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THE ENRD
Mission, activities, challenges

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Why the ENRD?

"To improve the effectiveness and efficiency of Rural Development Programmes (RDPs) across Europe"

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Facilitate information exchange and cooperation between rural development stakeholders in Europe

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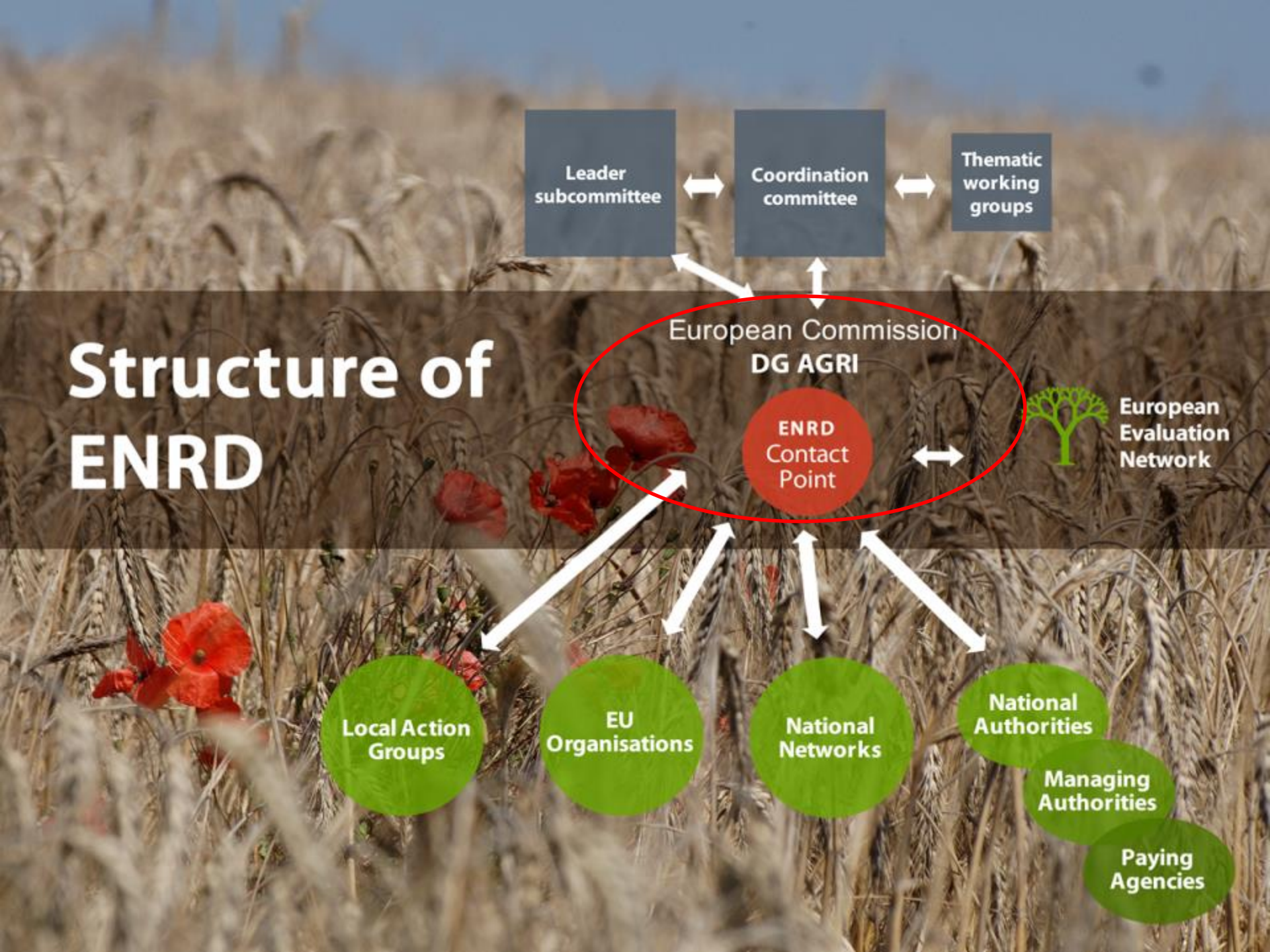
Structure of ENRD



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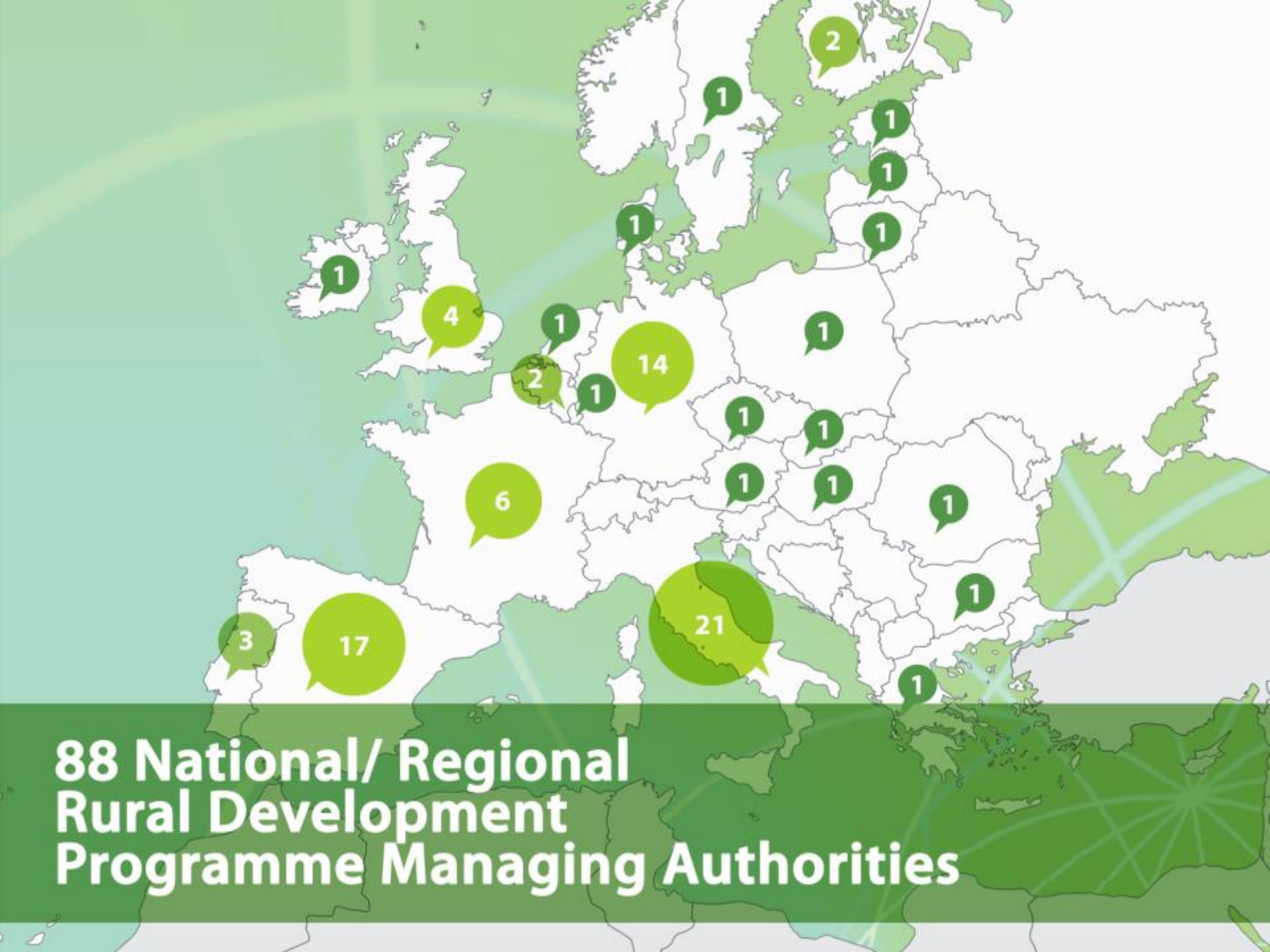
31 National Rural Networks

12 European Rural Development Organisations



88 National/ Regional Rural Development Programme Managing Authorities

2402 Local Action Groups across the EU

CONNECTING RURAL EUROPE

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ENRD Core Areas of Activity

(i) Knowledge Development / Analysis

(ii) Exchange & Cooperation / Networking

(iii) Knowledge Sharing / Communication

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Year 6 (2013-14) - Priorities

Capitalisation and 'Future Proofing' of ENRD current knowledge bank

Supporting preparatory actions for the new programming and networking period

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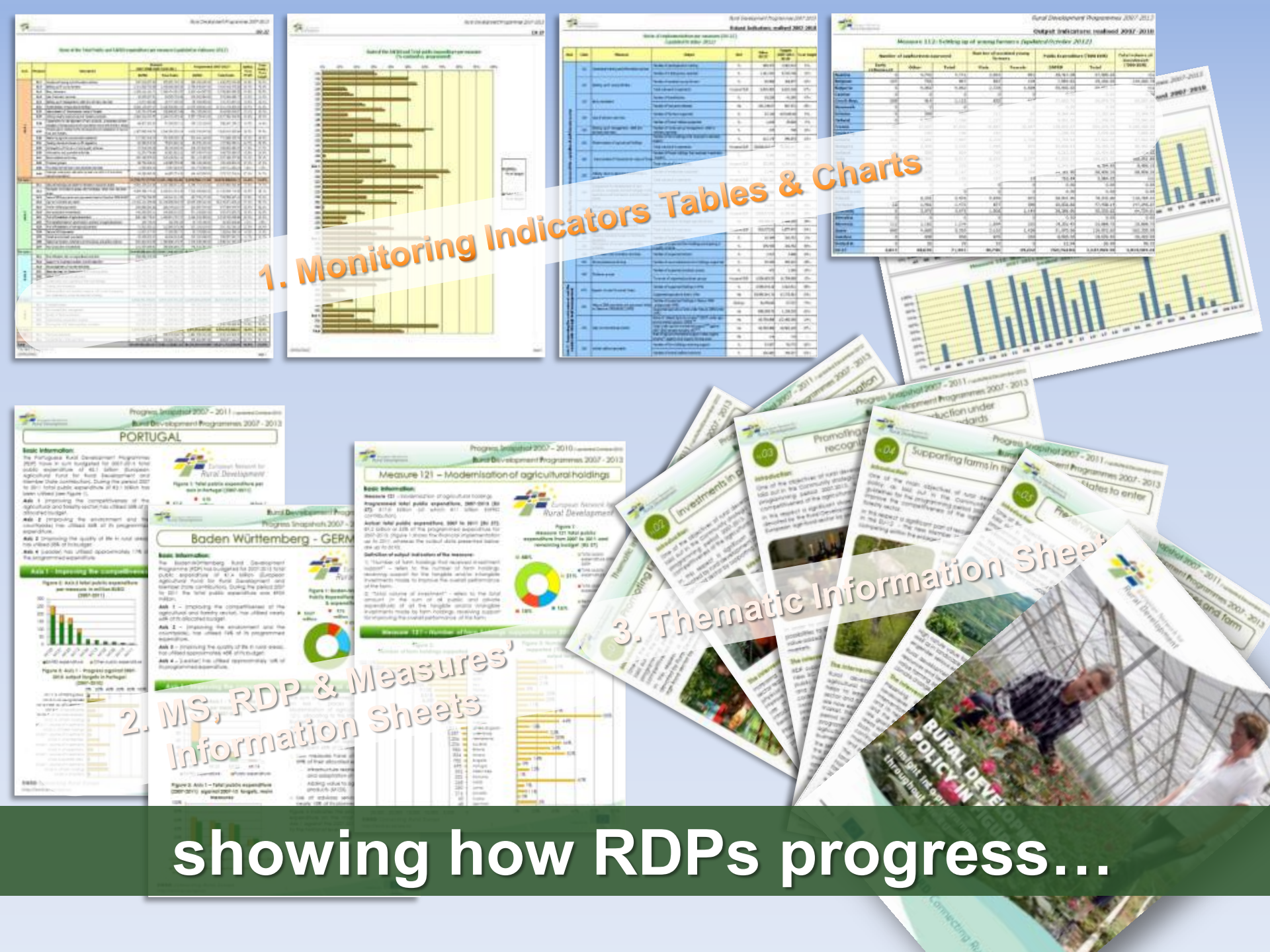
(i) Knowledge Development / Policy Analysis

Policy workshops, seminars & conferences

RDP Database & Monitoring Indicators

Thematic work & initiatives


1. Monitoring Indicators Tables & Charts
2. MS, RDP & Measures' Information Sheets
3. Thematic Information Sheets
PORTUGAL
Baden Württemberg - GERM
Measure 121 – Modernisation of agricultural holdings
showing how RDPs progress…

RDP Project examples

SHARING GOOD PRACTICES

Collect, disseminate and consolidate at Community level good rural development practices

"The NRNs and the ENRD have significantly contributed to the consistency of the programming by ensuring an exchange of information and practices between RDP's managers and stakeholders and by carrying out joint analyses"

EC report on the implementation of the National Strategy Plans and the Community strategic guidelines for rural development (*July 2011)*

Current ENRD policy activities

Focus Group on Delivery of Environmental Services (analysis concluded)

Focus Group on Knowledge Transfer & Innovation

Thematic Initiative on Youth in Rural Areas

Focus Group on Knowledge Transfer and Innovation

Innovation

Competitiveness
(45 examples)

Environment
(12 examples)

Rural society
(9 examples)

Problems	Opportunities
Price pressure / fluctuation	Demand for new products
Increased costs / competition	Increase production efficiency
Declining / scarcity of natural resources	New sources of income (bio energy, fuels etc.)
Dependency for fossil fuels	Lowering production costs
Population scarcity and lack of social services	Local products and services stimulate local the economy and diversify incomes
Unemployment especially for youth	Great potentials from energy production

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(ii) Exchange & Cooperation / Networking

Supporting & interacting with NRNs

NRN Thematic Initiatives

- Youth and Young Farmers
- Social Farming
- Local Food and Short Supply Chains
- Rural Financing
- Rural Entrepreneurship Gateway

NRN Macro-regional 'Knowledge Exchange' Clusters

- Nordic-Baltic cluster on EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)
- Mediterranean cluster on "Developing Mediterranean Quality Agricultural Products"

Networks and Networking

- **NSU capacity building** activities amongst NSUs through targeted peer-to-peer support
- Enhancement of the web-based platform on the **'added value of networking'**
- NRN self-assessment

NRN Meetings

- 3 Meetings
- Joint NRN thematic initiatives
- Future of Networking
- NSU Pilot Trainings

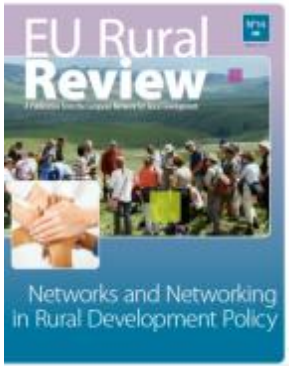
19th NRN Meeting, Gdansk, Poland: 11-13 September 2013

NRN Meetings

Other Sources

NSU Peer-to-peer Training

NRN Tool-Kit



Co-ordination Committee Meetings and Workshops

LEADER Gateway

LEADER Tool Kit

Local Action Group Database (LAG)

LEADER Focus Groups

Further Information

Media & Events

Transnational Cooperation (TNC)

ENRD and EU candidate/potential countries

TNC projects

16 projects

383 projects in total

(data: ENRD internal survey)

For exemple:

- Hungary/Ukraine/Serbia/Croatia – 10 projects (Euro 150k)
- Spain/central American countries/ Switzerland/ Norway
  - "*Communication and regional cooperation*" (Euro 200k)
- France/Switzerland/Austria – "*Common 'Jacob' trails*" & "*Échange d'expériences entre plusieurs territoires périurbain »* (Euro 370k)

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LEADER 2013 Event

- 450 participants
- Building Bridges for the Future
- Coverage of 3 main processes **Design, Development and Delivery**

ENRD and EU candidate/potential countries

➢ Visits and meetings e.g.

- **Establishment and Development of National Rural Networks in Candidate Countries** , Brussels, 11 November 2010,
- **Turkish Cypriot study group visits, ENRD Contact Point**, Brussels , 18 March, 2011
- **Agrofood fair** round table on "Diversification in rural areas" in Skopje, FYROM, 15-16 November 2011
- "**Rural Revival**" – the LEADER Initiative Serbia (LIS) closing event in Belgrade, Serbia, on 30 January 2013
- **Today's meeting in Paris,** 21 November 2013,

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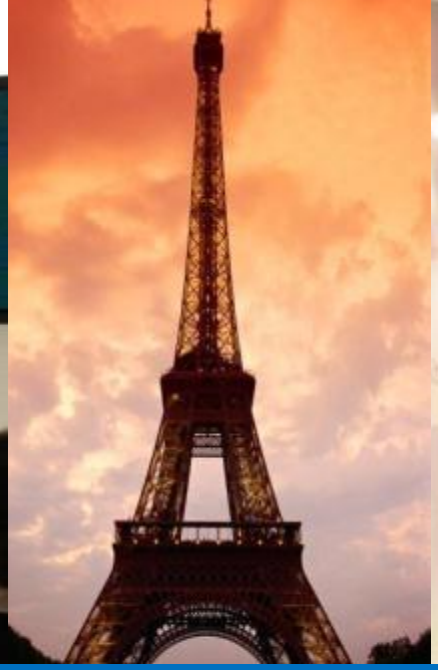


Building on network success at fairs and events

(iii) Knowledge Sharing / Communication

EU Publications

ENRD Website

EU CANDIDATE / POTENTIAL COUNTRIES

EU enlargement is an on-going process and the ENRD aims to support the dissemination of relevant information to the emerging rural networks in candidate and potential candidate countries.

As of November 2011, the European Union has also granted status of "candidate country" to:

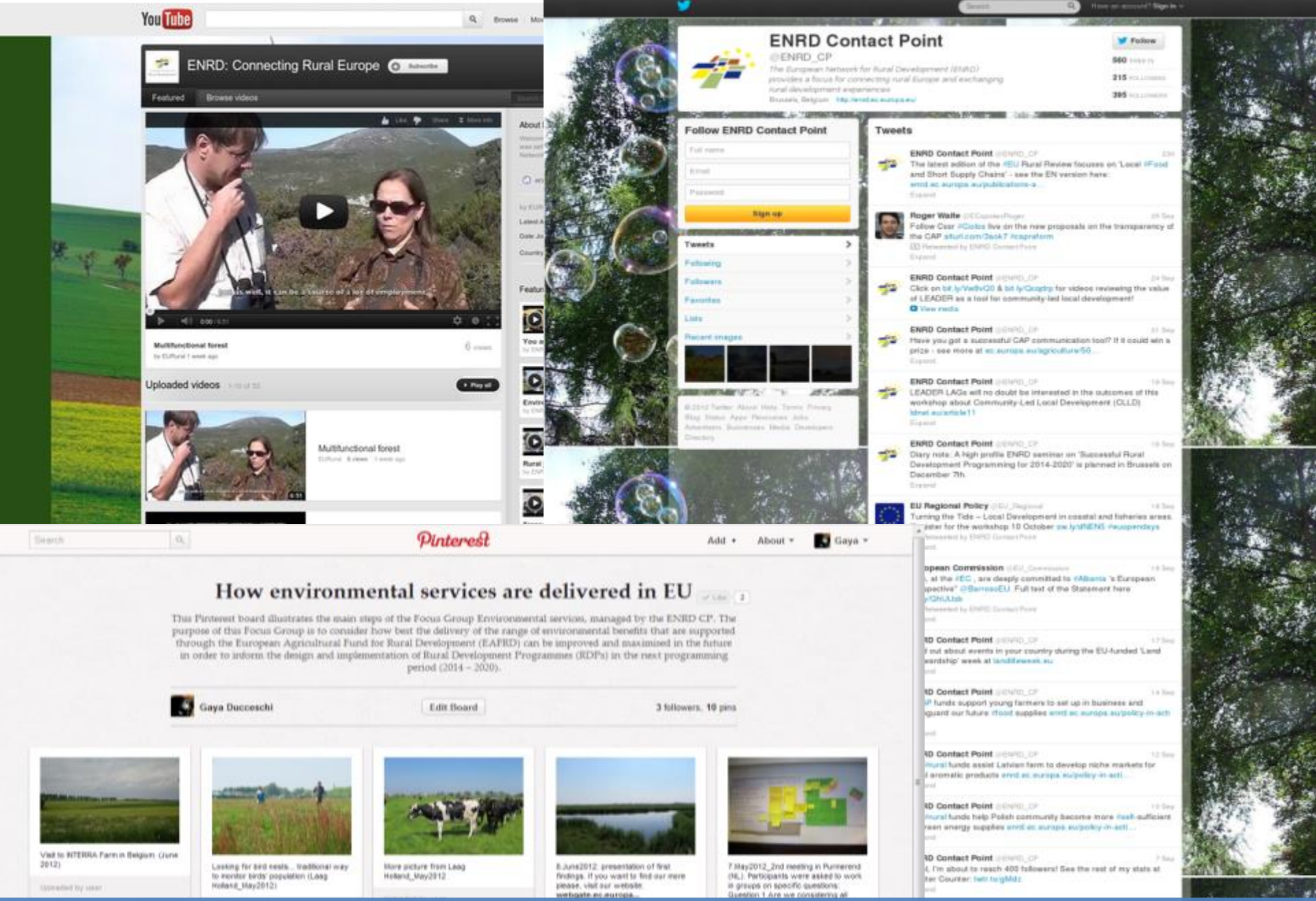
- Iceland
- The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Turkey
- Montenegro

All remaining countries of the Western Balkans currently have the status of "potential candidate countries":

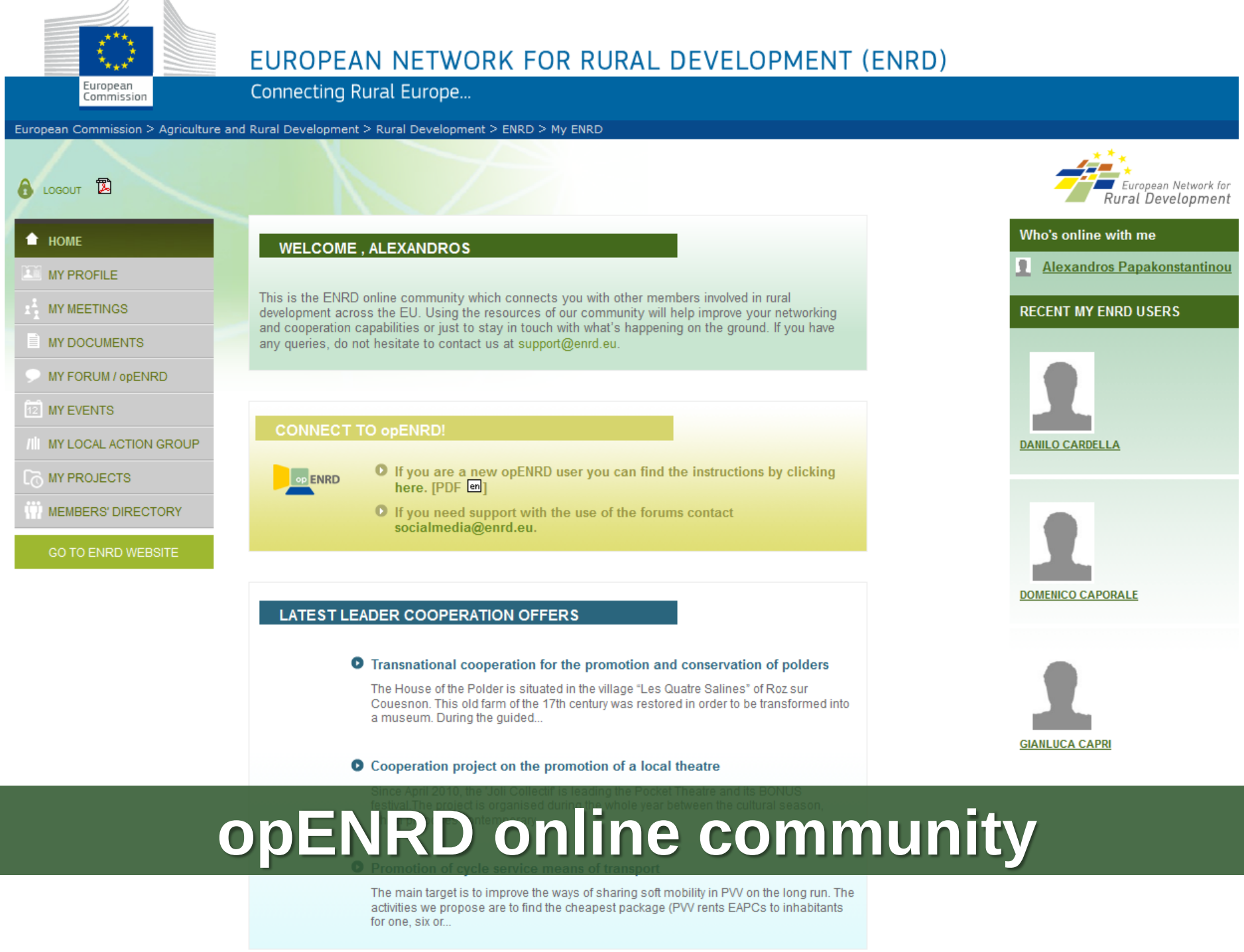
- Albania
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Serbia
- Kosovo (under UN Security Council Resolution 1244)

A seminar on the **Establishment and Development of National Rural Networks in Candidate Countries** was held in Brussels on 11 November 2010. All presentations from this seminar may be downloaded below:

Communication best practices



Social Media



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ENRD meetings, seminars, conferences

Latest workshops and seminars

11-12 November 2013: **LEADER Sub-Committee & ENRD workshop : Financing for LEADER/CLLD: Opportunities and relevant practice**

10 October 2013: **The Value of Rural Networks – Workshop for Desk Officers**

ENRD Events calendar

28-29 November 2013: 20th NRN meeting, Dijon, France

11-12 December 2013 : ENRD workshop: Youth & Young farmers
Brussels, Belgium

2014

January 2014: Coordination committee & ENRD workshop
High quality RDP implementation (additional day)

March 2014: ENRD Communication event (tbc)

June 2014: ENRD 2007-13 Celebration event (tbc)

ENRD year 6

ENRD – EU RURAL NETWORKING

MEETING THE CHALLENGES

FROM NOW TOWARDS 2020

EU Rural Development Policy 2014-2020

Europe 2020 strategy

6 Priorities

1. **Fostering knowledge transfer and innovation** in agriculture, forestry and rural areas
2. **Enhancing competitiveness** of all types of agriculture and farm viability
3. **Promoting food chain organisation and risk management** in agriculture
4. **Restoring, preserving and enhancing ecosystems** dependent on agriculture and forestry
5. **Promoting resource efficiency** and supporting the shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient economy in agriculture , food and forestry sectors
6. **Promoting social inclusion , povety reduction and economic development** in rural areas

Challenges and Opportunities

Public funding

Access to credit

Exclusion /Inequality

Climate Change

Access to land

Land use

Ageing and migration

Access to market

RURAL FINANCING

Joint National Rural Networks initiative:

Final Report

Background documents, examples , links

Facilitating Access to Finance for Rural Micro-Enterprises

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ENRD workshops:

Financial instruments

Financing for LEADER / CLLD

http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/themes/entrepreneurship/rural-finance/en/rural-finance_en.cfm

http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/en-rd-events-and-meetings/seminars-and-conferences/en/seminars-and-conferences_en.cfm

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Youth and Young Farmers in Rural Areas

- Stress the needs/potential of young people in rural areas
- Highlight the importance of RD policy for youth
- Assess & improve capacity of RDPs to target youth
- Identify ways to involve youth in designing actions

EUSBSR EU STRATEGY FOR THE BALTIC SEA REGION

Walloon rural network's « Jeune et agriculteur »

Baltic Sea Strategy : Priority area Education and Youth

http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/themes/youth-and-young-farmers/en/youth-and-young-farmers_en.cfm

LOCAL FOOD & SHORT SUPPLY CHAIN

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RDP Project Database

http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/policy-in-action/rdp_view/en/view_projects_en.cfm

Knowledge Transfer & Innovation Gateway

ENRD Focus Group on KT&I

Innovation

Rural society

Environment

Competitiveness

Finnish
Rural Innovation Camps

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http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/themes/research-and-innovation-gateway-development/en/research-and-innovation-gateway-development_en.cfm

Rural Development Gateway 2014-2020

Preparing for the new programming period

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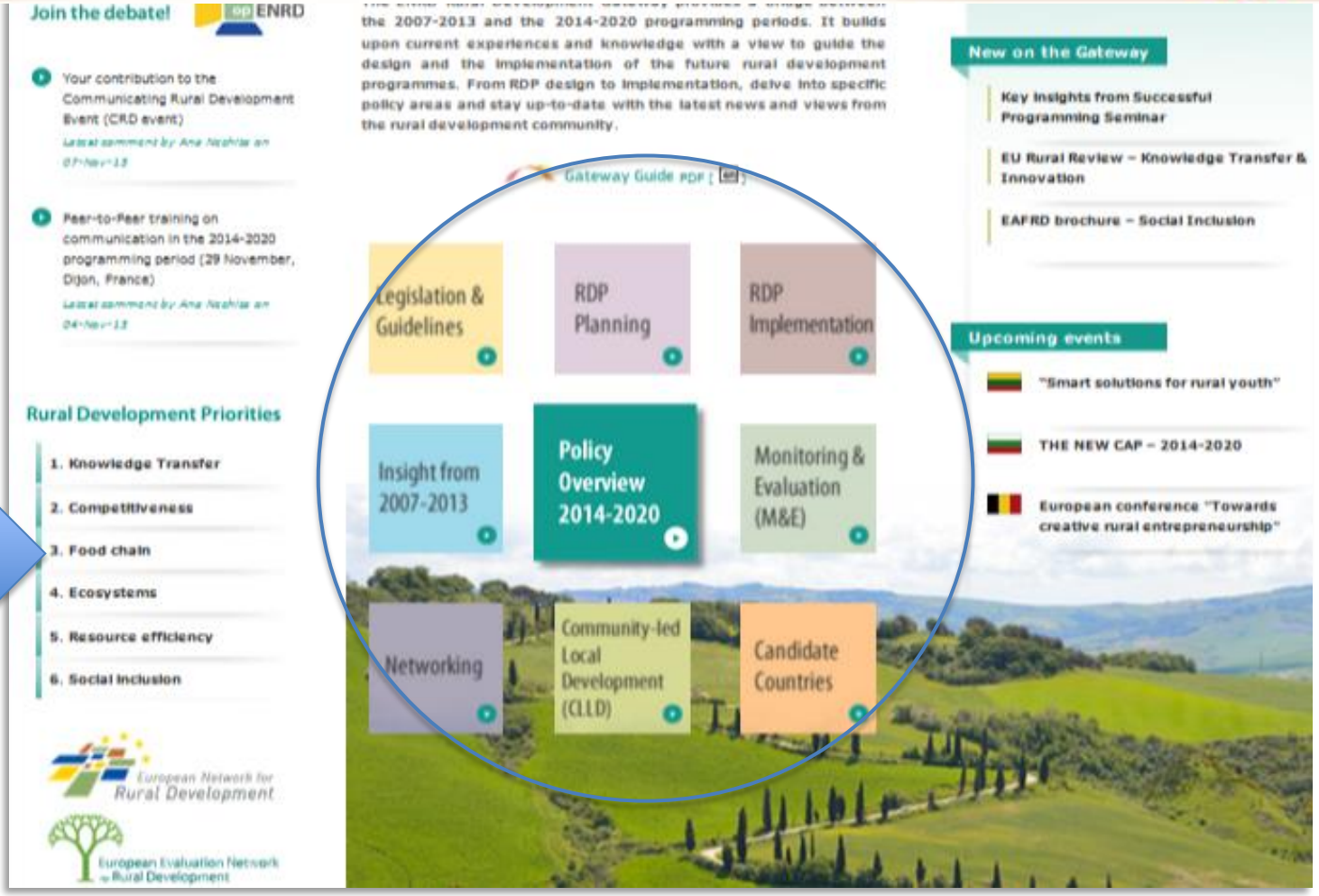
Priorities 2014-2020



Web link: http://enrd.ec.europa.eu/policy-in-action/cap-towards-2020/rdp-programming-2014-2020/en/rdp-programming-2014-2020_en.cfm

Approaches to the management of rural networks

Within the Managing Authority

- Within the ministry or a official body, department, institute run by the MA,

Partially outsourced

- External contractor performing certain tasks of the NSU like web site, publications, events etc,

Fully outsourced

- External contractor running the entire network

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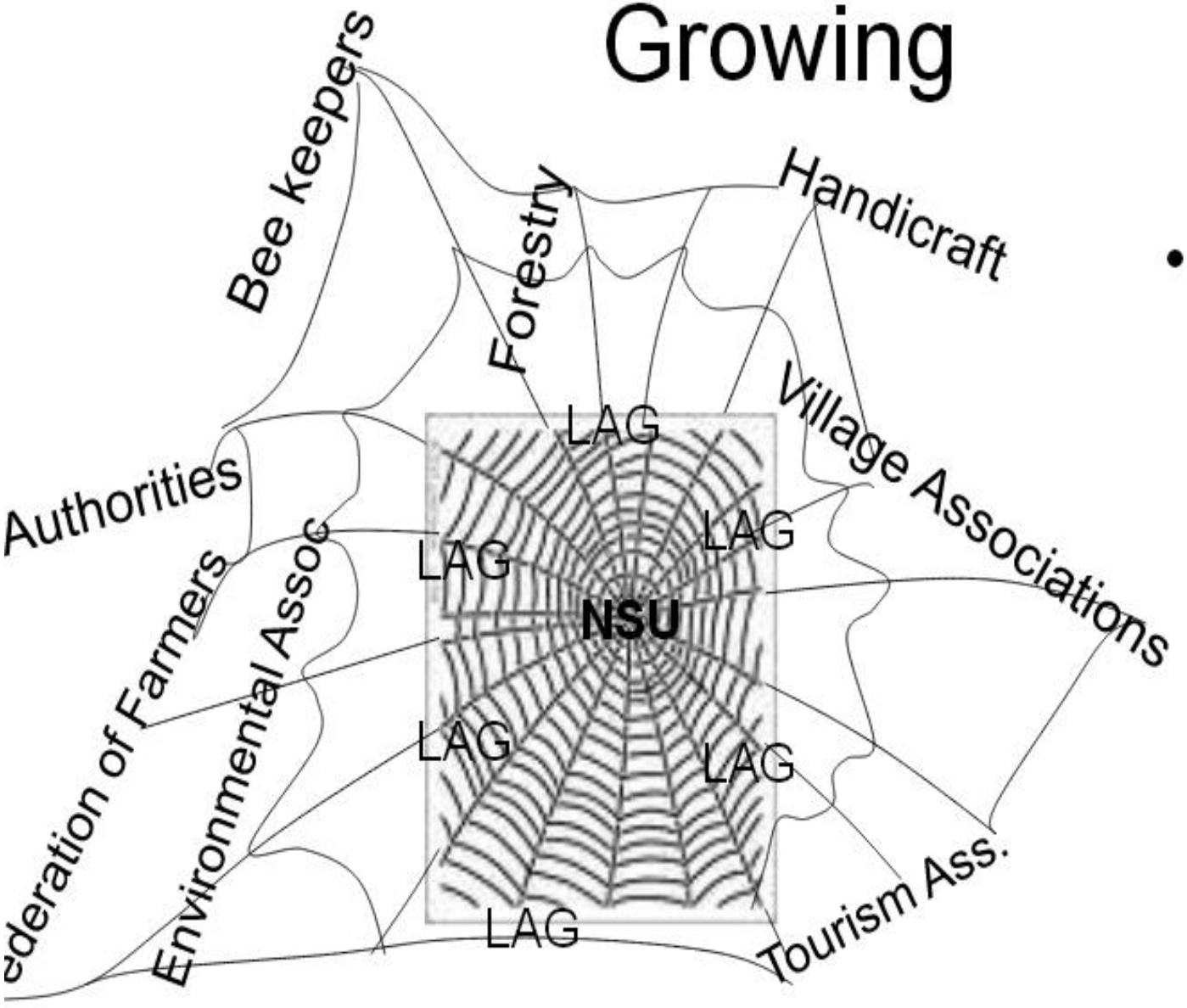
Growing



- Developing into a network for the whole RDP

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