

## Name of Rural Network

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## Mission Statement and Strategic Objectives of the Rural Network

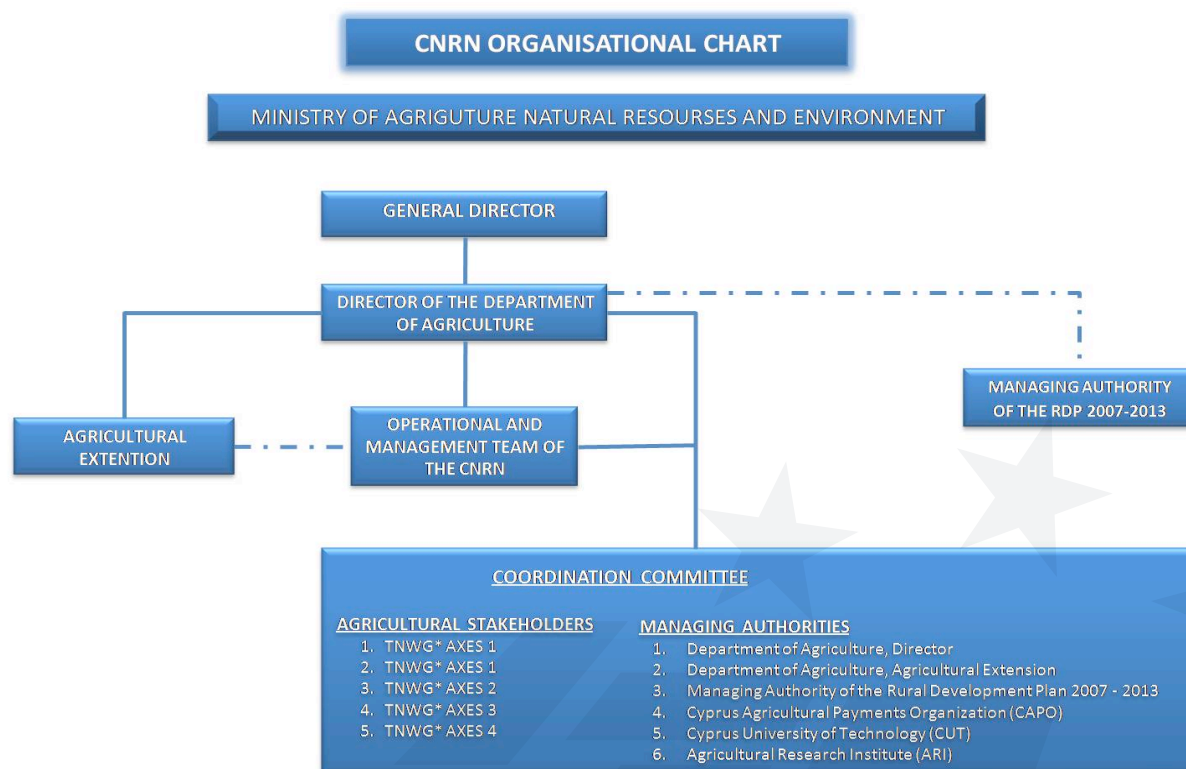
- The Cyprus National Rural Network's (CNRN) mission is to devise an action plan incorporating the following: the identification and analysis of good transferable practices, effective network management, the facilitation of exchanges of experience and know-how, the preparation of training programmes for Local Action Groups (LAGs), and technical assistance for inter-territorial and transnational cooperation.
- Strategic objectives have been identified as follows:
  - To collect, analyse and disseminate information on good transferable practices;
  - To support and promote the implementation of rural development;
  - To facilitate the exchange of experience in terms of rural stakeholders, in order to promote rural development;
  - To collaborate with other NRNs and organise common seminars and programmes relating to rural development;
  - To promote transnational and scientific collaboration at national and European level, so as to achieve improved innovation in the rural sector;
  - Participation in the European Network for Rural Development (ENRD).

## Participants in the Rural Network

- The CNRN membership is open to anyone who wants to participate. All representatives of institutions and organisations coming from both the private and public sectors and with an interest in rural development in Cyprus, are welcome to join the rural network. The CNRN is a transparent and open area for the creativity, dialogue and collaboration of the social, public and private sectors and their institutions. The participation of members in the Network is voluntary and the stakeholders do not make contributions and are not compensated for their participation.
- The membership is open to public and stakeholder organisations but not to individuals. The membership is an ongoing membership.
- Principles of participation in the CNRN are:
  - The CNRN is a transparent and open area for creativity, dialogue and collaboration of the social, public and private sectors and their institutions;
  - The participation of members is voluntary and stakeholders do not make contributions and are not compensated for their participation;
  - All stakeholders have equivalent status and operational procedures are monitored;
  - The CNRN promotes innovation and is a means for disseminating successful operational practices and initiatives (its own or others) in the rural development sector;
  - The CNRN promotes inter-professional and inter-disciplinary collectiveness and collaboration, in terms of scientific analysis and operational action.

## Network Structure

- The network is managed by the Coordination Committee (CC), chaired by the Director of the Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture Natural Resources and Environment, Mrs Antroulla Georgiou.
- The Coordination Committee is composed of representatives of the Managing Authority (MA), the Cyprus Agricultural Payment Organisation, the Cyprus University of Technology, the Agricultural Research Institute, and representatives of the Thematic Network Working Groups (TNWGs). Four Thematic Working Groups were chosen based on the 4 axes.
- The Network Support Unit (NSU) is not established within the Managing Authority.
- Administratively, the Network Support Unit of the CNRN is located within the Department of Agriculture, which is the assigned Managing Authority (MA) responsible for the management of the Cypriot Rural Development Programme (RDP) for 2007-2013.
- The NSU is outsourced: an association for Public Relations works for the CNRN.
- Cyprus doesn't have regional NSUs.
- Human Resources allocated within the NSU are one Associate for Public Relations, one full time Agricultural Officer and other Agricultural Officers/administrative personnel when needed
- Network organigram:



\*TNWG= Thematic Network Working Groups

## Network Management

- Management decisions in the Cyprus network involve formal decision-making processes: the Coordination Committee of the Network approves the annual work programme of the Network.
- The NSU assist this decision-making process by requiring a draft Action Plan and budgetary plans provided to CC prior to its Annual meeting.
- Flow chart of the decision making processes within the Network Support Unit, Managing Authority and other relevant bodies:



## Network Budget for the period 2007–13

Network budget	€	Budget breakdown	€
Total network funds (Public Cost)	2.400.000	Total Network funds (Public Costs)	2.400.000
National co-finance	1.200.000	Work plan resources	/
EAFRD	1.200.000	Network running costs	/
EAFR Co-financing %	50 %	Others (if appropriate)	/