



The European Network for Rural Development (EN RD)

Priorities for future activities



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Overview

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- 2) Thematic focus**
- 3) Networking**
- 4) Planning 2011**



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Policy background

Midway programming period:

- ▶ Mid term evaluations of RDPs
- ▶ 3 + 2 still to go, possible adjustments
- ▶ Lessons learnt on current implementation can feed in (eg Lsc focus groups, other thematic work), further network activities year 3/4

At the same time preparation new policy post 2013:

- ▶ Knowledge and experience developed through the networking activities important input (including ongoing year 3)
- ▶ Networking can help in the preparation of the new generation of programmes (years 4/5)





Thematic focus

From thematic work undertaken/underway the following strands could be further developed:

- Quality of Local Development Strategies and their implementation, rural entrepreneurship, local markets
- The reflection of strategic relations EU, national, regional and local in multi-level governance, coordination of funds
- The delivery of environmental services by agriculture and forestry
- Innovation and farm restructuring
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Networking

- Exchange with evaluation network e.g. mid term evaluations, Leader+ evaluation
- Self assessment of networking and networking tools
- enhanced role for networking in policy implementation/preparation?
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Planning 2011



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<i>(EN RD - Year 3)</i>	<i>Events 2011 until July</i>
18-19 January	Leader as a driver for Rural Europe (Workshop for new LAGs)
10 February 2011	ICT seminar, Brussels (Good practices for rural areas in accessing and using modern ICT)
11 February 2011	Extra-Coordination committee, Brussels (EN RD contributions to the Impact Assessment for the CAP-post 2013)
27 April 2011	NRN meeting (Saxony – Germany) (review of joint activities NRN / ENRD, self-assessment of networks)
May 2011 (date tbc)	Leader subcommittee, Brussels (CoR recommendations/ ex-post evaluation Leader +, FGs recommendations in the current and future programming period)
June 2011 (date tbc)	Coordination committee , Brussels (Assessment of Year 3 and preparation of Year 4 programme)
June 2011 (tbc)	NRNs meeting
<i>(EN RD - Year 4)</i>	<i>Events 2011 from July to December (INDICATIVE)</i>
Autumn 2011	Seminar on rural development under the Baltic Sea Strategy, Helsinki (macro-regional level of cooperation)
November 2011	Leader subcommittee, Brussels (enlarged?)
December 2011	Coordination committee , Brussels
December 2011	TWG 4 closing event (?) (delivery mechanisms of RD policy)