

Name of Rural Network

Vlaams Ruraal Netwerk
(VRN)



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Mission Statement and Strategic Objectives of the Rural Network:

The Vlaams Ruraal Network (VRN) aims at providing support and drive the actions that generates group dynamics and momentum for development in rural areas.

Within this broad perspective the main objectives are:

- Objective 1: sensitization of a wider audience to matters concerning rural development;
- Objective 2: activation through detecting, analysing and disseminating good practices;
- Objective 3: support by passing on general and subject-related information.

Participants in the Rural Network

- Members participating to the NRN enter with an informal (open) membership.
- The membership is open to public sector, stakeholder organisations and to individuals.
- The membership is an on-going membership.

Network Structure

- The Network Support Unit (NSU) is established within the Managing Authority.
- The NSU is not delegated to a ministerial agency or other institution.
- The NSU is not outsourced (technical assistance).
- Belgium is organized with two regional networks: Flanders and Wallonia.
- Flemish NSU's human resources are: 1 part-time Network coordinator, 2 full-time Network employees (communication and tasks organization). Meetings are done by all 3 employees. Normally the Network coordinator is attending European meetings and conferences.

Network Management

- The decisions' management in the network involves formal and less formal decision-making processes: the annual work programme is created in collaboration between the NSU and MA with input from other relevant bodies. There is no formal approval.

Network Budget for the period 2007–13

Network budget	€	Budget breakdown	€
Total network funds (Public Cost)	1.740.264	Total Network funds (Public Costs)	1.740.264
National co-finance	840.132	Work plan resources	1 680 000
EAFRD	840.132	Network running costs	60.264
EAFR Co-financing %	50%	Others (if appropriate)	/