



CELOSTÁTNÍ SÍŤ PRO VENKOV



“Good communication and sharing inspirational examples is a tool to successful rural development”

NRN objectives

The Czech NRN established its objectives according to the mandatory NRN objectives set by the EU Regulation.

- ➔ increase **the involvement of stakeholders** in the implementation of rural development
- ➔ improve the **quality of the implementation** of rural development programmes
- ➔ **inform** the broader public and potential beneficiaries on rural development policy and funding opportunities
- ➔ foster **innovation** in agriculture, food production, forestry and rural areas

Membership

Since the beginning of the operation of the NRN, the membership is fully **open** to all rural stakeholders. There is no selection process, only filling in the questionnaire/registration form is compulsory.

Who can join the network?

Who are the members?

We can distinguish **two categories of members**: national level members (52 until May 2016) and regional level members (581 until May 2016). These categories are recorded only for statistic reasons.

All members are obliged to **suggest an activity to an annual plan of activities** of the NRN. NRN members themselves are running special projects on specific topics according to the activities of the annual plan of activities of the NRN.

How to get involved

The NSU and RDP management

The NSU and the Managing Authority

- ✓ The NRN is **based in the Ministry of Agriculture**, in the Managing Authority Department.
- ✓ Some activities are outsourced to a ministerial agency.

The NSU and the Monitoring Committee

Activities of the NRN and its outputs are presented and **assessed** (as a part of the 'Information and Publicity Strategy' of the RDP) **twice a year** by members of the Monitoring Committee of the RDP.

Regional NRN structures

- Regional NSUs are based **within the regional Paying Agency** offices. The NRN has 7 regional NSU coordinators.
- Regional NSUs are coordinated by 2 national **coordinators**. The national level NSU has an advisory role. To have an overview, the regional level informs the national level about all of its activities.
- At the beginning of the new programming period (in 2015 and before), several **meetings** were organised by the national NSU for the regional coordinators. There are also ad hoc meetings of coordinators at both levels. Regular meetings of coordinators with partners are held at regional level.

NRN Governance



The Managing Authority

The **Managing Authority** of the NRN (Department of Managing Authority of RDP, Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic) is ensuring **decision-making and control** functions.

Monitoring Committee

Activities of the NRN and its current outputs are **presented and assessed twice a year** by members of the Monitoring Committee of the RDP (including farmers unions, NGO's, etc.)

NRN Coordination Committee

- 14 members, composed of representatives of partners such as governmental and non-governmental organizations,
- Has an **advisory function**,
- Gives **feedback** on the 'annual plan of activities of the NRN' to include main priorities of different rural stakeholders.

Meet at least once a year – before approval of NRN annual plan (plan may change twice a year.)

NRN Coordination Group

- 8 members; composed of representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture – each section of the Ministry,
- Has an **advisory function**,
- Gives feedback on the 'annual plan of activities of the NRN' to include main priorities of different part of the agricultural sector (presence of activities focused on forestry, biodiversity etc.)



Communication



The NRN communication plan is **in compliance with the 'Information and Publicity Strategy'** of the RDP and it is included in the NRN Action Plan.

It contains a list of activities that help to achieve the aims of the strategy.

NRN self-assessment



The NRN self-assessment includes the **mandatory NRN indicators**, the **Common Network Statistics** (developed by the ENRD).



- ✓ The Czech Rural Network is planning to start **an assessment of all the communication activities** also with a private independent evaluator.
- ✓ NRN activities and the whole concept of the NRN will also be assessed by an **independent evaluator** of the RDP.

Timeline of NRN Workplans

1st period

1 Aug 2015 –
31 Dec 2015

2nd period

1 Jan 2016 –
31 Dec 2016

3rd period

1 Jan 2017 –
31 Dec 2017

4th period

1 Jan 2018 –
31 Dec 2018

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NRN Resources

Financial resources (2014-2020) Budget (€)

Total NRN public funds:	6.000.000
Out of which national co-financing:	n/a
Out of which EAFRD:	2.970.000

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Human resources

No

Number of full-time equivalent (FTE) staff 16

