Formal and informal coordination mechanisms

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• 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
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
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
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