



European Network for
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Formal and informal coordination mechanisms

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Recommendations of 1st meeting

- Good practices of Monitoring Committees (establishment, participation, organisation)
- Stakeholder participation mechanisms in measure design and **implementation**
- Stakeholder participation in designing the delivery process

All require both formal and informal coordination mechanisms

Formal coordination: strengthening partnership + representation

- New for 2014-2020 ESI funds
 - For national level, with regional and local levels (vertical) and with stakeholders (horizontal)
 - Has legitimacy and checks & balance objectives
 - Has legal support: Regulation, Contract Agreement, Code of Conduct, ECA report on Technical Assistance (NRNs & ENRD)
 - A disputed aspect because of political content
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Italy's NRN: an example of good practice (ECA)

- Acting at national and regional / local level
 - Offering formal and informal support to MAs and stakeholders, capacity building, participating in negotiations at all levels, animation and information tasks
 - Not limited to Leader management and local projects, know-how on all RDP measures and delivery
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What can be done at this stage to strengthen formal coordination?

- Making a diagnosis of what has not worked well in the past, and define NRN contribution
 - Making sure NRN's have a role to play, in formal and informal coordination of MCs tasks (mandate?)
 - Give voice and facilitate exchanges between SHs
 - Contribute to task-forces, subcommittees, reports
 - Have a voice in selection criteria (and their revision), application procedures
 - In complying with agreed objectives and targets
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Informal coordination

- Necessary but not sufficient by itself
 - Has to be accepted and legitimized by MAs, stakeholders
 - NRNs animation and assistance with Leader is a valuable experience, to expand and build upon
 - Important role in all stages of the implementation cycle: preliminary work and accompanying formal coordination
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