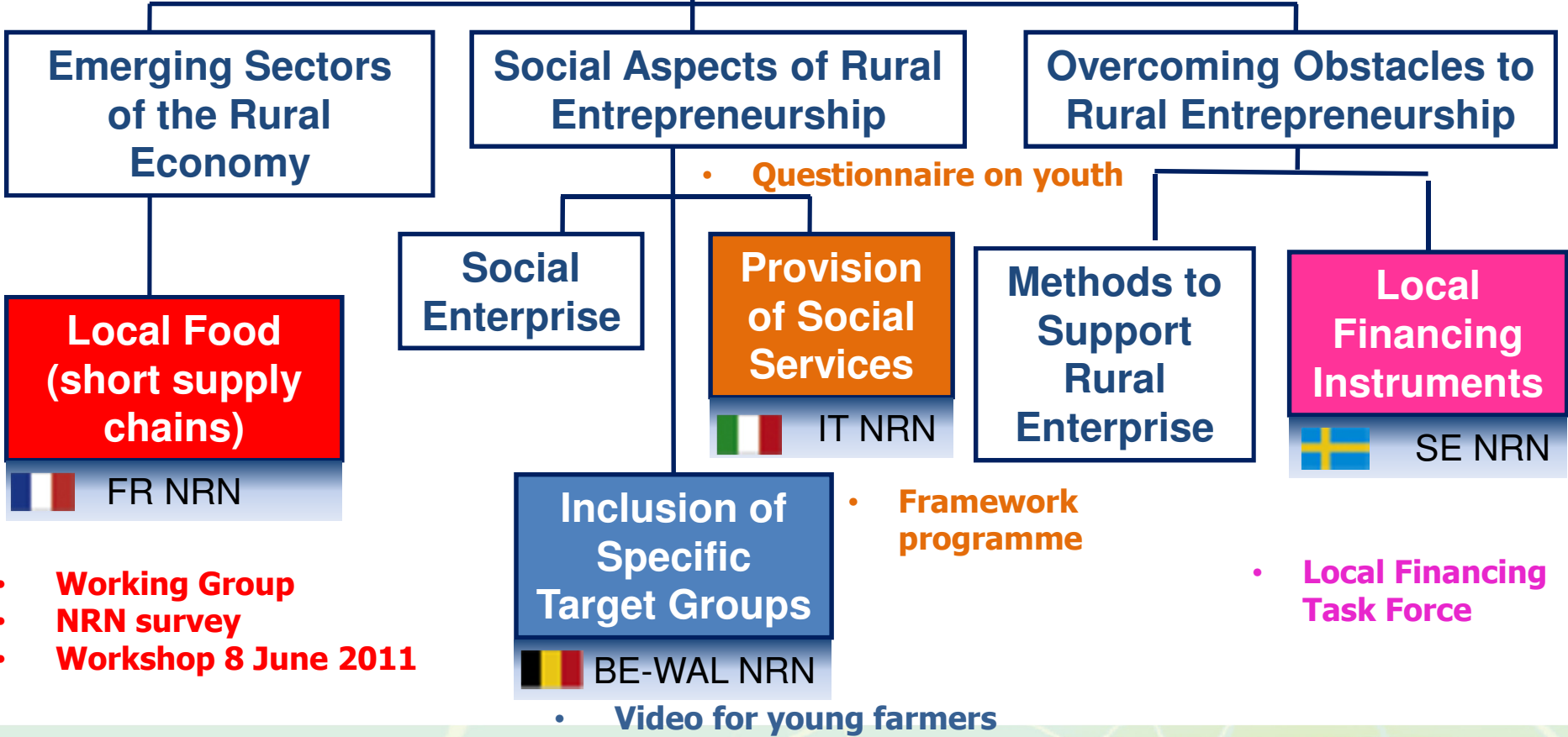
You will find here a selection of resources covering many aspects of rural entrepreneurship, including various documentation, approaches, aspects and activities undertaken by National Rural Network (NRN).

You can begin exploring the Gateway by clicking on one of the buttons below.





RURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP
11th NRN meeting (27/04/2011)



Rural Entrepreneurship : A growing networking Initiative between NRNs and other stakeholders

Short Supply Chains - 12 NRNs

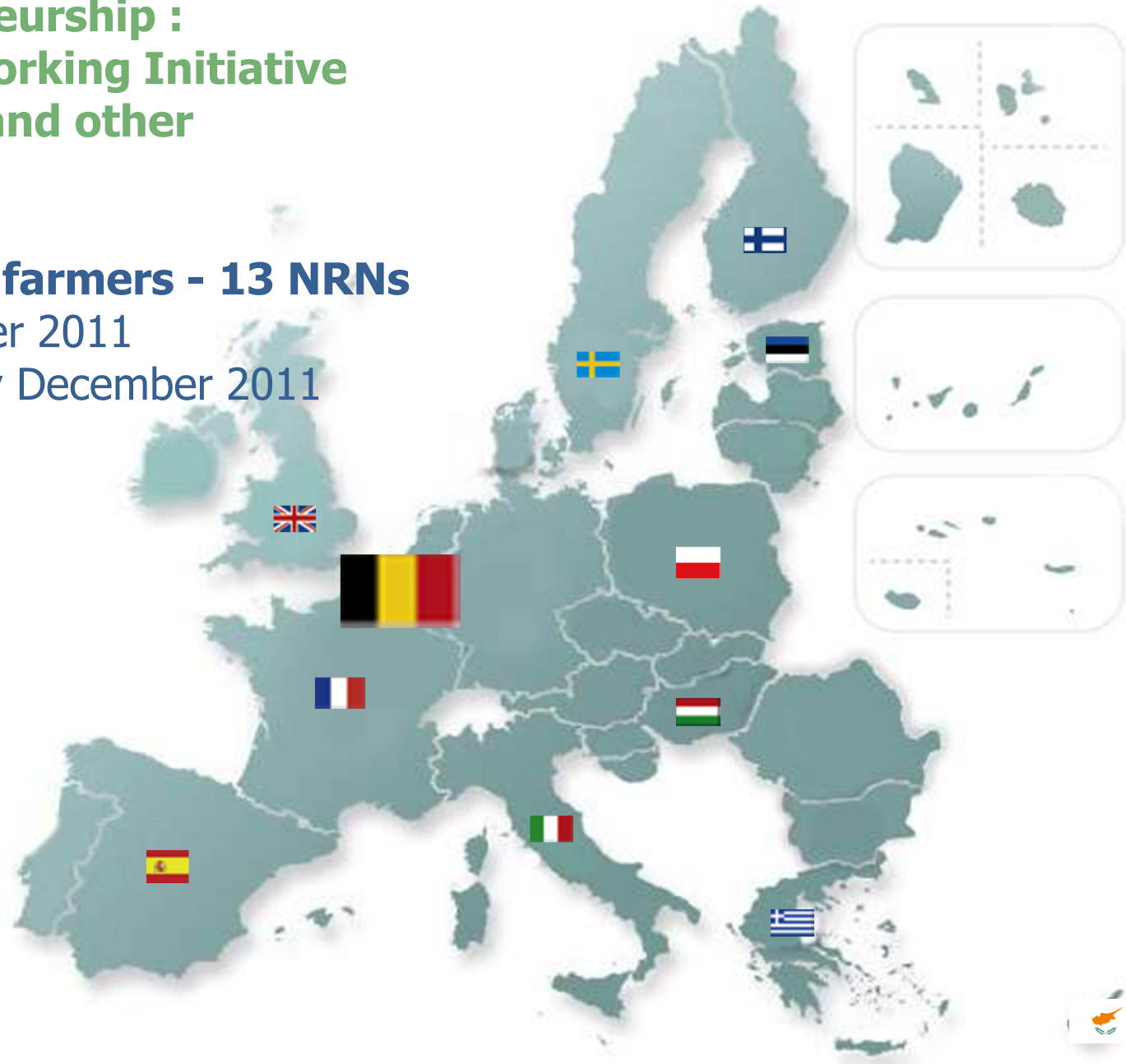
- Working Group
- NRN survey
- Workshop 8 June 2011



Rural Entrepreneurship : A growing networking Initiative between NRNs and other stakeholders

Video for young farmers - 13 NRNs

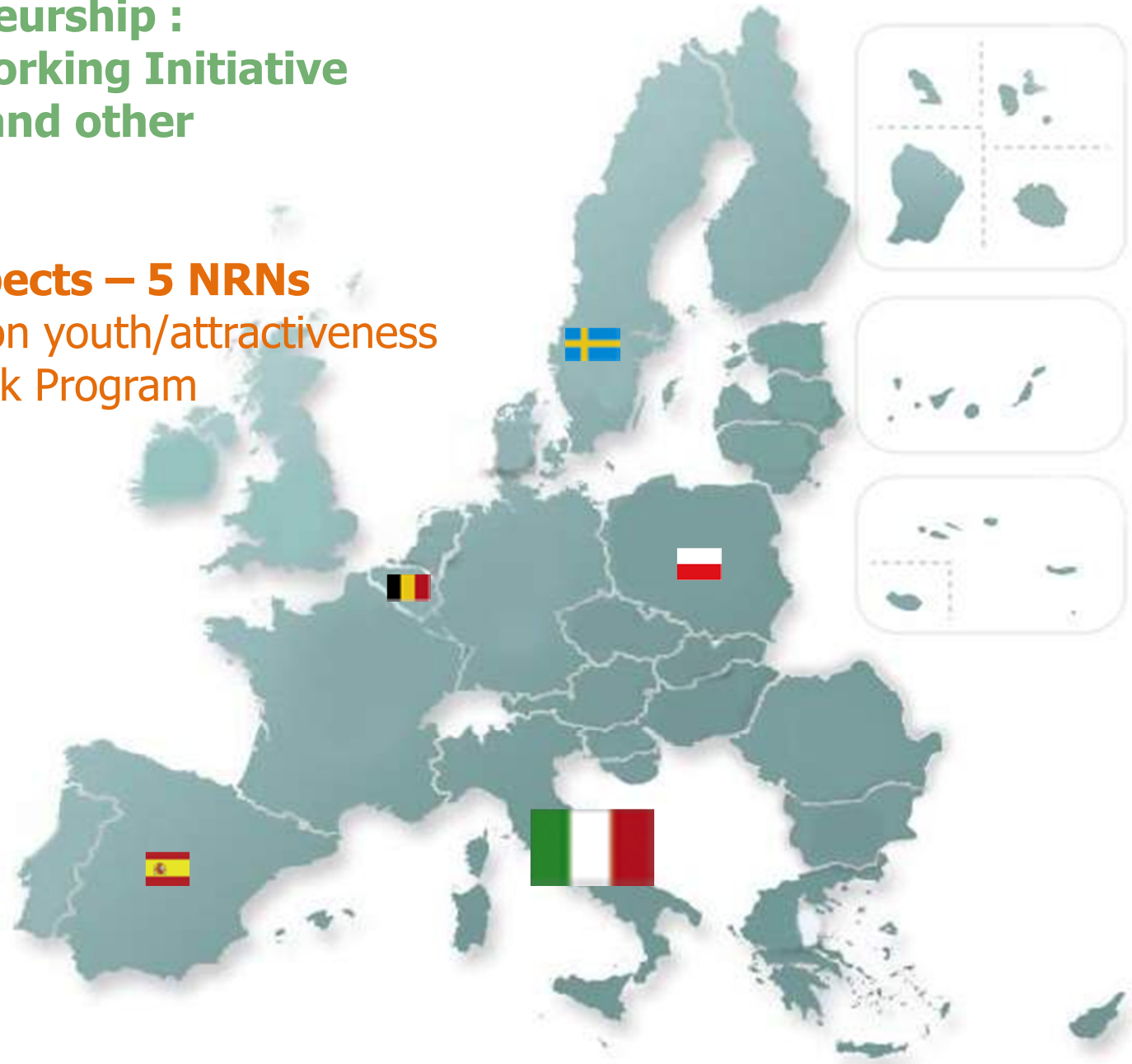
- Draft by October 2011
- Final version by December 2011



Rural Entrepreneurship : A growing networking Initiative between NRNs and other stakeholders

Other Social Aspects – 5 NRNs

- Questionnaire on youth/attractiveness
- Joint Framework Program



Rural Entrepreneurship : A growing networking Initiative between NRNs and other stakeholders

Local Financing

- Task Force: 4 NRNs
- Survey on instruments
- Total target NRNs: 14 NRNs





Rural Entrepreneurship Initiative ENRD Products

- **RDP Postcards** on local financing, social aspects, local food including TNC projects
- **ENRD Video** e.g. young farmers
- Development of **Rural Entrepreneurship Gateway**
- **Surveys e.g.** financial schemes
- **Policy contributions** on local financing, local food, social aspects e.g. youth and rural areas to support post-2013 programming period preparation,
- **ENRD Events/seminars** on local food e.g. European Day of Local Products, training on local financing





NRN Thematic Initiatives: some ingredients

- Networking added value for **ALL NRNs!**
- Platform for **specific partnerships** between NRNs
- **Rules** : Voluntary basis + win-win + expertise
- **Small** can have large outcomes
- **ENRD CP** facilitation support to NRNs





Contact:

Pascale Van Doren
ENRD Networking and Co-operation Support Team

Pascale.vandoren@enrd.eu

<http://enrd.ec.europa.eu>



Connecting Rural Europe