

## Name of Rural Network

National Rural  
Development Network of  
the Slovak Republic



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## Mission Statement and Strategic Objectives of the Rural Network

- The general objectives of the Network include:
  - to collect, analyse and disseminate information relating to the implementation of the RDP;
  - to organise training sessions and seminars;
  - to support the exchange of experience and information; and
  - to promote national and transnational cooperation.
- The specific aims of the Network include:
  - to support the implementation of the LEADER approach,
  - to collect and disseminate relevant experiences,
  - to improve collaboration with associations of farmers and other organisations involved in rural development,
  - to assist the beneficiaries of the RDP.

## Participants in the Rural Network

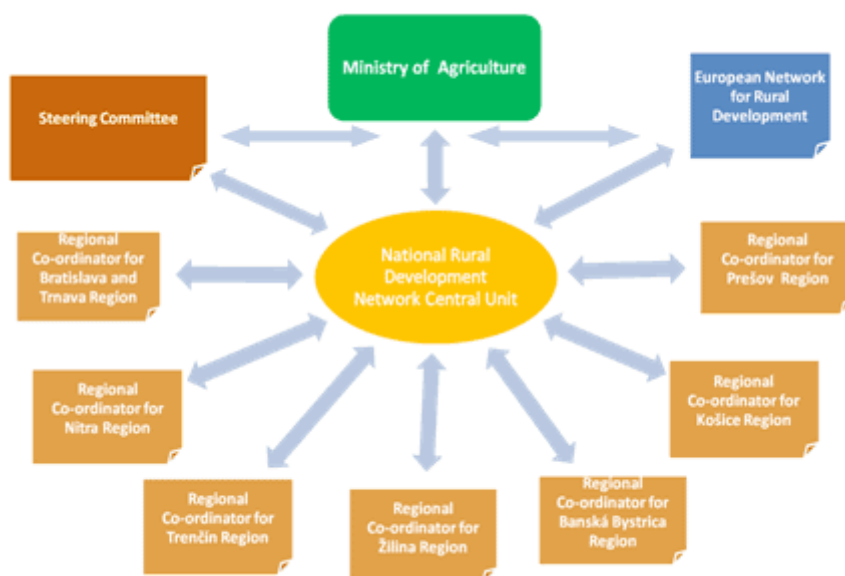
The Network is characterized by an on-going membership open to everyone: the range of potential network beneficiaries is varied and includes all potential beneficiaries of the RDP and municipalities, micro-regions, rural associations, chamber and unions of agriculture, professional organisations, universities, etc.

## Network Structure

- The Network Support Unit (NSU) is established within the Managing Authority. The Slovak National Rural Network's (NRNs) mission is to create an effective and sustainable Rural Development Network in the Slovak Republic through the implementation of Council Regulation No. 1698/2005, Art. 68.
- The network's strategic objective is to improve the quality of life in rural areas through sustainable development.
- The NSU is outsourced and is delegated to a ministerial agency: the NSU (head office) forms part of the structure of the agency for Rural Development in Nitra, a separate Department of the National Network for Rural Development.
- The Slovakian Rural Network includes Regional offices that have been selected on the basis of the tender published by the Ministry of Agriculture.
- 7 regional offices of NRDN operate in 8 regions of Slovakia – in Nitra, Trenčín, Banská Bystrica, Žilina, Prešov, Košice region and

common regional office for Trnava and Bratislava regions.

- The Network's Human Resources include 4 full-time employees: the NRN Manager, Coordinator, Administrator, and Financial Manager.



## Network Management

- According to the annual working plan, the Steering Committee of the Slovak NRN is responsible for approving the annual work plan, submitted by the NSU by October 31, each year – for 2012 the plan was approved by the Steering Committee on 7th December 2011. The budget and main allocation for the the main groups of activities is more formal.
- Planned activities are included in the annual work plan whose approval is described in the question above.
- Specific activities of the main activity' groups involve less formal decision-making processes
- The Central unit and regional offices design and schedule their own activities which they plan to do within the 2012.

## Network Budget for the period 2007–13:

Network budget	€	Budget breakdown	€
Total network funds (Public Cost)	2.666.666	Total Network funds (Public Costs)	2.666.666
National co-finance	666.666	Work plan resources	2.000.000
EAFRD	2.000.000	Network running costs	666.666
EAFR Co-financing %	75 %	Others (if appropriate)	/