

Review of EN RD Activities:

Focus on Activities with National Rural Networks



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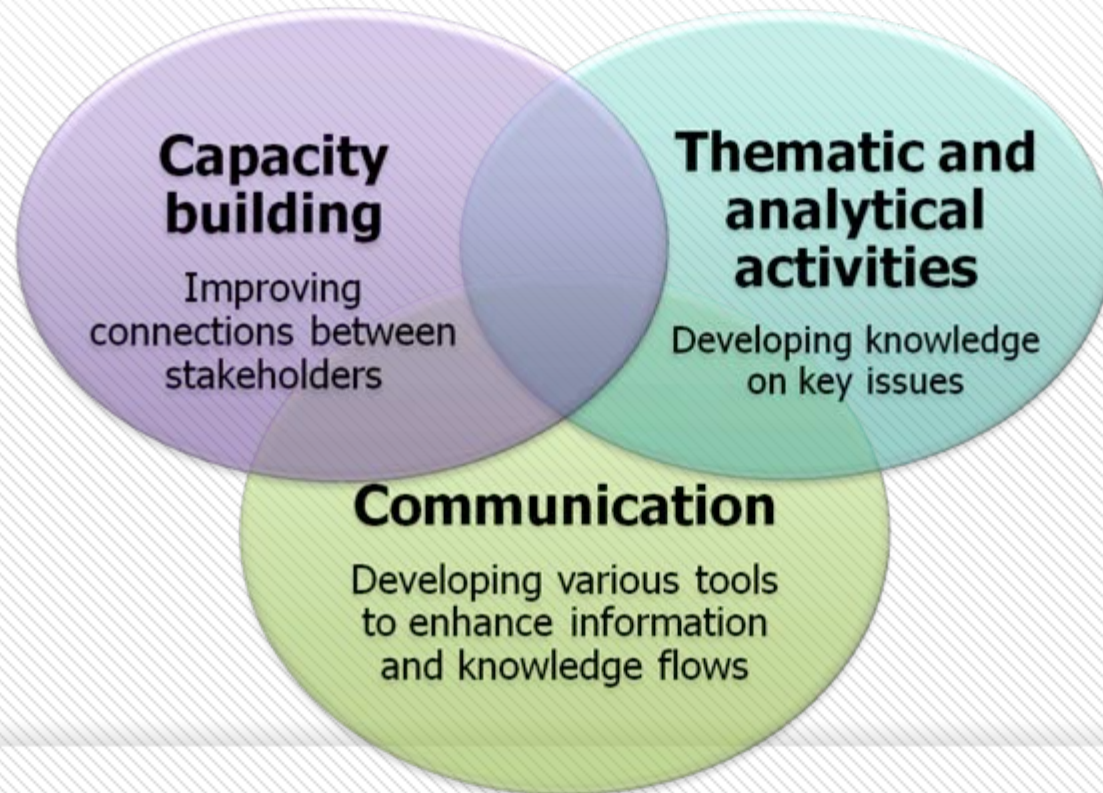
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1. Overview of EN RD activities and CP services
2. Specific activities with NRNs
3. Other activities of relevance to NRNs (thematic and analytical work, communication tools)

Main objective:

- a more efficient implementation of EU Rural Development Policy through networking

Main activities:



- Coordination committee
- Leader subcommittee
- NRN meetings
- Technical workshops
- Events participation
- Fact finding missions
- NRN thematic initiatives
- TNC support

- Thematic Working Groups
RDP analysis & monitoring

Capacity
Building

Thematic
and
analytical
activities

Communication
tools

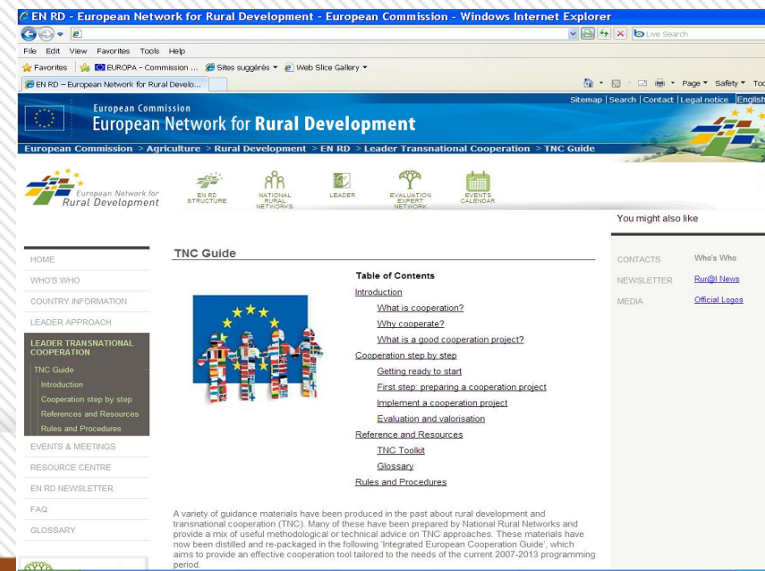
- Publications
- Information services
- Events
- Website and web tools

- **Coordination with and support to the NRNs:**
 - Sharing information and knowledge with all networks
 - Meetings between CP-NRNs; “compendium ” of information about NRNs
 - Collecting examples illustrating RDP implementation (“good practice”)
- **Promotion of cooperation between all stakeholders:**
 - NSUs; CC members of NRNs; national, regional, local authorities; professional organisations; scientific institutions; NGOs; individuals
- **Specific support to LAGs and transnational cooperation:**
 - Development of on-line information and databases (partner search tool , TNC Guide, etc)
- **Activities addressing the specific needs of networks:**
 - Thematic initiatives of NRNs, other “clusters” of NRNs, etc

CP - NRN SUPPORT SERVICES



- **Support to NRNs on TNC projects:**
 - Collating and distributing among NRNs cooperation requests
- **Cooperation events**
- **Cooperation platform:**
 - Partner Search Tool, including offers database
 - LAG database
 - Approved TNC projects database
- **Web-based TNC Guide**



The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the EN RD website. The browser title is "EN RD - European Network for Rural Development - European Commission - Windows Internet Explorer". The website header includes the European Commission logo and the text "European Network for Rural Development". The main navigation menu includes "European Commission", "Agriculture", "Rural Development", "EN RD", "Leader", "Transnational Cooperation", and "TNC Guide". The "TNC Guide" section is highlighted, and a "Table of Contents" is visible, listing various topics such as "Introduction", "What is cooperation?", "Why cooperate?", "What is a good cooperation project?", "Cooperation step by step", "Getting ready to start", "First step: preparing a cooperation project", "Implement a cooperation project", "Evaluation and valorisation", "Reference and Resources", "TNC Tools", "Glossary", and "Rules and Procedures". A sidebar on the left contains a "TNC Guide" menu with sub-items: "Introduction", "Cooperation step by step", "References and Resources", and "Rules and Procedures". A sidebar on the right contains "CONTACTS", "Who's Who", "NEWSLETTER", "Bur@News", "MEDIA", and "Official Legals".

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Austrian
Good
Practice
Awards
Event

Planning for
Leader
Focus
Groups

Fact finding
on Good
Practice
System and
process

Preparatory
materials for
7th NRN
meeting

7th NRN
Meeting



- **Thematic working groups (TWG 1, 2, 3 & 4)**
- **Complementary analysis of RDPs and monitoring indicators**
 - Summaries of RDPs in a compendium;
 - Screening of RDPs, e.g. as regards “Climate change”;
 - Analysis of databases of monitoring indicators.
- **Identification of relevant examples/‘good practices’**
 - In cooperation with NRNs

- Website:

- Public website
- My ENRD

- Information line

- Publications:

- Newsletter
- Periodical
- Thematic publications

- Seminars / conferences



RURAL NEWS 1
NEWSLETTER FOR THE ENRD

FOCUS Facing the rural development challenges of tomorrow

Welcome to the first newsletter of the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD). In this issue we focus on the conference in Cyprus "Europe's rural areas in action: facing the challenges of tomorrow" where the ENRD was launched. Held on 16-17 October 2008, the aim of this conference was to take stock of the current policy and try to identify whether it adequately addresses the present and future challenges facing Europe's rural areas.

In her speech, Mariann Fischer-Feldkirch, European Commissioner for Agriculture and Rural Development reiterated the three main goals of rural development policy – competitiveness, land management and wider rural development. In addition, she referred to developing challenges identified by the Commission in the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) Health Check, notably climate change, water management, bio energy, and biodiversity.

Tackling some of these issues, the conference workshops found that harnessing the potential of rural areas for economic diversification and development, improving policy delivery, local governance and networking, and finding the right balance between top-down and bottom-up approaches are crucial to successful rural development. The workshops on adapting agriculture and forestry to climate change, for example, concluded that all EU policies need to contribute in a coordinated way. This means measures targeted and coordinated on a territorial scale. Rural development already provides a framework for

implementing adaptation measures but is not sufficient as a stand-alone policy. Flexible instruments are needed in order to respond to crises, such as droughts and floods.

The event also gave the opportunity for a number of open questions to be addressed by participants. It was found that more needs to be known about the typology and specifications of different rural areas, the demographic, socio-economic and environmental changes in rural and peri-urban areas, the relationship of rural areas with smaller and bigger towns and cities and the factors that shaped the enormous diversity of rural areas, those associated with success and those with failure.

Above all, participants found that a clearer definition of rural areas and a better idea about the territorial aspects of rurality is needed. The fourth workshop, for example, elements of rurality would allow for a development policy of rural areas across the EU view of what rural is like after 2013, the balance within the CAP and market instrument tools, naturally also meet on the other side will likely keep its popularity among farmers. The workshop also stressed the importance of rural development in Europe, as future great pressure, a prime candidate for

SUMMARY

FOCUS: Facing the rural development challenges of tomorrow

EN RD will be the engine...
What can the Rural Development...
Coordination Committee meets for the first time...
First meeting of the Leader...
Meeting of the National Rural...
The European Evaluation Network...
NEWS ABOUT
"Health Check" of the Common Agricultural Policy...
Green Paper on quality...
EVENTS



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NATIONAL RURAL NETWORK SUMMARY INFORMATION
Cyprus

Name of rural network: Εθνικό Αγροτικό Δίκτυο - EAD (Εθνικό Αγροτικό Δίκτυο)

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Coverage of the rural network:
The National Rural Network (NIN) covers all of the Republic of Cyprus where efficient control is performed by the state.
Number of Local Action Groups (LAGs) expected - 6
Number of LAGs designated - 0

Mission statement and strategic objectives of the rural network:
Cyprus National Rural Network mission is to create an action plan containing at least the identification and analysis of good transferable practices and the provision of information about them, network management, the organization of exchanges of experience and know-how, the preparation of training programs for local action groups in the process of formation and technical assistance for inter-territorial and transnational cooperation.

Strategic objectives have been identified and these are:

- collect, analyze and disseminate information of good transferable practices
- support and promote the implementation of rural development
- facilitate rural stakeholders for exchange of experiences in order to achieve Rural Development
- the collaboration and harmonization with other National Rural Networks and the organization of common seminars and programs that concern the Rural Development
- the promotion of transnational and scientific collaboration in National and European level aiming for innovations in Rural Sector

• Participation in the ENRD

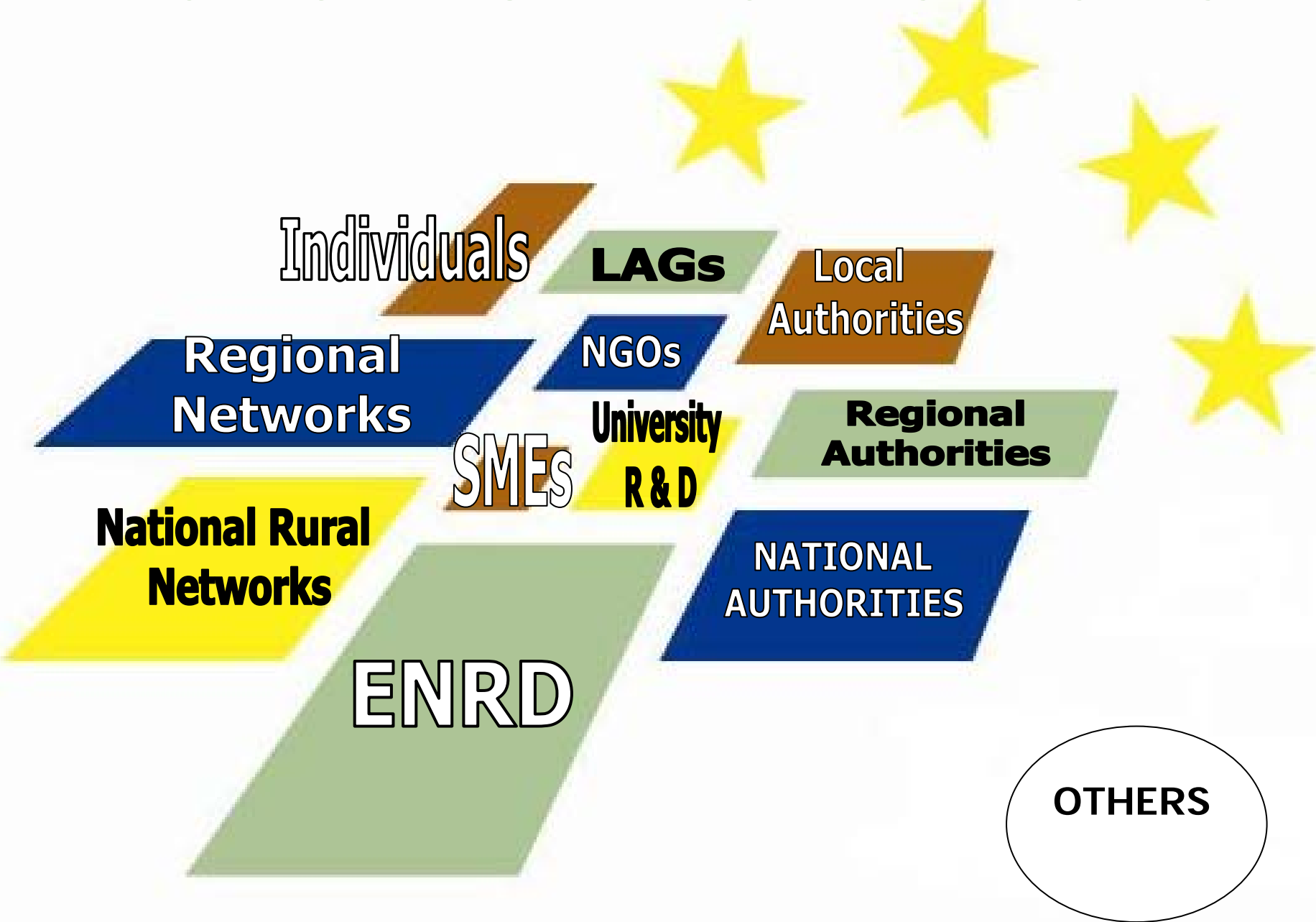
Participants in the rural network:
The CNRN is open to anyone who wants to participate. All representatives of institutions and organizations of the private and public sector that have direct or indirect relation with Rural Development in Cyprus can participate in the CNRN. The specific stakeholders are: National and Local Authorities, LAGs, Producers Groups, Farmers Association, Processing Organizations, Environmental Organizations, Social Interest Organizations, the Agricultural Research Institution and the University.

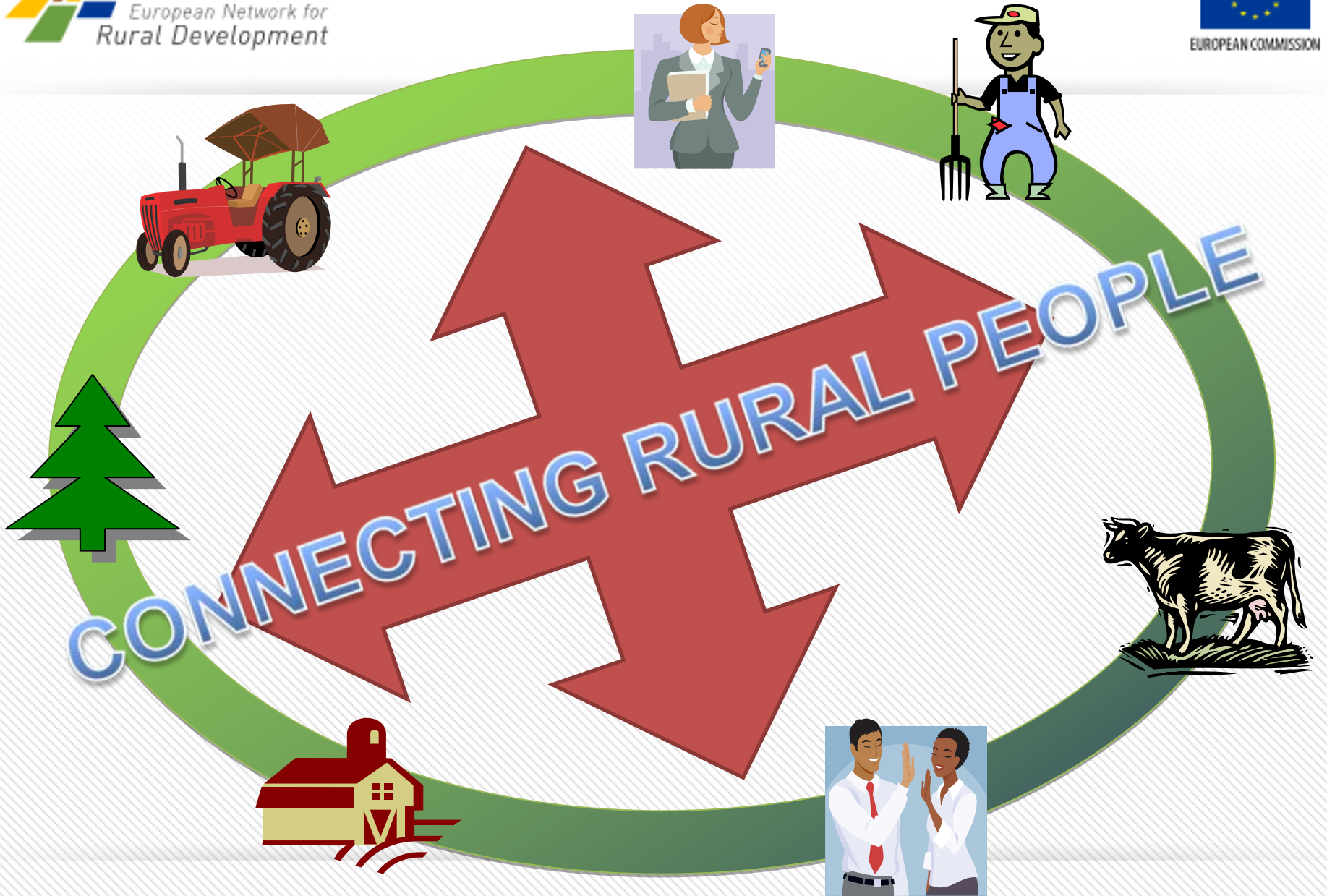
Summary of work programme:
Science the structure of the CNRN has been established and the TNWGs have just been set up, they are now working to send their proposals to the Coordination Committee. These proposals, if selected, will be included in the Annual Action Plan.



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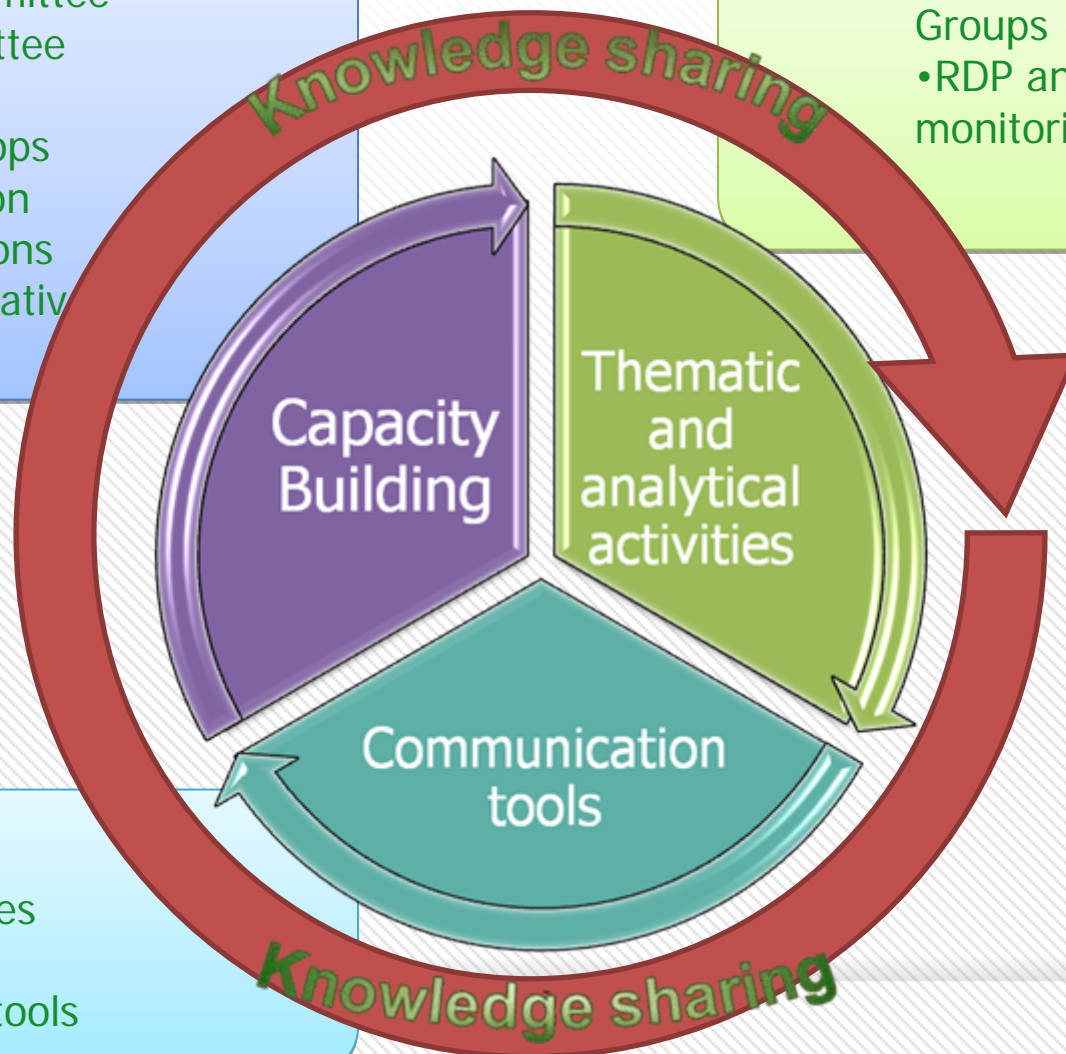
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*Thank you for
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