



The Hungarian National Rural Network

Objectives, recent developments, activities



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Background

- **2007-2008:**
 - Local Rural Development offices and LAGs established
 - 2007/XVII. Act on the EARDF
- **October-December 2008:**
 - HNRN Permanent Secretariat established
 - Consultations with stakeholders
 - Registration launched
 - Council and Presidency launched
 - Decrees pertaining to the HNRN passed (1060/2008; 131/2008)
- **2009:**
 - Registration continues
 - Thematic working groups set up
 - Consultations with thematic working groups, other stakeholders
 - Participation at ERN meetings, conferences
 - Action plan
- **2010:**
 - Action plan and budget approved (22m Euro)
 - Activities launched

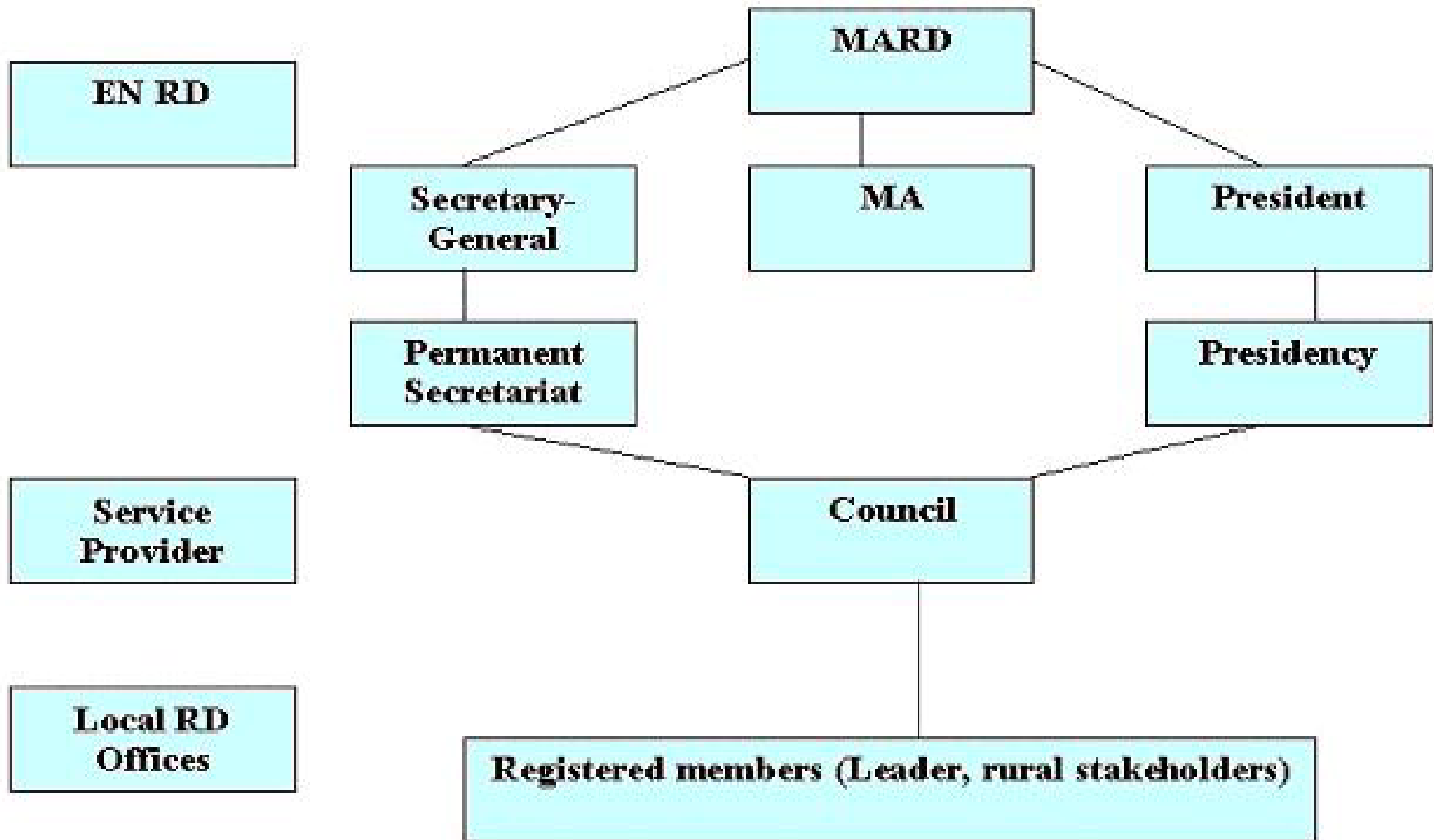


Challenges and tasks

- To find out about members' needs by
 - Continuous communication
 - Needs assessment
 - Research
- To respond to the members' needs by
 - establishing and managing a database on inter-territorial and international cooperation
 - promoting and supporting initiatives from HNRN members
 - Setting up cooperation networks, organising seminars and training events
 - promoting the exchange of experiences among members
 - identifying and disseminating best practices in rural development
 - Maintaining a website and publishing newsletters, periodicals on rural development
 - Harmonises the networks and the development opportunities of the involved ministries (MARD, Ministry of Environment and Water, -Development and Economy, -Social Affairs and Labour, -Education and Culture, -Local Government).
 - Providing online service through its website: www.mnvh.eu



The structure of the HNRN





Thematic fields and membership

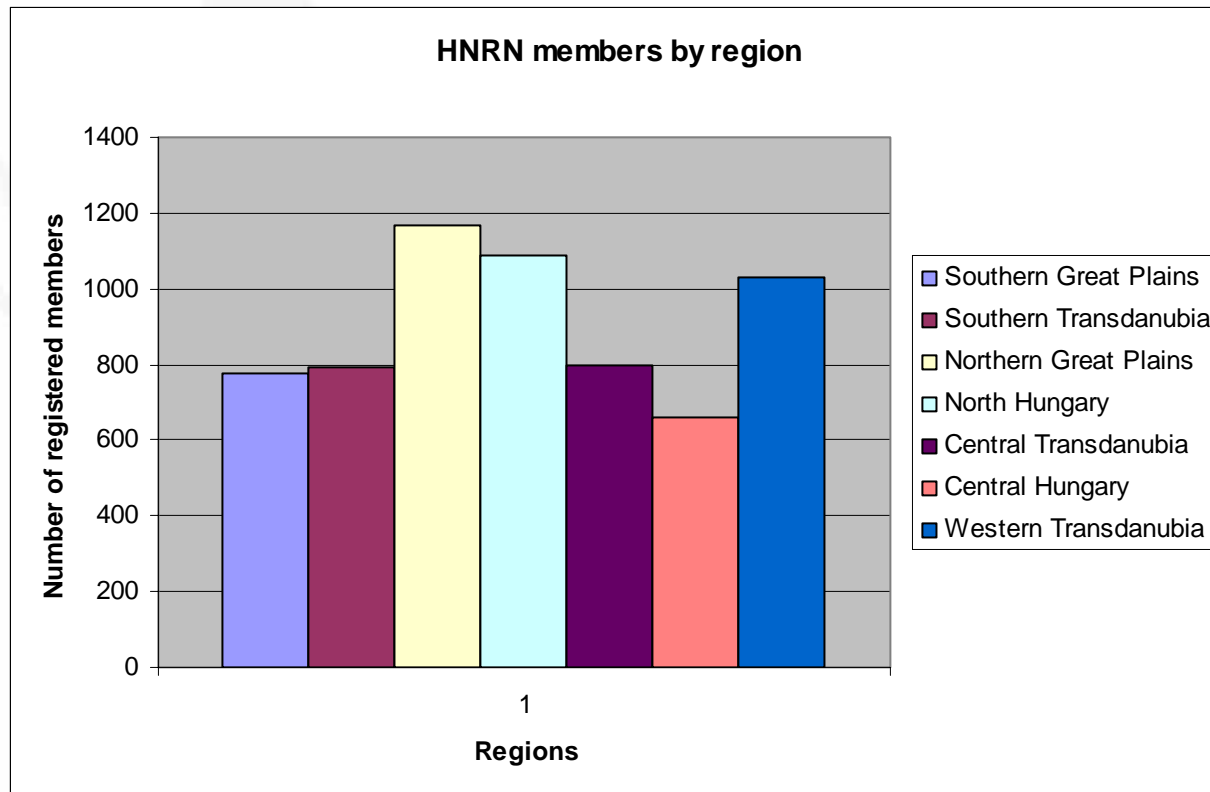
➤ Renewable energy	1680 (1035)
➤ Animal husbandry and breeding	1327 (928)
➤ Crop farming	1551 (1077)
➤ Food- processing	943 (598)
➤ Rural heritage	2191 (1117)
➤ Horticulture and close-to-nature farming	1318 (913)
➤ LEADER	3250 (1712)
➤ Forestry and hunting	912 (588)
➤ Tourism and business development	3174 (1893)
➤ Social integration, HR and service development	2296 (1266)
➤ Knowledge, innovation, R&D and IT	1881 (1176)

Note:

1. Number of natural persons shown in brackets.
2. The total number of registered members is 6432 (March 2010).
3. Members can register to more than one thematic field.



Membership by region





Communication pathways

- Presidency: periodicals, books, website (www.parbeszedavidkert.hu) / scientific, disciplinary approach
- Council – strategic aspects of HNRN operation
- Permanent Secretariat – Local Rural Development Offices – registered members: information on events, news via e-mail, website (www.mnvh.eu)
- Permanent Secretariat – Department for Agriculture and Rural Development – LAGs: targeted information and news to LAGS, LRDOs
- Permanent Secretariat – registered members, thematic groups: special events, meetings, study trips



Activities in 2010 (completed)

- **January 2010:**
 - Operational and action plan approved
 - Nationwide invitation for applications on the topic „*For rural regeneration*” (best practice examples)
- **February 2010:**
 - Presidential Working Committee meeting on cooperation with partner ministries.
 - Meeting of HNRN Thematic Fields – needs assessment – planning of events
 - 59 applications received „*For rural regeneration*”
 - Negotiations on promoting local products in the retail sector in Hungary
- **March 2010:**
 - European Leader Expo held in Budapest (HNRN, ERN, ELARD Forum)
 - Awarding of prizes „*For rural regeneration*” best practice projects



Activities in 2010 (planned)

- **February-March 2010**

- Study trip to Slovenia – visit to LAGs in Slovenia (for the winners of awards for best practice projects)
- Inviting applications for the European Forum titled „The Role of Women in Sustainable Development of the Rural Environment” to be held in Caceres, Spain (two lady participants’ costs to be covered by HNRN, more info: http://www.mujerrural2010.es/web_en/)
- Planning of web-based international and inter-regional cooperation partner search engine and database

- **April 2010**

- development of web-based international and inter-regional cooperation partner search engine and database
- Regional and nationwide events organised by thematic field leaders and supported by HNRN (renewable energy, conservation of the rural heritage, social farming, etc.)
- Participation at the European Forum titled „The Role of Women in Sustainable Development of the Rural Environment”

- **May 2010**

- Regional events/consultations on the EU2020 Rural Development Strategy and the reform of the CAP



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

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