



## **European Network for Rural Development**

# **19<sup>th</sup> NRN Meeting and Peer to Peer Exchange**

11-13 September 2013, Poland

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## Programme

Dear NRN colleagues,

The current programming period is fast approaching to its end, and preparations for the 2014-2020 period are well underway in most Member States and regions. This is the time to start to look back on what we achieved, learn from our successes and mistakes, and start to plan our activities for the next programming period in a fresh new spirit.

The Polish NRN with support from ENRD organises the 19th NRN Meeting and Peer-to-Peer Training (combined into a two-day programme between the 11 & 13 September 2013) in Gdansk with a view to the future.

The overarching theme for this event will be 'planning NRN structures, activities and resources' for the next programming period. During the NRN meeting, participants will be provided with specific information on the new regulatory framework, NRN involvement in partnership agreements, and how different NRNs (national and regional networks) are structured and try to reach out to local stakeholder groups.

According to Article 55 of the new draft regulation, the role of national rural networks will be expanded and strengthened in 2014-2020. Although no final guidance has yet been developed on the most appropriate and effective approaches to network resource planning, there is considerable accumulated experience within existing national and regional NSUs.

Module 4 of the peer-to-peer training aims to build on this experience, and will provide opportunities for NSUs, managing authorities and other stakeholders to share among themselves existing knowledge and experience on 'network resource planning'. The main method used for generating peer-to-peer learning between participants will be group-learning, involving resource planning for a hypothetical NRN 2014-2020.

Learning from previous experience, we took account of feedback from previous NRN meetings and pilot training modules. Therefore, the agenda for this event allows more time for in-depth discussions and reflection by the participants.

As with previous NRN events, the success of this meeting will very much depend on your active participation.

We look forward to seeing you all in Gdansk.

All the best,

ENRD Contact Point

## 11<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 - 19<sup>th</sup> NRN meeting Field Visit

Two field visits will depart from Dwór Oliwski hotel at different hours and will meet for a welcome social event on the way. Both visits will show local initiatives supported by Rural Development Funds and the regional dimension of rural networking in Poland.

**15:00-** *Departure time for Group 1 (longer Field visit)*

**17:00-** *Departure time for Group 1 (shorter Field visit)*

**19:30-** *Joint (both groups together) social event during the field visit, featuring the regional folk songs and regional customs.*

## 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 - 19<sup>th</sup> NRN meeting

**9:00-13:00** **Welcome address** – Representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Province of Pomerania



**State of play of the 2014-2020 regulatory framework on Networking: objectives, actions and transition from the current period** – DG AGRI

- Discussion

**Coffee Break**

**Italy: Progress on NRN planning and involvement in the Partnership Agreement**– Italian NRN

- Discussion

**13:00- 14:00** **Lunch Break**

**14:00-17:30** **Poland: NRN structure and operation at regional level** – Poland



**Scotland: opportunities and challenges from a Regional Programmed Network**– Scottish RN

**Latvia: Connecting with stakeholders from a central approach**–Latvian NRN

- Discussion

**Coffee Break**

**Other Networking initiatives**

- **Peer to Peer Exchanges for year 6 activity plan** – ENRD CP
- **The CLLD NRN thematic cluster: update and next steps** – ENRD CP
- **20th NRN meeting-** French NRN

**End of Day 1 meeting**

**18:30-19:30** **Visit and organ recital at Oliwa Cathedral in Gdańsk Oliwa (optional)**

**20:00** **Networking dinner**

## 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2013- ENRD Network Support Unit (NSU) Peer-to-Peer Training Programme

### Peer-to-Peer Training Module 4: NETWORK RESOURCE PLANNING

**Context** Work is already well underway in most Member States on preparation of the rural development programmes for 2014-2020, including consideration of the structures and operational set-ups that will be used to deliver the expanded and strengthened role<sup>1</sup> of the national rural networks in accordance with Article 55 of the EAFRD legislative proposals.

According to the Commission's *Working Paper on Elements of strategic programming for the period 2014-2020*, the RDPs currently being drafted should include the main elements of the NRN action plan, provisions for its management and budgetary allocation. Indicative financial tables for the networks should then make a clear distinction between the network support unit (NSU) needed to run the network and the cost of implementing the Annual Work Plan (AWP). Additional requirements apply to Member States with regional programmes submitting a separate programme for their networks.

**Objectives of Training Module** The **specific objectives** of Training Module 4 are to:

- bring together representatives of national and regional NSUs to **share amongst themselves** existing knowledge and experiences about resource planning for NRNs;
- use a hypothetical case study to **facilitate the development of deeper insights and group learning** regarding NRN resource planning for the forthcoming 2014-2020 programme period, and;
- **capture / harvest 'Expert Tips for NRN Resource Planning'** from participants for broader dissemination – notably via the NRN Tool-kit<sup>2</sup> on the ENRD website.

**Learning Outcomes** At the end of Training Module 4 it is anticipated that:

- All participants in the Training Module will have acquired new knowledge and insights about resource planning that can be effectively applied to enhancing the management and operation of their own NSU and national / regional network;
- Guidance notes on NRN resource planning (and possibly other useful materials from the participants) will have been collected for the on-line 'NRN Tool-kit' at: [http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/networks-and-networking/nrn-toolkit/en/nrn-toolkit\\_en.cfm](http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/networks-and-networking/nrn-toolkit/en/nrn-toolkit_en.cfm), and;
- DG AGRI and the ENRD Contact Point will have a clearer understanding of the practical resource management issues faced by NSUs.

<sup>1</sup> This includes new roles and responsibilities such as providing a 'consultation platform' for the new RDPs, supporting the improved governance of programme processes, fostering and brokering innovation, interpreting complex policy concepts and language for the wider public, etc.

<sup>2</sup> See: [http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/networks-and-networking/nrn-toolkit/en/nrn-toolkit\\_en.cfm](http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/networks-and-networking/nrn-toolkit/en/nrn-toolkit_en.cfm)

## MODULE 4 – NRN Resource Planning

Friday, 13 September 2013

Start time: 08:30

### Getting Started



08:30 -09:30

- Welcome and introduction (Polish NRN / ENRD Contact Point / Facilitator)
- Hello and check-in – “who are we, why are we here and what do we expect?”
- Ice Breaker Game
- ‘Lead in’ to the training topic (including introduction to the agenda and objectives of the day)

### Taking Stock of Progress with Planning for 2014-2020



09:30 - 10:30

- Rapid interactive exercise to “map out” progress with the programming / planning of NRNs for 2014-2020
- Reflection, feedback and questions from NRN / MA representatives
- Identification of any specific issues / needs regarding NRN programming / planning for 2014-2020

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

### Group Work: Resource planning for a hypothetical NRN 2014-2020



11:00 – 13:00

- Introduction to the hypothetical NRN and tasks for resource planning (to be defined)
- Divide into groups and undertake resource planning tasks
- Group reflection on what aspects of resource planning for the hypothetical NRN worked well, and what worked less well
- Preparation of feedback

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

### Reporting back and harvesting of ‘Expert Tips for NRN Resource Planning’



14:00 - 15:30

- Feedback from group work
- Divide into new groups for i) reflection and ii) to generate ‘Expert Tips for NRN Resource Planning’
- Harvesting and discussion of ‘Expert Tips for NRN Resource Planning’
- Closure of group work

### Conclusions and Wrapping-up



15:30 – 16:00

- Conclusions
- Check-out with a whole group reflection on key learning points from the process - “how was it and what will we take home?”
- Feedback form

Finish time: 16:00