



“We cooperate with the local people for the sustainable future of the countryside”

NRN objectives

The Greek NRN defined **four objectives** according to the mandatory objectives set by EU Regulation No 1305/2013



Improve the quality of RDP implementation.



Increase the participation of all stakeholders in the implementation of rural development policies.



Inform the broader public and potential beneficiaries on the benefits of the policy for rural development and funding opportunities.



Foster innovation in agriculture, food production, forestry and rural areas.

- Facilitate the exchange of expertise and valuable innovation practices.
- Create a dialogue between farmers and researchers and facilitate the inclusion of all stakeholders in the knowledge sharing process.

Greek NRN also defined **3 specific thematic objectives** for the NRN:

- Encouraging innovation through setting up a Sub-network within the NRN
- Supporting LEADER, including strengthening the cooperation and trust between LAGs and LEADER practitioners through setting up a Sub-network within the NRN
- Contributing to the achievement of the environmental priorities of the Greek RDP.

 **Download: Action Plan of the Greek NRN (GR)**

The NSU and RDP management

The NSU and the Managing Authority

- ✓ The NSU is **established within the Managing Authority** (with some activities outsourced).
- ✓ Approved NRN actions (see above) are implemented in cooperation with the Department of the RDP Technical Assistance.

The NSU and the Monitoring Committee

The **members** of the Monitoring Committee are also NRN members and therefore can closely follow/ can get involved in NRNs actions.

Membership

- ✓ Everyone representing an organisation involved directly or indirectly in rural development, is **“eligible” to become a member** of the NRN. Interested stakeholders need to request to become a member **by letter or email** to the Network Support Unit (NSU).
- ✓ All requests are evaluated by both the NSU and the Managing Authority (MA) and a final approval is decided by the Secretary General.
- ✓ In case the membership is approved, the NSU requests a permanent and delegated representative of the applicant organisation, to ensure participation in activities and consultations.

How to become a member?

Who the members are?

- ✓ Applicants can register according to **specific stakeholder categories** (farmer/forestry organisations, business organisations, LAGs, etc.).
- ✓ During the 2007-2013 programming period there were 92 members within all categories.
- ✓ The Greek NRN has set up the new membership, which will include the members of the RDP Partnership Agreement and every member of the Monitoring Committee including stakeholders from all stakeholder group categories. So far the members are 184 and this number will be finalized after the imminent selection of the Local Action Groups 2014-2020.

Greek NRN **members can be funded for a part of a project or even for an entire project** (always linking project actions to the Greek NRNs’ objectives and action plan). In order to get funding:

How to get involved?

- ✓ A meeting is carried out to discuss the aim of an action, the roles and responsibilities and the funding needs.
- ✓ A letter of interest on behalf of the member should be sent to the NSU.
- ✓ The NSU informs the General Secretary through a letter about the planned actions (including objectives, links to action plan cost-assessment).
- ✓ Following an informal approval, the action is implemented in cooperation with the RDP Technical Assistance Department.

Communication



Synergies between the NRN communication plan and the Strategic Plan for Information & Publicity of RDP 2014-2020 have been ensured. The NSU is responsible of implementing both the Plans.



Download: NRN Communication Plan (GR)



Download: Strategic Plan for Information & Publicity of RDP 2014-2020 (GR)

NRN Self-assessment



There will be **thorough follow-up of NRN actions** in order to monitor their impact in achieving general and specific objectives.



The collection of all necessary **data** for the ENRD Common Network Statistics has started.

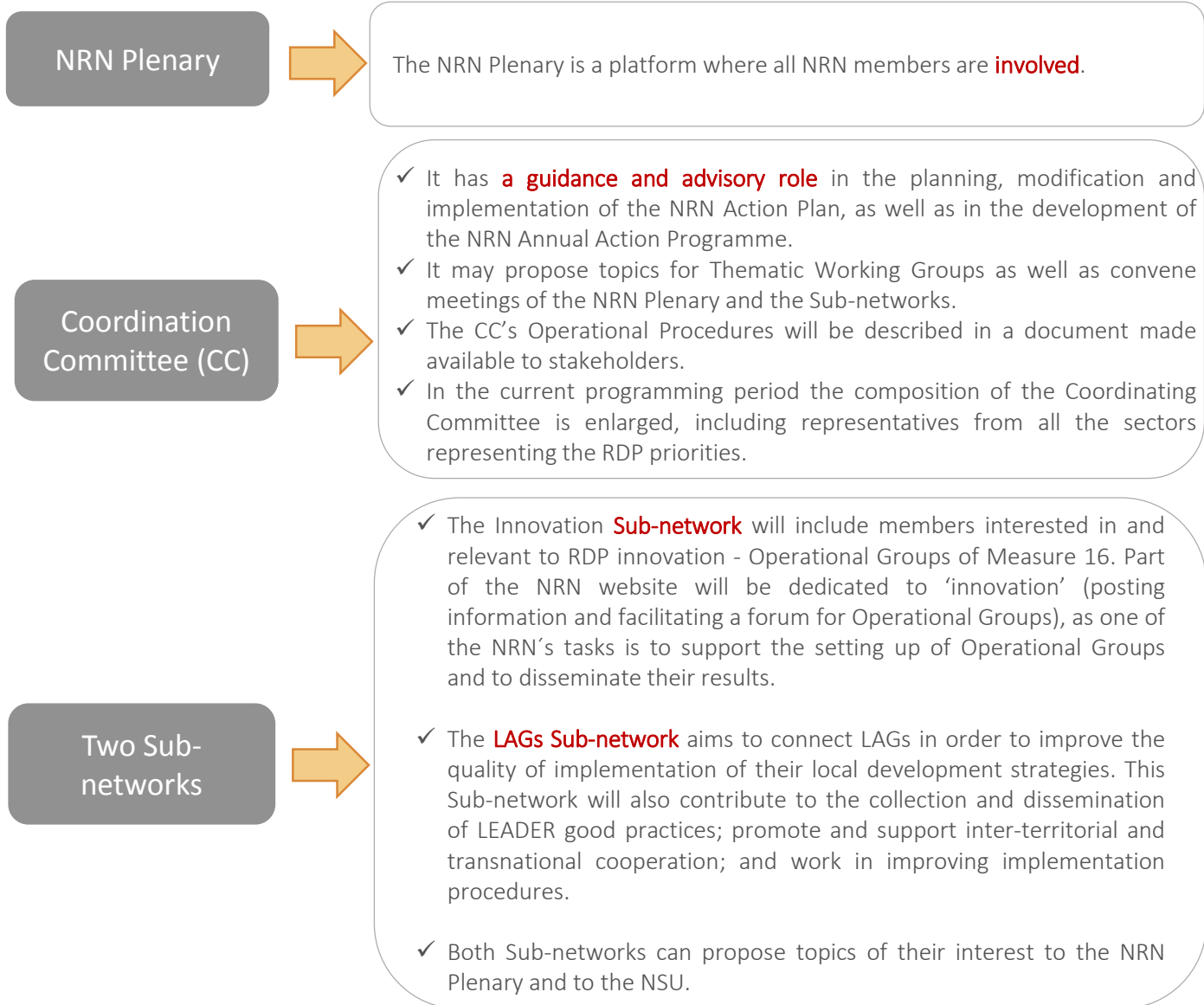


As of May 2016, the Greek NRN is awaiting the Guidance on NRN Evaluation from the Evaluation Helpdesk in order to have a more concrete idea on how to carry-out self-assessment.

NRN Governance



There are three levels of governance bodies. They meet depending on the needs, except the NRN Plenary that meets at least once a year.



 *Download: Structure on page 4 of the Action Plan of the Greek NRN (GR)*

Timeline of NRN Workplans



NRN Resources

Financial resources (2014-2020) Budget (€)

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| Total NRN public funds: | 5 000 000 |
| Out of which national co-financing: | 750 000 |
| Out of which EAFRD: | 4 250 000 |

Human resources (NSU) No

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| Number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff | 3 |
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