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Successful Programming Seminar

Good Governance in preparation of the RDPs

"Networking and consultation process"

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Can there be a modern policy without participative governance ?


A common legislative process is necessary but not sufficient for ensuring a common understanding or commitment

Current experience: Building on what exists

- Option to capitalise on skills, knowledge, experience, capacities & linkages available through NRNs (& NSUs) at regional & national level
- Network structure is there to support networking!
- LAGs network can also play an important role at regional and local level

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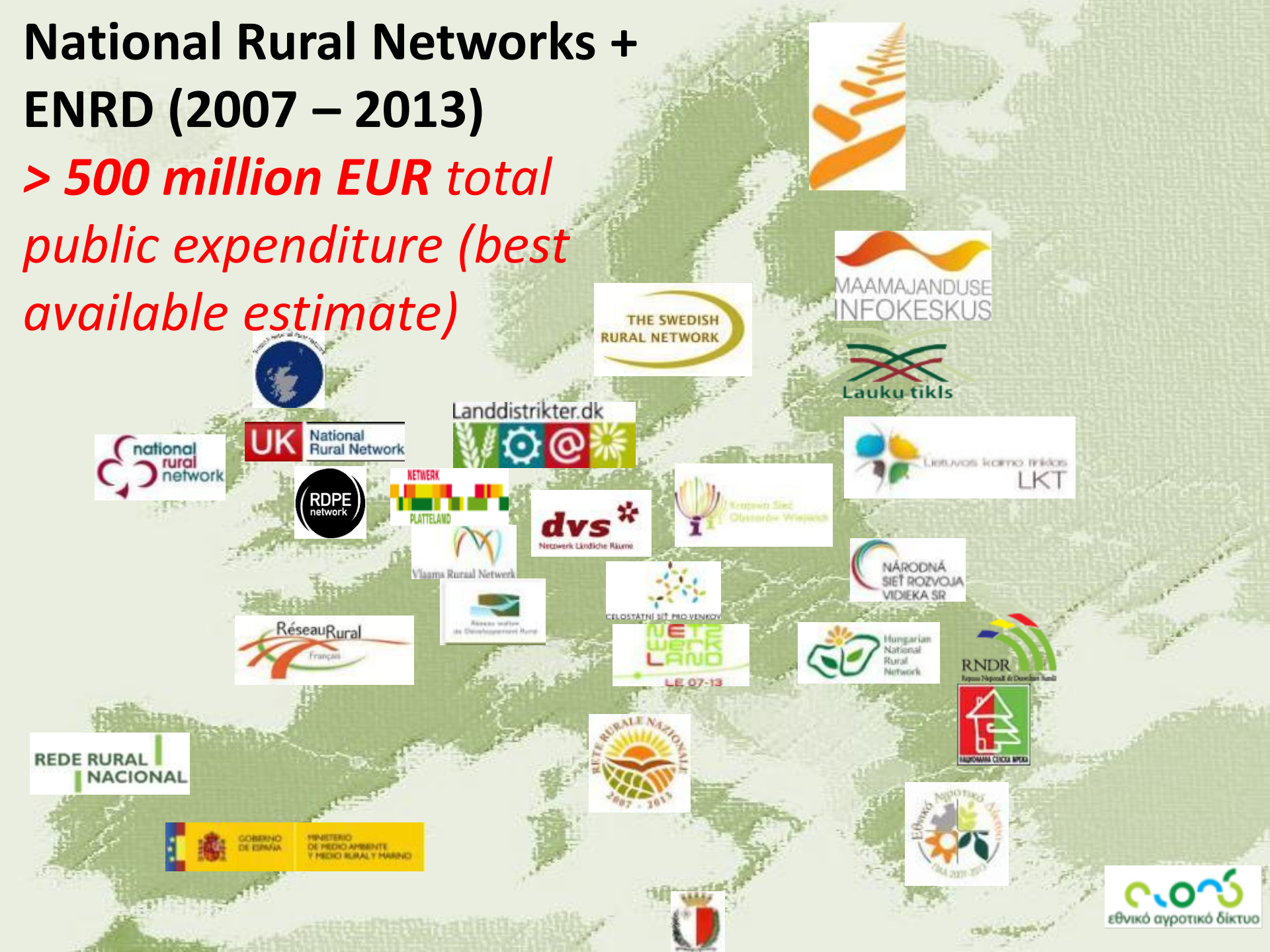
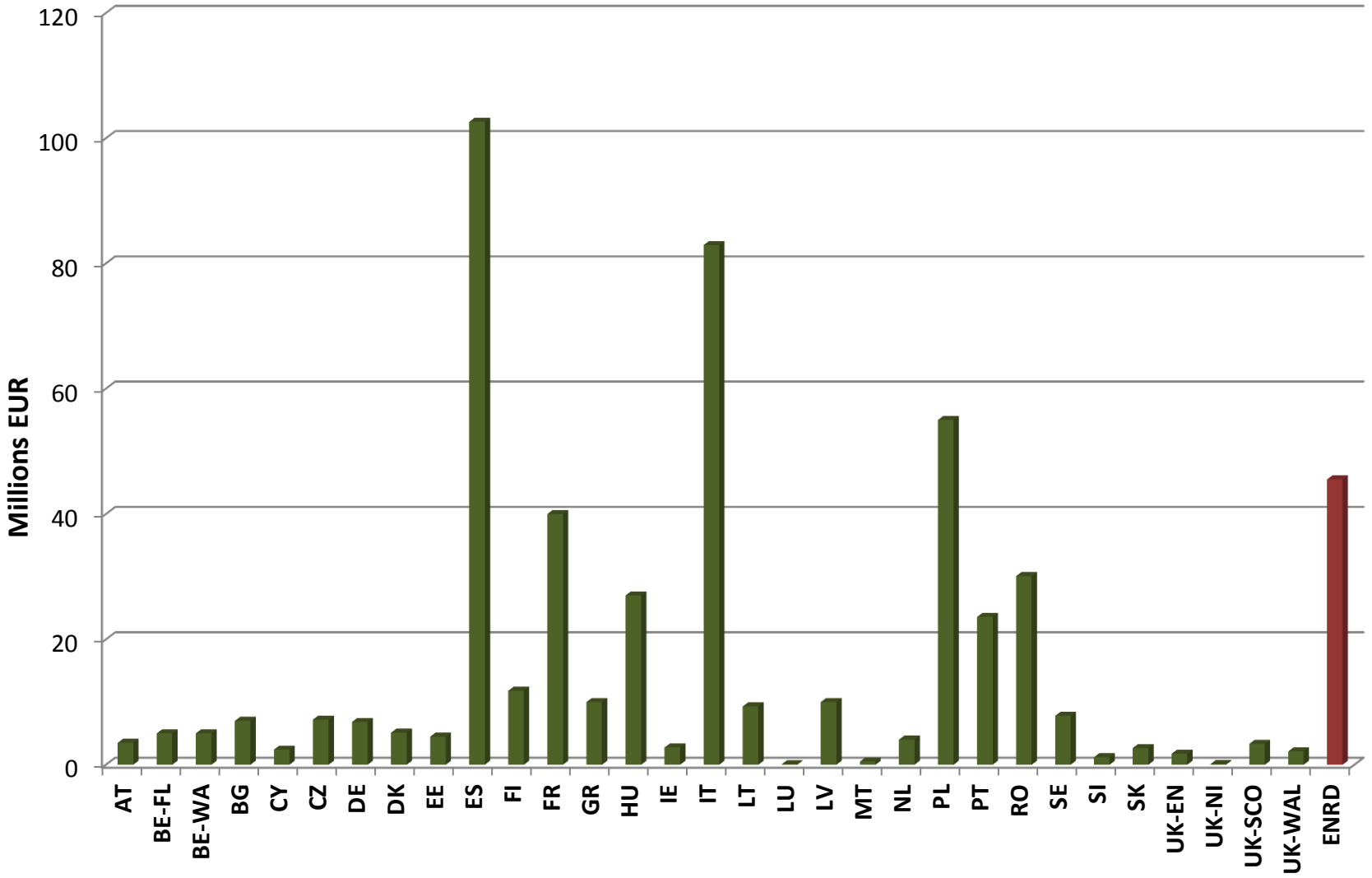
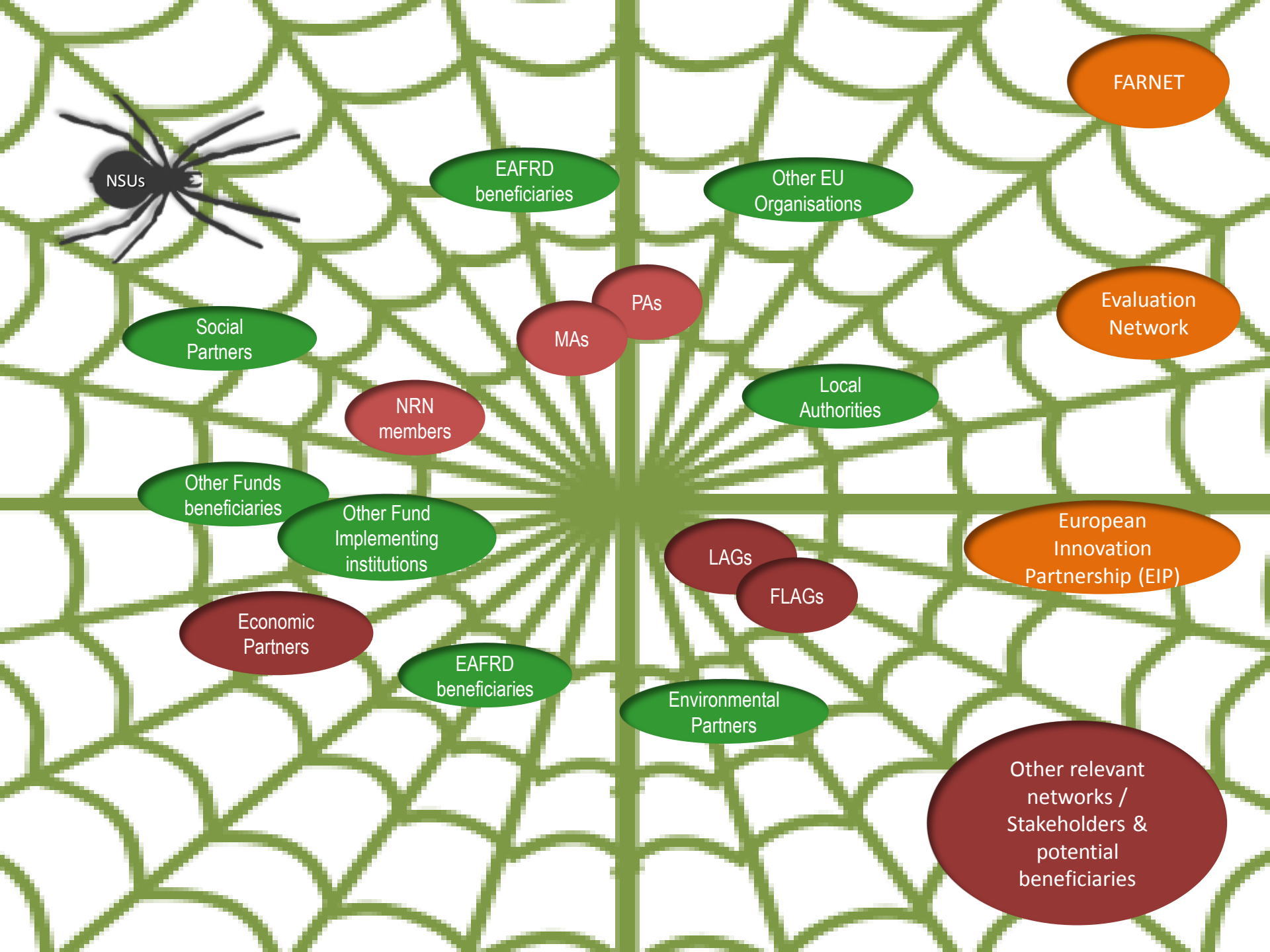
National Rural Networks + ENRD (2007 – 2013)

***> 500 million EUR** total public expenditure (best available estimate)*



Total public expenditure (millions EUR) committed to funding NRNs for 2007-2013 *(best available data - June 2011)*




NSUs
EAFRD beneficiaries
Other EU Organisations
FARNET
PAs
MAs
Evaluation Network
Social Partners
Local Authorities
NRN members
Other Funds beneficiaries
Other Fund Implementing institutions
European Innovation Partnership (EIP)
LAGs
FLAGs
Economic Partners
EAFRD beneficiaries
Environmental Partners
Other relevant networks / Stakeholders & potential beneficiaries

NSU Operating Structures

Within MA (15)	**Belgium-Flanders, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Finland, Greece, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, UK-England, UK-Scotland, UK Wales**
Delegated to public sector agency or institution (8)	Denmark, Estonia, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Latvia, Portugal, Slovakia
Outsourced to external service provider (8)	Austria, Belgium-Wallonia, Bulgaria, France, Ireland, Romania, The Netherlands, UK-Northern Ireland

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NRN Participation / Representation

Formal membership (19)	**Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, UK-Northern Ireland, UK-Scotland, UK Wales**
Open membership (12)	Austria, Belgium-Flanders, Belgium-Wallonia, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Italy, Latvia, The Netherlands, UK-England

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Why & how to best use the NRNs (and NSUs) in the consultation process?

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Possible advantages of NRNs as consultation platforms:

- ✓ Existing permanent structures with TA budget
- ✓ Wide balanced composition, with specific RD expertise
- ✓ Practitioner involvement, beyond formal composition
- ✓ Existing platform for stakeholder engagement, information exchange, consultation and dissemination
- ✓ In some MSs NRN is present through regional structures
- ✓ NRNs can use existing information & communication technologies to reach out into the RD community

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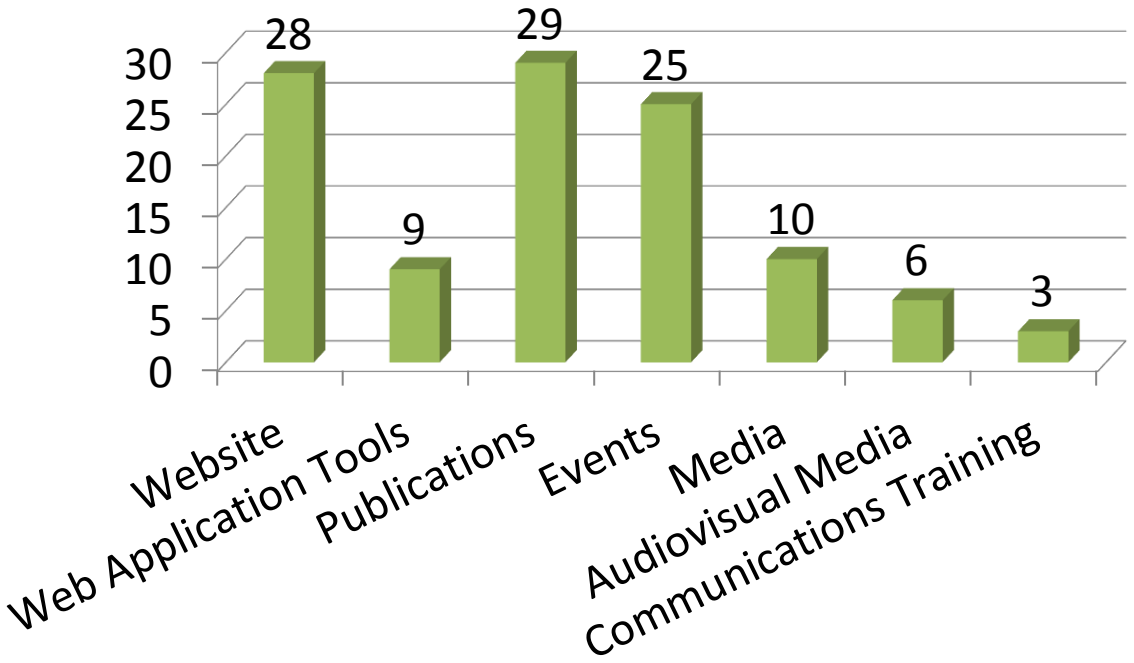
NRN communication tools



Publications (94%), *websites* (90%) and *events* (81%) are the principal tools used to disseminate RDP-relevant content

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Experience suggests that there cannot be effective policy design & implementation without real ownership


Questions for discussion

- How is the consultation process being planned & resourced in your country (linked to other funds / stakeholder groups)?
- What do you see as the main challenges & opportunities for the NRNs to contribute effectively to this process?
- What resources are required by the NRN/MA to effectively support the consultation process?

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