



**European Rural Networks'
Assembly**

**Assessment of the Rural Networks
activities by the RD CDG members**

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Past network activities – what has worked? What needs to be improved and how?

Enhance participation

What was worked?

- Increased/more active involvement of stakeholders in meetings
- Improved structure of meeting adapted to stakeholders needs

What can be further improved?

- Create a more flexible framework to promote more interaction between stakeholders
- More specific objectives focused on implementation of RD policies
- Promote more strategic debates in smaller groups and short presentations
- More contribution to agendas of the meetings by stakeholders
- Increasing cooperation among stakeholders through Rural Development initiatives



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Improve policy quality

What was worked?

- Good results from workshops focused on specific measures and involvement of all relevant stakeholders

What can be further improved?

- Open events to stakeholders planned for MA and Rural actors
- Improve use of outcome of various activities of networks
- Measures more related to the use of the territory within a farm approach



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Increase awareness

What was worked?

- Success stories and best practices were promoted through different activities (website, newsletter)

What can be further improved?

- Awareness has still to be further increased among broader public
- To highlight the Importance of rural areas for the economic, environmental and social sustainability
- Promote more joint initiatives



Taking account of the activities that have already been planned, what can the Members of the Assembly do strengthen future network activity?

- Have an active role in the Rural Network activities, including in the evaluation of the measures, that should be done more frequently
- Bigger impact on discussions and topics
- Create a stronger link between the EIP and ERND activities at EU level through their active participation and joint initiatives;
At national level this could be done through the operational groups
- Organising joint events/initiatives to promote an efficient implementation of RD programmes, with a focus on what has been done and what should be done to enhance agriculture sustainability and productivity

