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# Capacity building for national rural networks

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# 1. Strategic approach



- **The network = arena for mutual learning and cooperation**
- **Challenge: Bring together different interests and climbing the stair**

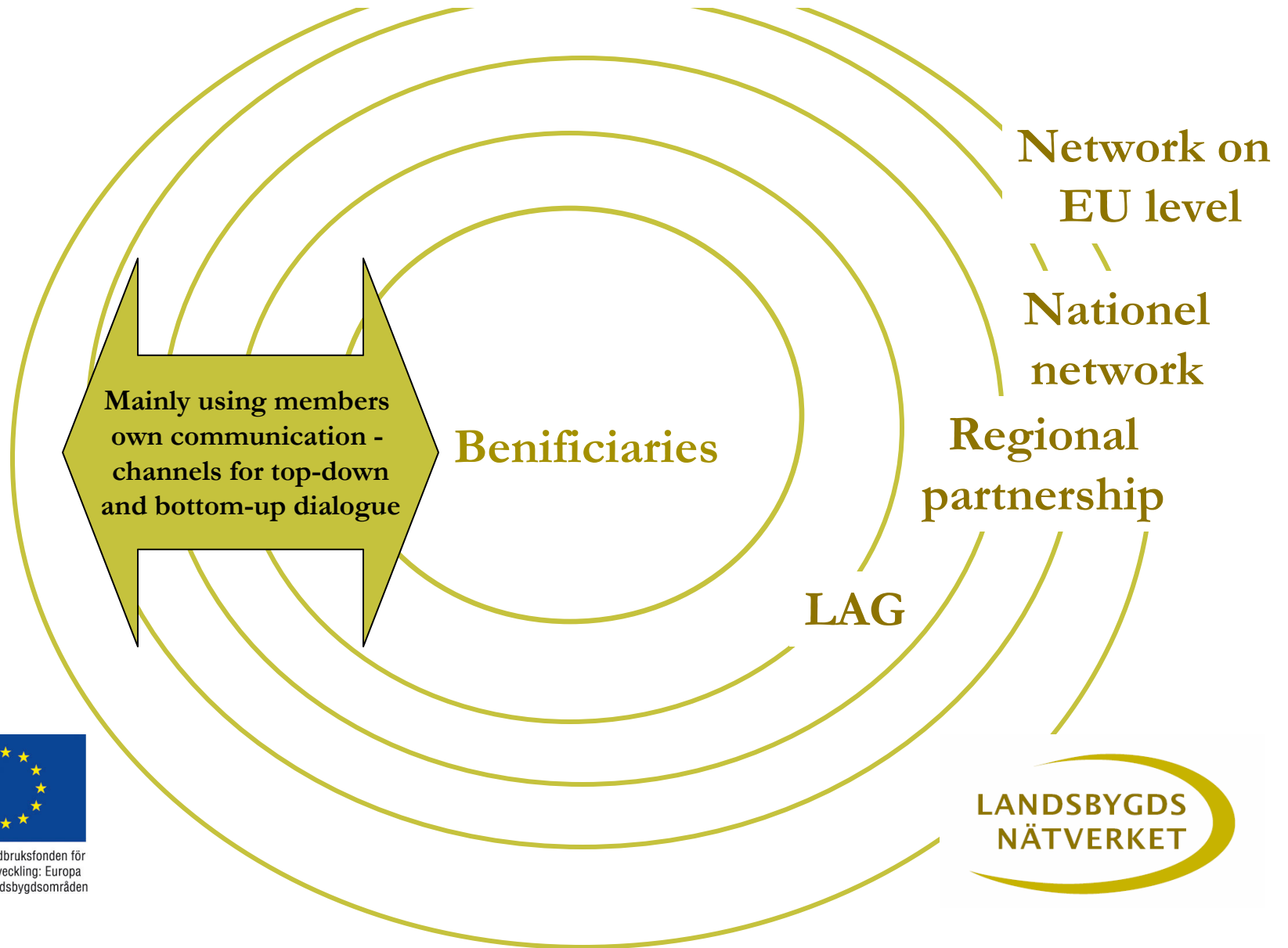
Acting

Understanding why and how  
to act - methods

Knowledge about:

- progress of the RDP
- needs in rural development
- different actors conditions and priorities

# Networks on different levels



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## 2. How to encourage active participation



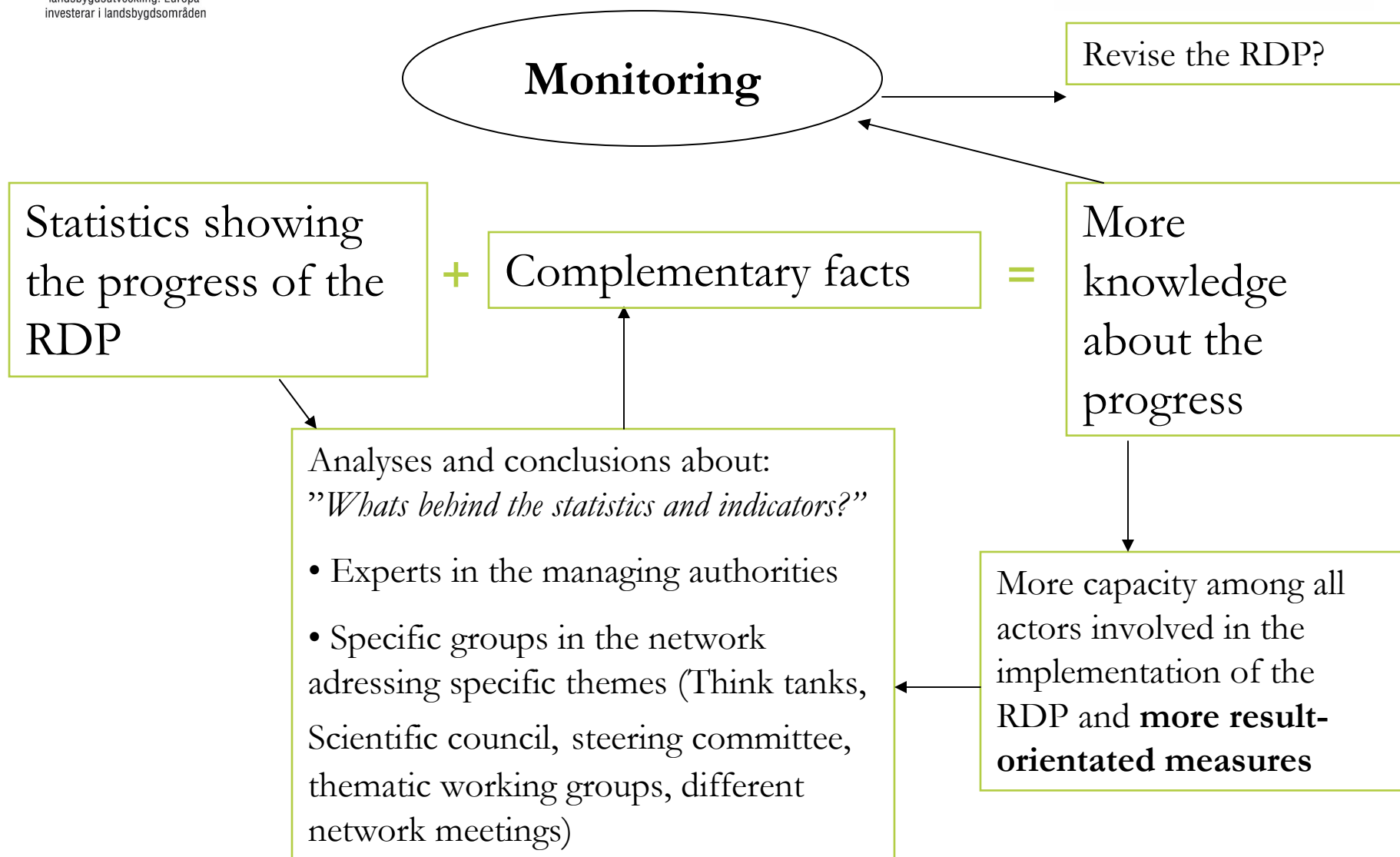
- Member organisations are able to initiate an activity and get their costs covered from the network budget (network cheques)
- These activities (animation and seminars) mainly targeting specific member groups and addressing specific themes.
- Network meetings with open space and inspiration
- Through thematic working groups, seminars and thematic telephone think tanks member organisations get involved in gathering information from their experience and to analyse the progress of the RDP.



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# How to involve network members in ongoing evaluation and learning

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## 3. Strategic planning



### Steering committee

- **Constructed and working as a partnership of Leader-type**
- **Preparing and making priorities for the network membership, the annual activity plan and network cheques.**

### Annual activity plan built on logic showing:

1. **Needs and problems**
2. **Conclusions about why we have these needs and problems**
3. **Expected results from the implementation of the RDP that adress these needs and problems**
4. **Expected results among network organisations**
5. **List of more result-orientated measures built on assumptions they will contribute to the expected results and improve the implementation of the RDP**



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# Objectives and priorities 2009

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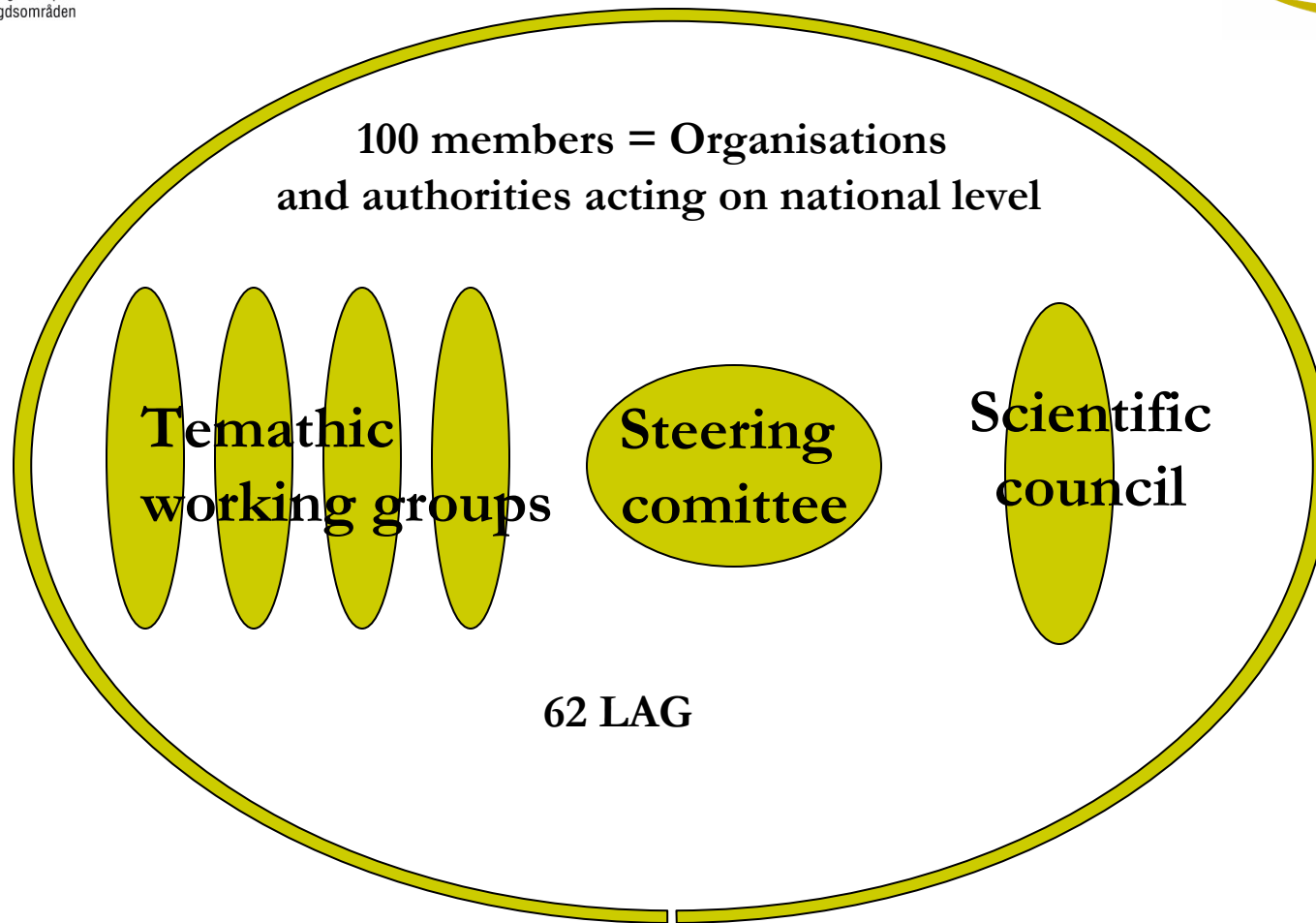
- Strengthen the diversity in the RDP implementation related to gender equality, ethnic intergration and youth intergration
- Strengthen the mainstreaming of environmentally sustainability in the RDP implementation (meet new challanges)
- Strengthen the attractivity of rural areas
- Strengthen the implementation of the Leader approach
- Increase the cooperation between actors involved and between RDP and structural funds programs and other development programs





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# 4. Organisations and activities



Today:

- almost 100 national actors represents stakeholders + 62 LAG
- 50 ongoing activities



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## Steering committee:



- The Swedish Board of Agriculture (managing authority)**
- The Federation of Swedish Farmers**
- The Federation of Private Enterprises,**
- The Swedish Society for Nature Conservation**
- The Swedish associations of local development groups**
- The sub-network of LAG**
- The Swedish association of Local Authorities and Regions**
- The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences**
- A youth network, called U-land, started during the Leader+ period**
- The Swedish National Rural Development Agency**
- The Swedish Federation of Rural Economy and Agriculture Societies**
- One representative from the 21 county boards (responsible for regional strategies, regional implementation and regional partnerships)**



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# Activity areas



## **Networkscheques**

- Seminars, animators, cooperations

## **Thematic groups and think tanks**

## **Networkmeetings**

## **Specific activities for LAG**

- Training, mentors program, meetings, promoting transnational cooperation

## **Webbsite and other information channels**

- Monthly newsletter, media activities, leaflets, etc.

## **Transnational networking**

- EN, Nordic/Baltic cooperation

## **Scientific council and researchers conferens**

## **Continuously follow up the network performence**

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