

Name of Rural Network

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Mission Statement and Strategic Objectives of the Rural Network

- The NRN is defined as “the arena for mutual cooperation and learning” and its main purpose is to reinforce the implementation of the Swedish Rural Development Programme (RDP) 2007–2013.
- The main tasks of the Swedish network include:
 - to support the exchange of information and methods;
 - to reinforce national actors’ dialogue with local and regional actors involved in the implementation of the RDPs;
 - to support cooperation Activities with other countries;
 - to strengthen links between rural, regional and environmental policy.

Participants in the Rural Network

- The network is characterized by an on-going formal membership without membership fee.
- The network membership is open to public sector and stakeholder organizations but not to individuals.

Network Structure

- The Network Support Unit (NSU) is not established within the Managing Authority and is not outsourced but is delegated to a ministerial agency: the formal membership-based network has a secretariat, the National Network Unit (NNU), located within the Swedish Board of Agriculture.
- The network doesn’t include regional NSUs.
- NSU’s Human Resources include:
 - Maria Gustafsson, Network manager, full time
 - Beata Allen, thematic working group and activity coordinator, full time
 - Jessica Hagård, Information officer 50%
 - Ingrid Whitelock, Information officer 50%
 - Suzanne Printzell, administrator, full time
 - Marie Söderström, economic administrator, full time
 - Nils Lagerroth, thematic working group and activity coordinator, full time
 - Hans-Olof Stålgren, thematic working group and activity coordinator, 70%
 - Karin Hjerpe, thematic working group coordinator, 20%

Network Management

- The steering committee consisting of 11 of the network member organisations where the MA has the chair. The NSU is preparing a suggestion for a annual work programme with a budget frame and the Steering Committee makes priorities and decides about both the budget and the work programme.

Network Budget for the period 2007–13

Network budget	€	Budget breakdown	€
Total network funds (Public Cost)	8.140.000	Total Network funds (Public Costs)	8.140.000
National co-finance	0	Work plan resources	6.395.000
EAFRD	8.140.000	Network running costs	1.745.000
EAFR Co-financing %	100 %	Others (if appropriate)	/